

Proverbs

1. **A friend in need is a friend indeed.** Someone who helps us when we are in trouble is a real friend.
2. **A leopard cannot change its spots.** The basic nature within people cannot be changed. They might try to mask their true selves but deep inside they are the same people.
3. **A stitch in time saves nine.** Doing what needs to be done right away is better than putting it off.
4. **Beauty is only skin deep.** Judge people not by their outer appearance, what by their inner qualities.
5. **Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.** Treat others the way you want them to treat you. Do good to receive good in return.
6. **Don't count your chickens before they're hatched.** Don't assume that you will get all things you want before you actually have them.
7. **Don't cry over spilt milk.** Once something has happened, there is no point in being unhappy about it.
8. **Don't judge a book by its cover.** The value of something may not always be evident from its outer appearance.
9. **Every cloud has a silver lining.** In every bad situation there is an element of good.
10. **Haste makes waste.** If you do something too quickly, it will not turn out well.
11. **He who walks with wise men shall be wise.** You are influenced by the people whose company you keep.
12. **Let bygones be bygones.** Forget about the past events and leave them in the past. Don't hold grudges!
13. **Little strokes fell great oaks.** Great things are accomplished by persistent efforts just like a large oak can be cut down by continuous chopping.
14. **Look before you leap.** We should be aware of what we are getting into before we actually begin to take action.
15. **Many hands make light work.** When everybody pitches in to help with a task, the burden becomes easier to bear.
16. **The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence.** People who were dissatisfied with what life has to offer them often think that others are more fortunate than themselves.
17. **Necessity is the mother of invention.** When people are really desperate for something, they will think of many ways to get what they want.
18. **Waste not, want not.** If we don't waste the things we have, we won't lack the things we need.
19. **Turn over a new leaf.** When someone changes his bad or evil ways.
20. **Wolf in sheep's clothing.** It describes a person who appears to be good and decent but is inwardly crafty and crooked.
1. **A bull in a China shop** is used to refer to someone who acts clumsily and awkwardly.
2. **As the crow flies** is used to describe the straightest, most direct route between two places.
3. **Bite the hand that feeds you** is used to refer to the actions of someone who attacks a person who wants helped and supported them.
4. **Crocodile tears** is used to refer to the actions of a person who pretends to feel sad, sorry, or upset.
5. **First come, first served.** Those who arrive early will be waited on you before others.
6. **Get a taste of one's own medicine.** Someone who treats others badly and in turn gets treated the same way.
7. **Keep one's head above water** is used to refer to the actions of someone who manages to survive, especially in a situation in which they are struggling to avoid being overwhelmed by adverse financial circumstances.
8. **Kill two birds with one stone.** Accomplished two things with one action to save time and effort.
9. **Let the cat out of the bag** is used to describe a situation when a person reveals a secret that everybody else has planned to keep.
10. **Once in a blue moon.** You do something rarely.
11. **Out of the frying pan and into the fire.** When you go from a bad situation to one that is even worse.
12. **Pull one's leg.** It's means to tease someone by telling them something untrue.
13. **Read between the lines.** Try to understand what is implied but not expressed on the surface.
14. **Sour grapes** is used to refer to a situation when someone wants something very badly but it does not get it, then pretends that it is nothing valuable at all.
15. **Steal someone's thunder.** When someone is planning to do something impressive and you do it first.
16. **Take the bull by the horns** is used to describe a brave action taken by someone to confront a bad situation, or face a problem.
17. **The cold shoulder.** Someone who deliberately avoids you is giving you "the cold shoulder".
18. **Through thick and thin** is used when someone stays loyal to another person through hard times and good times, and never let him down.

