

# THE TINY TEACHER

## [Comprehension Check]

**Question 1.** The story of an ant's life sounds *almost untrue*. The italicized phrase means

- (i) highly exaggerated.
- (ii) too remarkable to be true.
- (iii) not based on facts.

**Answer:** (i) highly exaggerated.

**Question 2.** Complete the following sentences.

- (i) An ant is the smallest, \_\_\_\_\_.
- (ii) We know a number of facts about an ant's life because \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** (i) An ant is the smallest, **commonest and wisest insect we have seen.**  
(ii) We know a number of facts about an ant's life because **there are people who have kept ants as pets and have watched them closely.**

**Question 3.** In what ways is an ant's life peaceful?

**Answer:** An ant's life is peaceful because each one does its share of work intelligently and bravely, and never fights with other members of the group.

**Question 4.** How long does it take for a grub to become a complete ant?

**Answer:** In two to three weeks for the grub to transform into cocoon and takes another three weeks to convert into a complete ant.

**Question 5.** Why do the worker ants carry the grubs about?

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

**Question 6.** What jobs are new ants trained for?

**Answer:** Old ants train new ants for their new jobs like workers, cleaners, soldiers, builders, etc.

**Question 7.** Name some other creatures that live in anthills.

**Answer:** Other creatures that live in anthills are beetles and greenfly.

**Question 8.** 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 hard work, bravery, and discipline.

## [Exercises]

**Question 1. (i) What problems are you likely to face if you keep ants as pets?**  
**(ii) When a group of bees finds nectar, it informs other bees of its location, quantity, etc. through dancing. Can you guess what ants communicate to their fellow ants by touching one another's feelers?**

**Answer:**

(i) They bite. And they won't listen what we will say them. They will do whatever they want. They will roam freely in whole house and eat our foods.

(ii) Ants might communicate about the place where they can or have found food by touching one another's feelers.

**Question 2. Complete the following poem with words from the box below. Then recite the poem. Soldiers live in barracks**

And birds in \_\_\_\_\_,  
Much like a snake that rests  
In a \_\_\_\_\_. No horse is able  
To sleep except in a \_\_\_\_\_.  
And a dog lives well,  
Mind you, only in a \_\_\_\_\_.  
To say 'hi' to an ant, if you will,  
You may have to climb an \_\_\_\_\_.

Hole   Kennel   nests   anthill   stable
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**Answer:**

Soldiers live in barracks  
And birds in **nests**,  
Much like a snake that rests  
In a **hole**. No horse is able  
To sleep except in a **stable**.  
And a dog lives well,  
Mind you, only in a **kennel**.  
To say 'hi' to an ant, if you will,  
You may have to climb an **anthill**.