

Even More Proverbs

Every culture has a collection of wise sayings that offer advice about how to live your life. We call these sayings "proverbs".

Learning proverbs can also help you to understand the way that people in English-speaking cultures think about the world. Proverbs are easy to learn example sentences which you can memorize and use as models for building your own sentences.



Do not saw off the branch you are sitting on.

Connect with lines:

What goes up must come down.		If you're asking for a favor from someone else, you have to take whatever they give you.
No man is an island.		Everyone needs help from other people
Hope for the best, but prepare for the worst.		When you get money quickly, like by winning it, it's easy to spend it or lose it quickly as well.
Birds of a feather flock together.		People like to spend time with others who are similar to them.
There's no such thing as a free lunch.		Bad things might happen. Be ready.
Beggars can't be choosers.		Nothing can continue to increase forever. Everything that grows or rises will shrink or fall eventually.
One man's trash is another man's treasure.		Different people have different ideas about what's valuable.
Easy come, easy go.		Things that are offered for free usually have a hidden cost.

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.	People tend to want whatever they don't have.
The grass is always greener on the other side of the hill.	When you try to work too quickly, you make mistakes. That can waste time, money, or materials. So slow down.
A chain is only as strong as its weakest link.	Don't lie.
Honesty is the best policy.	If one member of a team doesn't perform well, the whole team will fail.
If you want something done right, you have to do it yourself.	Don't trust other people to do important things for you. You have to do things yourself to control the quality of the results.
All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.	If you associate with dishonest people, bad things will happen to you.
Haste makes waste.	Different people have different ideas about what's beautiful.
Lie down with dogs, wake up with fleas.	You can't work all of the time. You have to relax as well.

Measure twice, cut once.	It means it's healthy and smart to go to sleep early and wake up early.
Still waters run deep.	There's usually something good associated with any bad experience.
Every cloud has a silver lining.	People who don't talk a lot sometimes have really interesting thoughts.
You can't teach an old dog new tricks.	Think carefully before making a decision.
Actions speak louder than words.	Older people don't change their habits easily.
Don't put all your eggs in one basket.	Have a backup plan. Don't risk all of your money or time in one plan.
Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.	Don't try to help people by just giving them things. The result will be temporary. If you want to help someone long-term, teach them how to do things on their own.
Give a man a fish, he eats for a day. Teach a man how to fish, he eats for a lifetime.	Just saying that you'll do something doesn't mean much. Actually doing it is harder and more meaningful.