

The Wind and the Sun

One day, the wind started an argument with the sun. "I am stronger than you are!" said the wind. "No," answered the sun, "I am much stronger than you are!"

While they were talking, they saw a man walking down the road. He was wearing a heavy coat. The sun said to the wind, "Now let us see which of us can make the man take off his coat. Then we will know who is stronger."

First the wind tried. It began to blow very hard. It blew so hard that the man pulled his coat around him. The wind was angry at the man. Then the wind said to the sun, "Now it's your turn. Let's see if you can make him take off his coat!"

The sun began to shine down on the man. Soon it got very hot! The man took off his coat. The argument was over.

The Ant and the Grasshopper

Once there lived an ant and a grasshopper. The ant worked very hard. But the grasshopper hardly worked.

The ant was busy looking for food. The grasshopper was busy dancing and singing.

“Why do you work so hard ? ” asked the grasshopper.

“Just look at me. How free I am ! How happy I am ! I never work. I dance and sing and have a good time. You don’t know how to enjoy yourself. What a silly ant you are!”

“I am laying up food for winter. I have to work hard,” said the ant.

“Winter is a long way off,” laughed the grasshopper and he danced away.

Summer was gone. And autumn was over.

The ant had a warm home, and she had enough food to eat. The poor grasshopper was cold and hungry.

He looked for food, but he could hardly find any. At last, he was starved to death.

Two Frogs to See the City

Two frogs had lived in a village all their lives. They thought they would like to go and see the big city that was about ten miles away. They talked about it for a long time, and at last they set off to see the city.

It was a hot day, and they soon began to feel tired. They had only gone a little way when one said to the other, "We must be nearly there. Can you see the city?"

"No," said the other frog, "but if I climb on your back I might be able to see it." So he climbed up on the back of the other frog to see the city.

Now when the frog lifted up his head, his eyes could only see what was behind, and not what was in front. So he saw the village they had just left.

"Can you see the city?" asked the frog who was below.

"Yes," answered the frog who had climbed up. "I can see it. It looks just like our village."

Then the frogs thought that it was not worthwhile going any farther.

They went back to their home and told the other frogs in the village that they had seen the city.