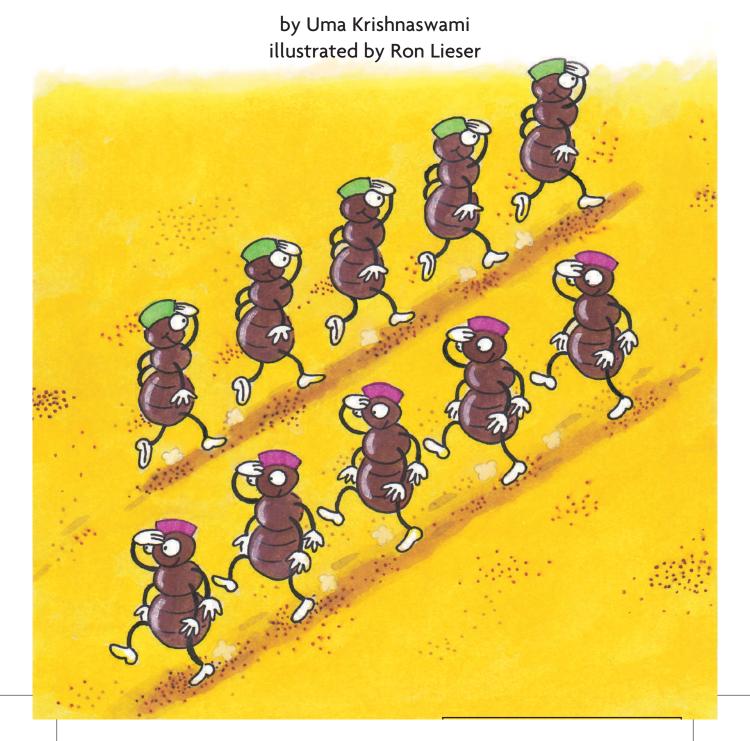


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The Ants Have a Picnic



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Summary

The picnic is ready, but the wrong guests show up to eat!

What do the ants eat?

Skills at a Glance

Monitor-Reading

• Retell what you've read

Comprehension

• Identify sequence of events

Phonics

• CVCe long i (five, inside, outside, slide, time)

Word Study

• Compound words (anthill, cupcakes, inside, outside, popcorn, watermelon)

Fluency

• Read with appropriate pacing

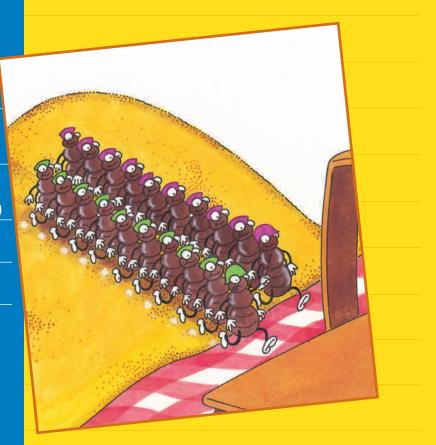
Fiction Genre

- Animal fantasy
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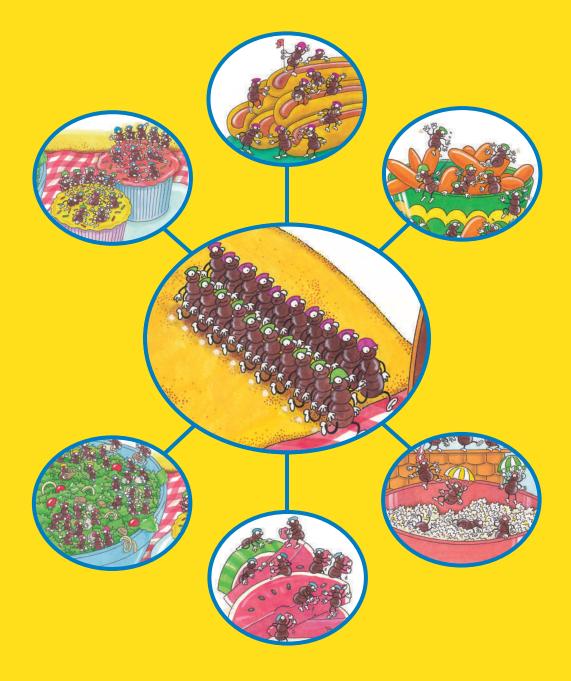
Number Families





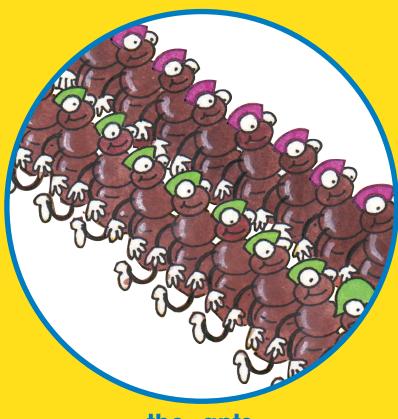
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What do the ants eat?



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Meet the Characters



the ants



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Tom



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"Let's eat outside. Let's have a picnic," says Mom. Dad gets the food.

Tom and Lori get the blanket.



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"Let's play in the sand," says Tom.

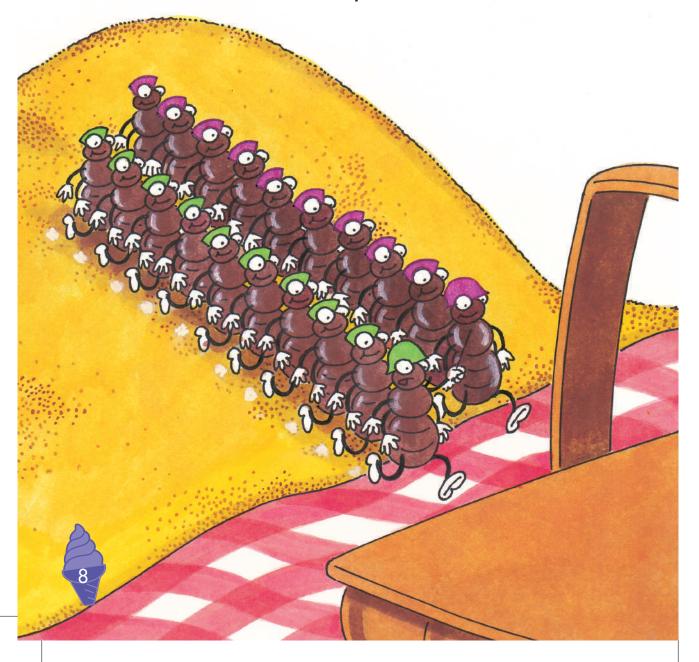
"Let's get drinks," says Mom.

"Let's eat later," says Dad.



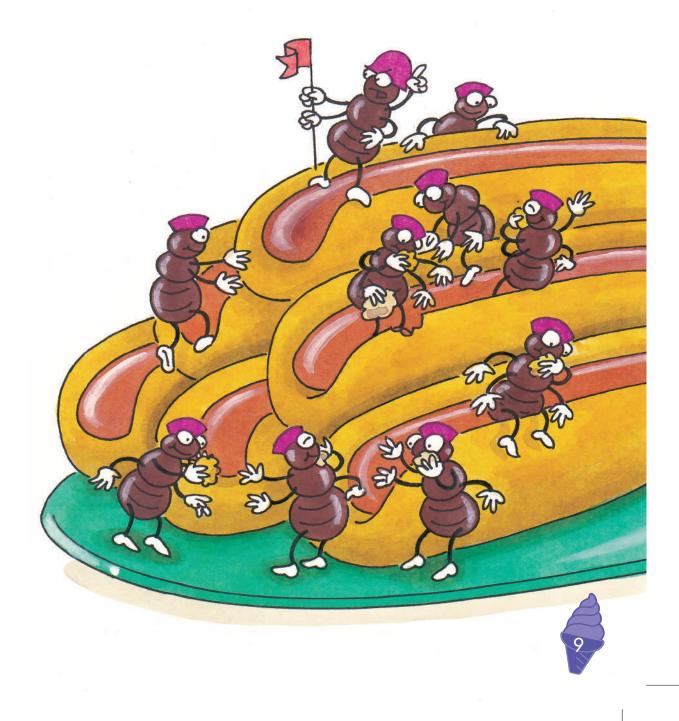
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"Let's go!" says one ant. Ants march down the anthill. Ants march in rows of ten. Ants love a picnic.



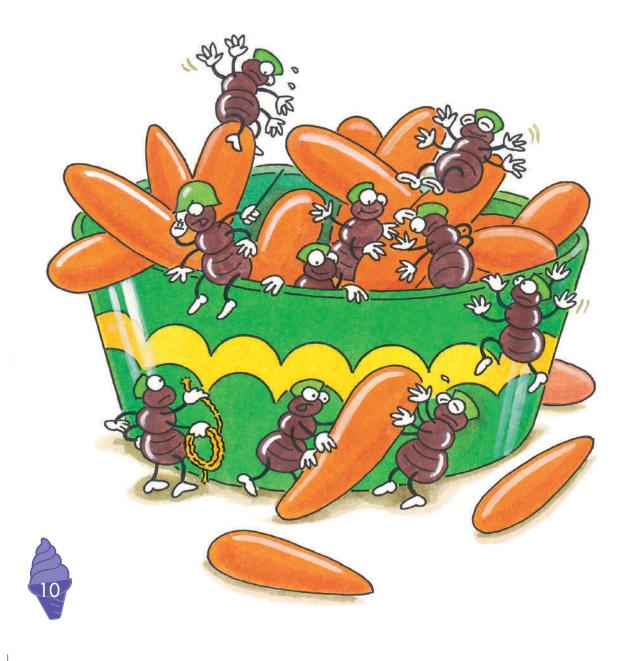
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Ten ants march to the hot dogs. Yum!



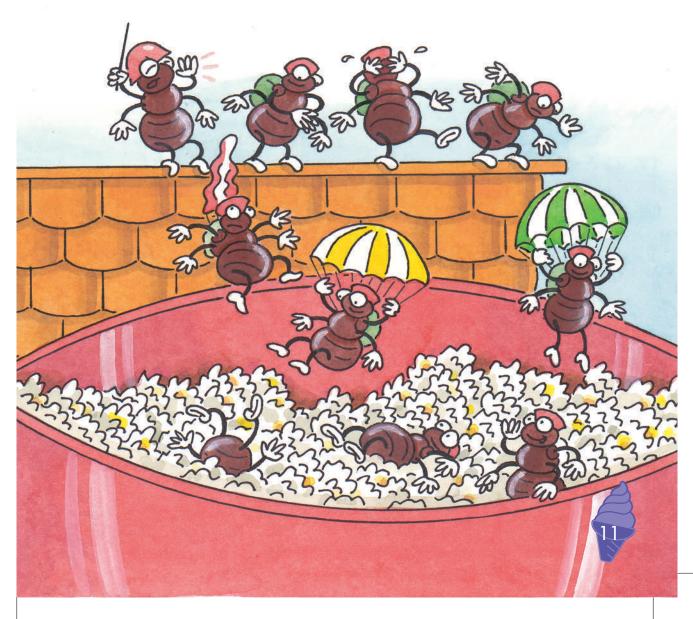
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Ten more ants march to the carrots. Yum!



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Ten more ants march to the popcorn. "Jump in!" says one ant.



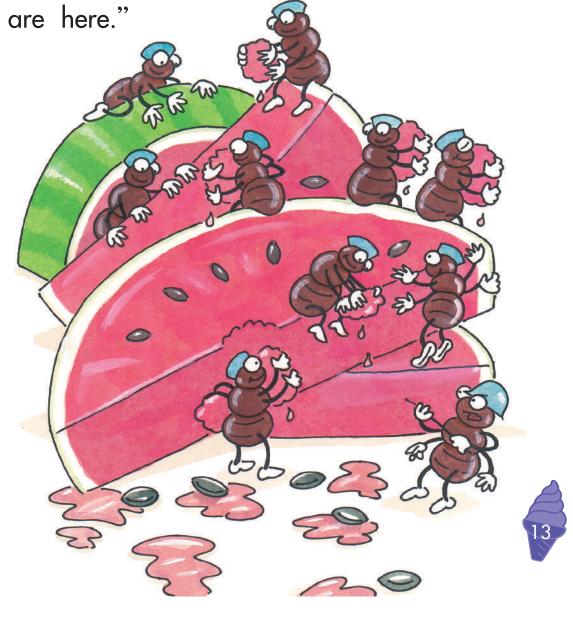
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Ten more ants march to the chips. "Jump in," says one ant.



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Ten more ants march to the watermelon. "Do not eat the seeds," says one ant. Five groups of ants are at the picnic now. The ants say, "10, 20, 30, 40, 50 ants



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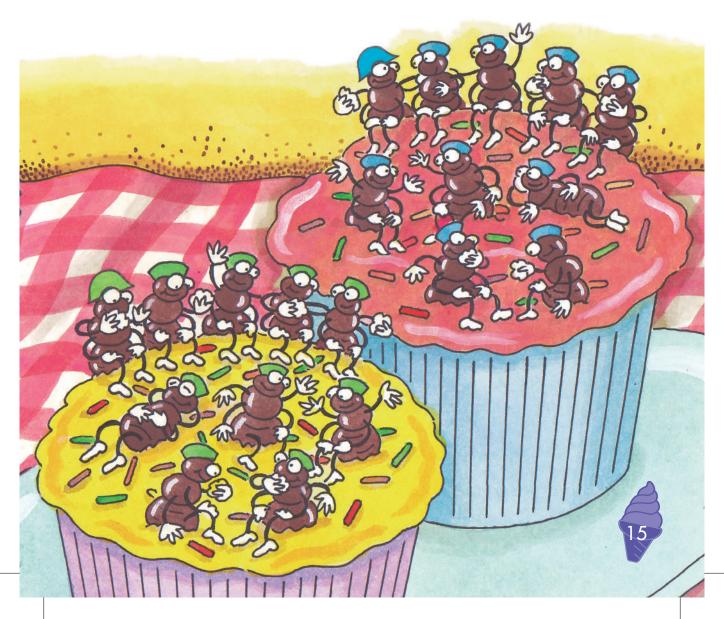
Five more groups go to the picnic. Each group has ten ants. Three groups are in the salad.



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Two groups are on the cupcakes.

The ants say, "60, 70, 80, 90, 100 ants are here."



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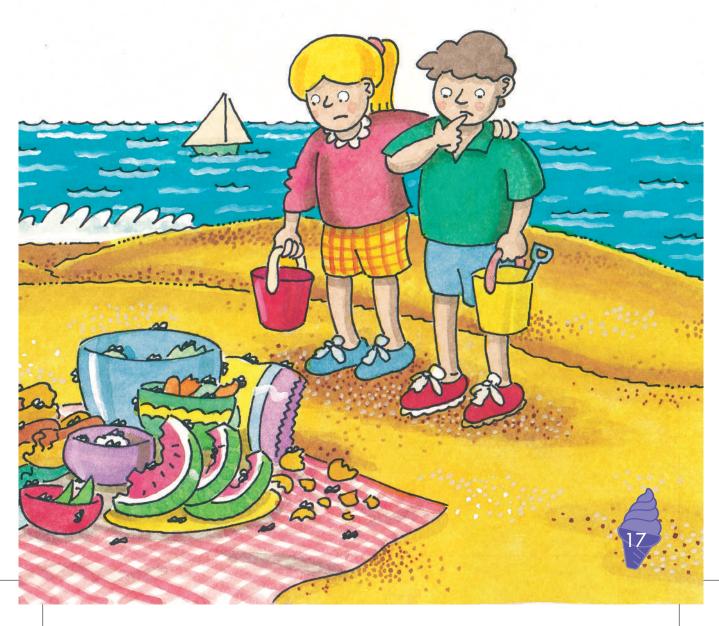
"Time to eat," says Mom.

Dad says, "Oh, no! Ants!"



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Mom, Dad, Tom, and Lori are hungry. What will they do?



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"Let's eat inside," says Mom.



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