



10 African Sayings That Will Make You Wiser





1. “Only a fool tests the depth of a river with both feet.”

Translation:

Don't leap into a situation without first thinking about the consequences.





2. “The best way to eat an elephant in your path is to cut him up into little pieces.”

Translation:

The best way to solve a problem is to tackle it bit by bit, one step at a time.





3. “A roaring lion kills no game.”

Translation:

Sitting around and talking about something gains nothing. Work towards your goals quietly rather than bragging prematurely.





4. “Rain beats the leopard's skin but it does not wash out the spots.”

Translation:

No matter how hard you try, you cannot change another person's character.





5. “Do not call the forest that shelters you a jungle.”

Translation:

Do not disrespect or insult someone who shares your burdens and responsibilities or who takes care of you.





6. “Do not look where you fell, but where you slipped.”

Translation:

Rather than dwelling on your mistake,
look at what caused you to make the
mistake.





7. “Even the best cooking pot will not produce food.”

Translation:

Having the best tools or resources is not enough; you need action and effort to make things happen.





8. “The lion does not turn around when a small dog barks.”

Translation:

Great leaders or strong people do not get distracted by insignificant challenges or criticisms.





9. “A single bracelet does not jingle.”

Translation:

One person alone cannot make much impact. It takes collaboration and unity for real success.





10. “The axe forgets, but the tree remembers.”

Translation:

The one who causes harm may forget, but the one who is harmed will always remember.