

Proverb Definition + Famous Proverbs and Common Sayings

A PROVERB is a short saying that is commonly known by the public and repeated as a piece of advice or suggestion. A PROVERB usually expresses the common truth.

Why not make it a goal to learn the proverbs below to use in your life sometime in the future?

1. Two wrongs don't make a right

When someone did something bad to you, trying to do something bad to them will only make things worse.

2. A friend in need is a friend indeed

If someone helps you when you have problems, or you are in trouble, that person is a true friend.

3. Better safe than sorry

You should always be careful, even if you think it is not necessary.

4. Don't talk the talk if you can't walk the walk

Don't brag about being able to do something unless you actually know how to do it.

5. Great minds think alike

Smart people usually have the same ideas. This proverb is used when someone has the same idea as you.

6. Haste makes waste

When you try to work too quickly, you usually make mistakes.

7. If you snooze, you lose

You have to act fast to get what you want.

8. lie down with dogs, wake up with fleas

If you associate with bad or dishonest people, bad things will happen to you.

9. Look before you leap

Make decisions carefully. Think about it first.

10. Measure twice, cut once

When you have to change a decision, once you've made it.

11. Misery loves company

People who are unhappy want to make others unhappy too.

12. Actions speak louder than words

What you do matters—not what you say. We should practice what we preach.

13. Money is the root of all evil

Money is the cause of all problems.

14. The squeaky wheel gets the grease

Meaning: You can get better service if you complain. If you wait patiently, nobody is going to care.

15. Hold your horses

Means to wait or be patient. It's often used to tell someone to slow down or not to rush into something.

Tourism and Hotel Dialogues

Below are some typical dialogues between a hotel receptionist at The Grand Woodward Hotel and a guest.

1-Making Reservations

Receptionist: Good morning. Welcome to The Grand Woodward Hotel.

Client: Hi, good morning. I'd like to make a reservation for the third weekend in September. Do you have any vacancies?

Receptionist: Yes sir, we have several rooms available for that particular weekend. And what is the exact date of your arrival?

Client: The 24th.

Receptionist: How long will you be staying?

Client: I'll be staying for two nights.

Receptionist: How many people is the reservation for?

Client: There will be two of us.

Receptionist: And would you like a room with twin beds or a double bed?

Client: A double bed, please.

Receptionist: Great. And would you prefer to have a room with a view of the ocean?

Client: If that type of room is available, I would love to have an ocean view. What's the rate for the room?

Receptionist: Your room is five hundred and ninety dollars per night. Now what name will the reservation be listed under?

Client: Charles Hannighan.

Receptionist: Could you spell your last name for me, please?

Client: Sure. H-A-N-N-I-G-H-A-N.

Receptionist: And is there a phone number where you can be contacted?

Client: Yes, my cell phone number is 555-26386.

Receptionist: Great. Now I'll need your credit card information to reserve the room for you. What type of card is it?

Client: Visa. The number is 987654321.

Receptionist: And what is the name of the cardholder?

Client: Charles H. Hannighan.

Receptionist: Alright, Mr. Hannighan, your reservation has been made for the twenty-fourth of September for a room with a double bed and view of the ocean. Check-in is at 2 o'clock. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to call us.

Answer the following questions:

1. What is the name of the hotel?
2. What is the name of the guest?
3. When will he arrive at the hotel?
4. How long will he be staying?
5. How many people will be staying in the hotel?
6. What kind of bedroom does Mr. Hannighan want?
7. What will the room overlook?
8. How much is the room per night?
9. What type of credit card will Mr. Hannighan use to reserve the room?
10. What is the mobile number of Mr. Hannighan?
11. What is the visa number of Mr. Hannighan?
12. What time is the check-in?
13. How much will Mr. Hannighan pay for his stay?
14. How is the reservation made?
15. Where is The Grand Woodward Hotel?