

CLASS VIII ENGLISH - WORK SHEET

THE ANT AND THE CRICKET

1. Whom did the cricket ask for help? Answer in the context of The Ant and the Cricket.
2. When was the cricket happier? Answer in the context of The Ant and the Cricket.
3. What did the cricket say to the ant? How did the ant react to it?
4. Why would you consider **The Ant and the Cricket** to be a fable?

5. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

At last by starvation and famine made bold,
All dripping with wet, and all trembling with cold,
Away he set off to a miserly ant,
To see if, to keep him alive, he would grant

- i. Who was suffering from starvation and famine?
 - (a) the Ant
 - (b) the Cricket
 - (c) the poet
 - (d) a man
- ii. Why was he 'dripping with wet'?
 - (a) It was raining hard
 - (b) He had dived in a pond
 - (c) He had no shelter
 - (d) He had taken a bath.
- iii. What did he expect to get from the miserly ant?
 - (a) good advice
 - (b) food
 - (c) shelter
 - (d) food and shelter

6. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Thus ending, he hastily lifted the wicket,
And out of the door turned the poor little cricket
Folks call this a fable. I'll warrant it true,
Some crickets have four legs, and some have two.

- i. What do folks call this story?
- ii. How did the ant react to the Cricket?
- iii. What is the poet's opinion about cricket's and the ant's story?