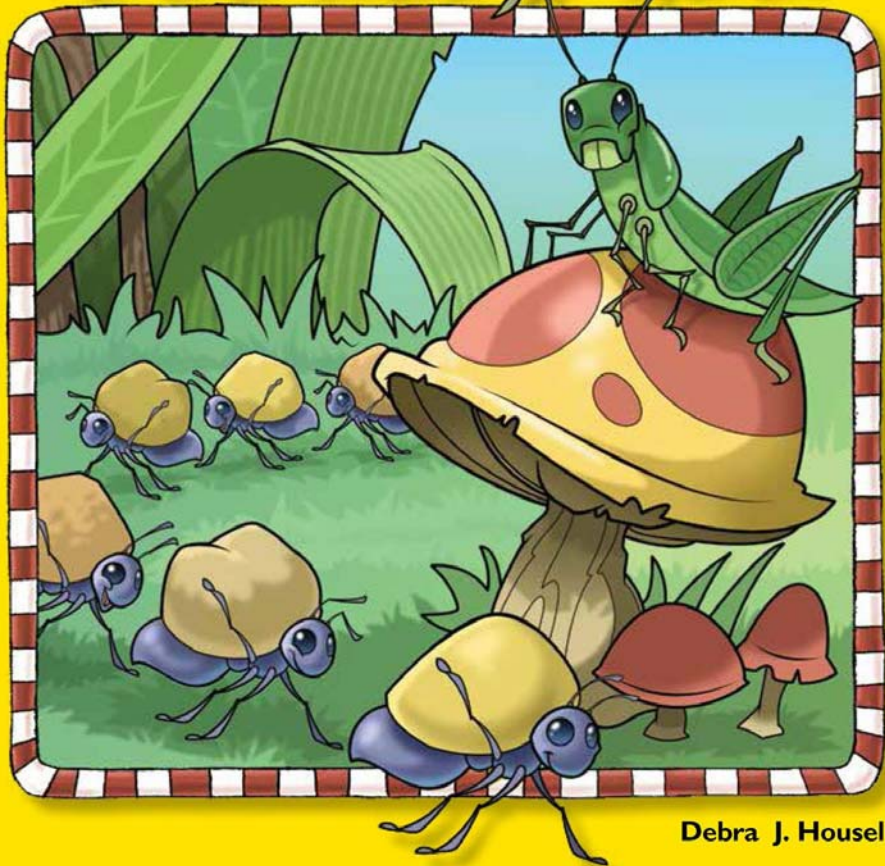


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# The Grasshopper and the Ants

## Story Summary

The grasshopper makes music all summer long while the ants find and store food. The grasshopper laughs at them and tells them to play instead.

The ants warn the grasshopper that winter is coming. They keep on working. When winter does come, the ants are warm and well fed. The grasshopper is cold and hungry.

What will become of the grasshopper? Read the story to find out.

# Tips for **Performing** Reader's Theater

## Adapted from Aaron Shepard

- Don't let your script hide your face. If you can't see the audience, your script is too high.
- Look up often when you speak. Don't just look at your script.
- Talk slowly, so the audience knows what you are saying.
- Talk loudly, so everyone can hear you.
- Talk with feelings. If the character is sad, let your voice be sad. If the character is surprised, let your voice be surprised.
- Stand up straight. Keep your hands and feet still.
- Remember that even when you are not talking, you are still your character.
- Narrator, be sure to give the characters enough time for their lines.

## Tips for **Performing** Reader's Theater *(cont.)*

- If the audience laughs, wait for them to stop before you speak again.
- If someone in the audience talks, don't pay attention.
- If someone walks into the room, don't pay attention.
- If you make a mistake, pretend it was right.
- If you drop something, try to leave it where it is until the audience is looking somewhere else.
- If a reader forgets to read his or her part, see if you can read the part instead, make something up, or just skip over it. Don't whisper to the reader!
- If a reader falls down during the performance, pretend it didn't happen.

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