

THE GRASSHOPPER AND THE ANTS

The story of the Grasshopper and the Ants is all about working hard and preparing for the future OR ELSE! The silly Grasshopper just plays all summer and then gets hungry when the snow comes. The Ants have plenty of food, but they don't want to share with him. Why should they? He didn't do any of the work! But anyone on a DI team knows that different people have different skills and you need all of them for a successful solution. What could the Grasshopper contribute to the Ant colony?

Challenge: Imagine a special skill for the Grasshopper. Then create a presentation to convince the Ants that he would be a good addition to their colony.

Time: Part One: You will have 3 minutes to think up an ability for the Grasshopper that the Ants might appreciate and develop a performance that showcases his useful talent.

Part Two: You will have 1 minute to perform your solution for the appraisers.

Materials: four sheets of newspaper
six pipe cleaners
one square foot of aluminum foil
ten toothpicks
one tennis ball
a roll of masking tape
colored markers (may not be included in the solution)
scissors (may not be included in the solution)

Scoring: up to 30 points for the appeal of the Grasshopper's skill
up to 15 points for the creative use of materials
up to 25 points for the effectiveness of the presentation
10 points if the appraisers invite the Grasshopper home with them
for the winter
up to 20 points for positive team work