

Andrew the Anteater

Andrew, the **A**nteater wouldn't eat ants. His mother said, "Eat them!"

He answered, "I can't!"

Now, **A**lbert, and **A**нна, and **A**ngela, too

always ate ants, as good anteaters do.

But **a**las, and **a**lack, **A**ndrew wouldn't eat ants.

Not for breakfast, or dinner, or even a snack.

Andrew ate artichokes, apples, and peas, **a**sparagus, apricots, almonds,
and cheese; roaches and termites and beetles and fleas.

But he wouldn't eat ants.

His mother would try to barbeque, **b**ake them, boil them, and fry.

She made chocolate **a**nt ice cream and even ant pie.

But he wouldn't eat ants, and his mother asked "Why?"

And **A**ndrew admitted, "I can't tell **a** lie."

One afternoon in **A**pril,

Alice **A**nn the **A**lligator asked me home to play.

I agreed to go with her that day.

I should have thought twice.

But **Alice** acted sweet and nice.

We played some games of hide and seek.

I hid my eyes and didn't even peek.

But **Alice** didn't want to play.

She wanted me for lunch that day!

As she was creeping up behind,

I heard a yell and turned in time.

Alice Ann was there and fighting.

Many **ants** were on her, biting.

To the river, **Alice** hurried.

That **alligator** sure did scurry.

How those **ants** did **Alice** bite.

And soon she was out of sight.

That's why **Andrew** eats artichokes, apples, and peas,

asparagus, apricots, almonds and cheese.

But now I must end, For my story is through:

“He couldn’t bite a friend.

Could you?”

THE END!



Did You Know?

- The Anteater has no teeth
- Its long sticky tongue can be 2 feet long!
- Its tongue is called a ‘worm tongue’
- It eats 35,000 ants/termites each day!
- It eats rocks and dirt to grind up the ants
- It is a good swimmer, using his long snout as a snorkel
- Anteaters live in forests in Central and South America
- This animal is called ‘oso homiguero’ in Spanish
- It can be 8 feet long from snout to tip of tail

True False Quiz

Answers from the Story and Did You Know

Circle the right answer.

1. T F Andrew loved ants!
2. T F Andrew's mother made 'chocolate ant' ice cream.
3. T F Alice was one of Andrew's anteater friends.
4. T F Apples, almonds, and cheese all start with the 'letter A'.
5. T F Anteaters have a lot of teeth.
6. T F Anteaters can eat 35,000 ants in one day.
7. T F Anteaters are good swimmers.
8. T F The tongue of an anteater is sticky.
9. T F Anteaters live in forests in Central and South America.
10. T F An anteater would be a good pet.

Coloring Page Directions:

Color the Anteater Brown or Gray. Color the band on his throat, face, and shoulders black. Color his front legs white.

