

# The Ant and the Cricket Poem 1

## The Ant and the Cricket NCERT Text Book Questions and Answers

### The Ant and the Cricket Working with the poem (Page 23)

#### Question 1.

The Cricket says, "Oh! what will become of me?" When does he say it, and why?

Answer:

The winter has set in. He has nothing to eat. He can't find even a crumb on snowcovered ground. He is worried and starved. At that time he says so.

#### Question 2.

(i) Find in the poem the lines that mean the same as "Neither a borrower nor a lender be" (Shakespeare).

Answer:

The following lines have the same meaning : 'But we ants never borrow, we ants never lend'. It conveys the same sense as 'Neither a borrower nor a lender be'.

(ii) What is your opinion of the ant's principles ?

Answer:

The ants' principles are appropriate. As a principle it deserves applaud. But we should not so hard as let the other die of starvation. However, one should make one realise one's mistake.

#### Question 3.

The ant tells the cricket to 'dance the winter away'. Do you think the word 'dance' is appropriate here ? If so, why?

Answer:

The word 'dance' is appropriate as it suits to the carelessness of the cricket.

#### Question 4.

(i) Which lines in the poem express the poet's comment ? Read them aloud.

Answer:

Folks call this fable. I'll warrant it true : Some cricket have four legs, and some have two (Read aloud)

(ii) Write the comment in your own words.

Answer:

By a two-legged cricket, the poet satires on the person who are inactive. They don't work and suffer tomorrow. Those who live today and saves for tomorrow do succeed in life. Always save something for the rainy days to come.