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**Answers: Student's answers will vary, but should reflect the following:**

1. Beggars can't be choosy.

**If you need something, you can't be picky about what you receive.**

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2. Don't put all your eggs in one basket.

**Don't risk everything on just one thing; always have alternatives.**

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3. Every cloud has a silver lining.

**Every bad situation has something good come from it.**

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4. Don't cry over spilled milk.

**Don't become upset over something you can't change or that has already happened.**

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5. A stitch in time saves nine.

**Fixing something as soon as it needs repair takes less work than after the problem worsens.**

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6. Don't judge a book by its cover.

**Don't make judgments on outer appearances.**

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