Episode 47: The Ant and the Grasshopper

Target Level: Move 2 and up

Grammar: Negative *any* (e.g., *There isn't any food. I don't have any bread.*)

Vocabulary: summer, winter, flowers, butterflies, sun, snow, fire, beans, seeds, hot chocolate, bread, water, food, money, songs, leaves

Functions: Talking about what is not there; expressing absence

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INTRODUCTION

C.S.: Hello, boys and girls! Welcome to Easy English Stories!

Pip: Hello. I am Pip.

C.S.: Pip, what is your favorite season?

Pip: Summer! I like summer.

C.S.: Why?

Pip: World Cup!

C.S.: Soccer?

Pip Yes.

C.S.: And how about winter?

Pip: I don't like winter. There aren’t any World Cups.

C.S.: Boy, you really like soccer. But I like winter!

Pip: You like winter? Why?

C.S.: Because in winter, there is a lot of snow. And there are some warm fires. And there is some hot chocolate.

Pip: Hot chocolate?

C.S.: Yes.

Pip: Ummmm... Okay. I like winter a little.

C.S.: Today's story is about summer and winter. Let's listen!

MAIN STORY: The Ant and the Grasshopper

C.S.: It is summer. The sun is hot. The grasshopper sits in the garden. He sings and he plays music.

The ant works. She carries some food to her house. She carries some bread and she carries some seeds.

Every day, the ant walks past the grasshopper's house. She looks at him. She is not happy. She is angry.

"You don't do **any** work," the ant says.

Pip: You don't do **any** work!

C.S.: But the grasshopper sings and plays music.

Summer ends. Cold days come. Winter is cold. There aren't **any** leaves on the trees. There is a lot of snow.

The ant sits in her warm house. She is happy. She has some bread and she has some seeds.

She looks out her window. She sees the grasshopper's house. It is dark. There isn't **any** light.

Pip: There isn't **any** light!

C.S.: The ant smiles. "Let's go to the grasshopper's house." She puts on her coat and walks to his house.

She knocks on the door.

The grasshopper opens it. "Hello," he says.

The ant looks inside. There isn't **any** bread. There aren't **any** seed**s**. There aren't **any** bean**s**. There isn't **any** food in his house.

There are some books and a small lamp.

The ant says, "You don't have **any** bread or seed**s**?"

Pip: You don't have **any** bread or seed**s**?

C.S.: The grasshopper says, "No. I don't have **any** food in my house."

The ant says, "But I have a lot of food in my house. You didn't work. You sang and played music all summer. Now you don't have **any** food."

The grasshopper says nothing. He picks up his phone. He makes a call.

Ten minutes later, a man walks to the grasshopper's house. He has some hot soup, some warm bread, some cake, and some ice cream.

"These are for Grasshopper," says the man.

The ant's mouth opens.

The grasshopper takes the food. He looks at the ant and smiles.

"I don't have **any** food in my house," he says. "But I have some money. People buy my songs. And sometimes I have concerts."

The ant looks at the food. There is a lot of food.

The grasshopper puts the soup on the table. It smells good.

"Come," he says. "Let's have dinner. There is food for you and me."

They eat together. But the ant is quiet. She doesn't say anything.

PRACTICE

C.S.: Let's practice! Please repeat after us!

C.S.: There aren't **any** leaves.
Pip: There aren't **any** leaves.

C.S.: You don’t do **any** work.
Pip: You don’t do **any** work.

C.S.: He doesn’t have **any** bread.
Pip: He doesn’t have **any** bread.

C.S.: He doesn’t have **any** beans.
Pip: He doesn’t have **any** beans.

C.S.: There isn't **any** food.
Pip: There isn't **any** food.

PIP'S JOKES

Pip: Knock, knock.

C.S.: Who's there?

Pip: Ice cream.

C.S.: Ice cream who?

Pip: I scream when I see a spider!

C.S.: Oh, afraid of spiders, are you?

Pip: Knock, knock.

C.S.: Who's there?

Pip: Harry.

C.S.: Harry who?

Pip: Hurry up! Open the door!

C.S.: Okay, okay! I'm coming!

Pip: Knock, knock.

C.S.: Who's there?

Pip: Bee.

C.S.: Bee who?

Pip: Be quiet! The baby is sleeping!

C.S.: OK, do you have a secret for us?

PIP'S LITTLE SECRET

Pip: Yes. I have two secrets today.

C.S.: Two secrets?

Pip: Yes. Secret One: Don't say, "I am right." Say, "Let me see." You will learn more.

C.S.: That's a good secret, Pip.

Pip: Secret Two: Don't forget hot chocolate is your best friend.

C.S.: Wow! So true!

Pip: Yes. Now you know.

C.S.: Thanks, Pip. Well, boys and girls, that's all for today.

Pip: Time to go.

C.S.: See you next week with another story!

Pip: Goodbye, everyone!

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WORDS FROM THE STORY

butterfly

an insect with big, colorful wings



grasshopper

a green insect with long back legs that can jump high



leaves

the flat, green parts that grow on trees and plants



season

one of the four parts of the year: spring, summer, fall, or winter



summer

the warmest season of the year

warm

a little hot, but not too hot; comfortable heat

winter

the coldest season of the year