

THE TINY TEACHER

Lesson explanation part 2

Queen ant is the mother of the entire population of the colony. It lives for 15 years and has a pair of wings. Queen ants can only lay eggs.

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Queen ant only lay eggs. After grubs come out of the eggs, soldier ants guards them. Workers feed and clean them. Also, worker ants carry them for airing, exercise and sunshine. We can see a clear and systematic division of work among the ants.

They live comfortably in their anthills.

Ants live in their comfortable homes called “nests” or “anthill”. Each has hundreds of rooms and passages. In some of these rooms the queen ant lay eggs. Others are for nurseries or for the grubs. Workers have their reserved quarters and almost remains busy in searching

food. Some rooms serve as storehouse for food. Soldiers have separate barracks to live in. No worker has ever lived in a soldier's house or has ever gone out to search food. The ants live in great harmony. No soldier, worker or cleaner has ever harmed any grub.

An anthill is not only homes to ants but also other creatures. Such as beetles, lesser breeds of ants and the greenfly. Ants live with many other creatures for several reasons. Some give off smell pleasant to the ants. Other give sweet juices. Some are just pets or play things like cats and dogs are to humans. Greenfly is the ant's cow- it gives honeydew with a touch of their antennae.

We can see, how dutiful, disciplined ants are. Also, a great teamwork can be seen in the lifestyle of ants. Perhaps, humans also have learnt from ants. But, have humans put their learning into use? Perhaps no. We can't see such great teamwork, harmony in human beings. Have human beings learnt from ants, the world would have been far much better.