

THE TINY TEACHER

Comprehension Question and Answer, Part 2

Q1. How long does it take for a grub to become a complete ant?

Answer: Grubs take quite a few weeks to become a complete ant. Eggs hatch and grubs come out. Soldiers guard them and workers feed and clean them. They take utmost care of them. Two or three more weeks later the grubs become cocoons and lie without food and activity for three weeks more. After that, the cocoon break and perfect ants appear.

Q2. Why do the worker ants carry the grubs about?

Answer: The worker ants carry the grubs about for airing, exercise and sunshine.

Q3. What jobs are new ants trained for?

Answer: The new ants are trained for being workers, soldiers, builders, cleaners etc.

Q4. Name some other creatures that live in anthills.

Answer: The other creatures that live in anthills are beetles, lesser breeds of ants and greenfly.

Q5. Mention three things we can learn from the ‘tiny teacher’. Give reasons for choosing these items.

Answer: Three things that we can learn from the ‘tiny teacher’ are:

- i. *Discipline:* We learnt how disciplined ants are. Each ant does its assigned work and never disturbs or harm any member of the group.
- ii. *Teamwork:* Ants are a great example of teamwork. Right from guarding the grubs to search food, ants maintain the spirit of teamwork. In a very disciplined way they divide the work among themselves.
- iii. *Hardwork:* Ants are considered to be hardworking creatures. Most of the time they spend in searching food.