

The Ass and The Grasshoppers

Those who love [Aesop's Fables](#) might know the story of the "[The Ass and The Grasshoppers](#)". The story is not so well known but hardcore Aesop fables fans must've come across it with ease. This story comes from the collection of the stories called as the Aesop's Fables. It is the story of how a donkey wants to sing like the grasshopper.....

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Story:

Once upon a time, there was an Ass which lived in a big farm. Next to the farm, there was a pond and a forest. There were a lot of grasshoppers living in the farm.

The grasshopper is a very merry creature. They love summer. They chirp throughout the summer making lovely songs.

The Ass thought, "They have such melodious voices. I too wish to sing like them."

He decided that he would go and ask the grasshoppers their secret.

The Ass said to the grasshoppers, "BRAAAY! BRAAAY! Dear Grasshoppers. Would you sing a song for me, you have such a melodious voice"

The Grasshoppers were always happy to sing. They sang a very beautiful song for the Ass.

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The Ass said, "BRAAAY! BRAAAY! That was so beautiful. Can you tell me how to sing? I too wish to have a melodious voice."

The Grasshoppers were very mischievous. They decided to trick the Ass.

They said to the Ass, "CHIRP! CHIRP! Can you see the dew on top of the grass? We drink only the dew. We do not eat the grass. The grass makes your voice sound harsh."

The Ass said, "Thank you so much for telling me."

For the next two days, the Ass licked the grass and did not eat. He was very tired and he fainted. When the Ass woke up, he had learned his lesson.

Moral of the story:

The moral of the story The Ass and the Grasshoppers is that *"The laws of nature are unchangeable."*

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Questions on "The Ass and the Grasshoppers"

1. Who are the main characters of the story?
2. What did the donkey wish for?
3. What advice did the grasshopper give him?
4. What happened in the end of the story?
5. What is the moral of the story?

Answers:

1. The main characters of the story are an Ass and some Grasshoppers
2. The ass wanted to sing like the grasshoppers did
3. The grasshoppers said to the Ass, "Can you see the dew on top of the grass? We drink only the dew. We do not eat the grass. The grass makes your voice sound harsh."
4. For 2 full days, the Ass licked the grass and did not eat. He was very tired and he fainted. When the Ass woke up, he had learned his lesson.
5. The moral of the Aesop's Fable is that "*The laws of nature are unchangeable.*"