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The Lazy Crow and the Wise Ant

Once upon a time, in a quiet forest, there was a crow named Charlie. Charlie was known for his laziness. While other animals worked hard to gather food or prepare for the seasons, Charlie spent most of his days napping on a high branch, waiting for someone else to share their food with him.

One sunny morning, Charlie noticed an ant named Abby carrying a large crumb of bread back to her anthill. Abby worked tirelessly, going back and forth to gather food for her colony. Curious, Charlie flew down and asked, "Abby, why are you working so hard? The sun is shining, and there's plenty of food lying around."

Abby paused and looked up at the crow. "Charlie, the seasons change quickly. Summer won't last forever. If I don't gather food now, my colony will have nothing to eat when winter comes."

Charlie scoffed. "Winter is so far away! Why waste today worrying about tomorrow? I'll just find food when I need it." And with that, he flapped his wings and flew off to enjoy the day.

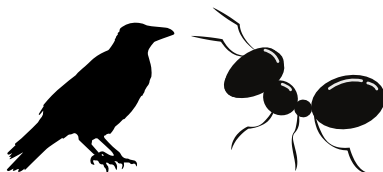
As the months passed, autumn arrived, and soon the leaves fell from the trees, signaling the approach of winter. By now, Abby and her ant colony had stored plenty of food and were ready to stay cozy in their anthill.

But Charlie, who had spent the entire summer lounging and doing nothing, was in trouble. Snow blanketed the ground, and food was scarce. Desperate and shivering, Charlie remembered Abby and decided to visit her.

When he reached the anthill, Charlie called out, "Abby, can you spare some food for an old friend? I'm so hungry, and I have nothing to eat."

Abby came to the entrance and sighed. "Charlie, I warned you this would happen. While we worked hard to prepare, you wasted your time. I have just enough food for my colony to survive the winter. I can't help you."

Charlie hung his head in shame. He flew away, cold and hungry, promising himself that next time, he would work as hard as Abby.



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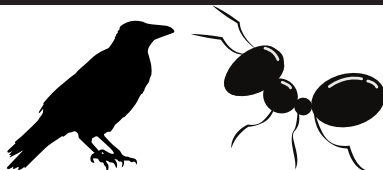
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1. Who were the main characters in the story?

- a. a crow and rabbit b. a horse and cow c. a crow and ant d. an ant and dog

2. What did Charlie the crow spend most of his time doing?

- a. eating b. napping c. chatting d. hunting

3. Why was Abby the ant working so hard during the summer?

- a. to grow a garden b. so she can play with friends
c. to have plenty of food for winter d. to have a feast later that day

4. What happened to Charlie when winter arrived?

- a. he took a long nap b. he took food from his friends
c. he got really skinny d. he didn't have enough food

5. What is the moral of the story?

- a. enjoy each moment b. don't wait till tomorrow, do what you can today
c. no need to plan for the future d. enjoy the sunshine when it is out

Sequence the story from 1-6. What happened 1st to last?

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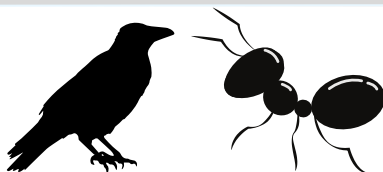
_____ An ant named Abby carried large crumbs of bread back to the anthill.

_____ Autumn arrived and snow started to cover the ground.

_____ Charlie told Abby to stop working so hard and enjoy the sunshine.

_____ Charlie went to Abby's anthill and asked for some food.

_____ Charlie flew away and promised himself he would work harder next summer.



The moral of the **STORY...**



**Hard work and preparation pay
off, especially when challenges
arise. Don't put off until
tomorrow what you can do
today.**

