## **1000 ENGLISH PROVERBS**

- 01.A bad beginning makes a bad ending.
- 02. A bad corn promise is better than a good lawsuit.
- 03. A bad workman quarrels with his tools.
- 04. A bargain is a bargain.
- 05. A beggar can never be bankrupt.
- 06. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.
- 07. A bird may be known by its song.
- 08. A black hen lays a white egg.
- 09. A blind leader of the blind.
- 10. A blind man would be glad to see.
- 11. A broken friendship may be soldered, but will never be sound.
- 12. A burden of one's own choice is not felt.
- 13. A burnt child dreads the fire.
- 14. A cat in gloves catches no mice.
- 15. A city that parleys is half gotten.
- 16. A civil denial is better than a rude grant.
- 17. A clean fast is better than a dirty breakfast.
- 18. A clean hand wants no washing..
- 19. A clear conscience laughs at false accusations.
- 20. A close mouth catches no flies.
- 21. A cock is valiant on his own dunghill.
- 22. A cracked bell can never sound well.
- 23. A creaking door hangs long on its hinges.
- 24. A cursed cow has short horns.
- 25. A danger foreseen is half avoided.
- 26. A drop in the bucket.
- 27. A drowning man will catch at a straw.
- 28. A fair face may hide a foul heart.
- 29. A fault confessed is half redressed.
- 30. A fly in the ointment.
- 31. A fool always rushes to the fore.
- 32. A fool and his money are soon parted.
- 33. A fool at forty is a fool indeed.
- 34. A fool may ask more questions in an hour than a wise man can answer in seven years.
- 35. A fool may throw a stone into a well which a hundred wise men

## cannot pull out.

- 36. A fool's tongue runs before his wit.
- 37. A forced kindness deserves no thanks.
- 38. A foul morn may turn to a fair day.
- 39. A fox is not taken twice in the same snare.
- 40. A friend in need is a friend indeed.
- 43. A friend is never known till needed.
- 42. A friend to all is a friend to none.
- 43. A friend's frown is better than a foe's smile...
- 44. A good anvil does not fear the hammer.
- 45. A good beginning is half the battle.
- 46. A good beginning makes a good ending.
- 47. A good deed is never lost.
- 48. A good dog deserves a good bone.
- 49. A good example is the best sermon.
- 50. A good face is a letter of recommendation.
- 51. A good Jack makes a good Jill.
- 52. A good marksman may miss.
- 53. A good name is better than riches.
- 54. A good name is sooner lost than won.
- 55. A good name keeps its luster in the dark.
- 56. A good wife makes a good husband.
- 57. A great dowry is a bed full of brambles.
- 58. A great fortune is a great slavery.
- 59. A great ship asks deep waters.
- 60. A guilty conscience needs no accuser.
- 61. A hard nut to crack.
- 62. A heavy purse makes a light heart.
- 63. A hedge between keeps friendship green.
- 64. A honey tongue, a heart of gall.
- 65. A hungry belly has no ears.
- 66. A hungry man is an angry man.
- 67. A Jack of all trades is master of none.
- 68. A Joke never gains an enemy but often loses a friend.
- 69. A lawyer never goes to law himself.
- 70. A lazy sheep thinks its wool heavy.
- 71. A liar is not believed when he speaks the truth.
- 72. A lie begets a lie.
- 73. A light purse is a heavy curse.

- 74. A light purse makes a heavy heart.
- 75. A little body often harbors a great soul.
- 76. A little fire is quickly trodden out.
- 77. A man can die but once.
- 78. A man can do no more than he can.
- 79. A man is known by the company he keeps.
- 80. A man of words and not of deeds is like a garden full of weeds.
- 81. A miserly father makes a prodigal son.
- 82. A miss is as good as a mile.
- 83. A new broom sweeps clean.
- 84. A nod from a lord is a breakfast for a fool.
- 85. A penny saved is a penny gained.
- 86. A penny soul never came to twopence.
- 87. A quiet conscience sleeps in thunder.
- 88. A rolling stone gathers no moss.
- 89. A round peg in a square hole.
- 90. A shy cat makes a proud mouse.
- 91. A silent fool is counted wise.
- 92. A small leak will sink a great ship.
- 93. A soft answer turns away wrath.
- 94. A sound mind in a sound body.
- 95. A stitch in time saves nine.
- 96. A storm in a teacup.
- 97. A tattler is worse than a thief.
- 98. A thief knows a thief as a wolf knows a wolf.
- 99. A thief passes for a gentleman when stealing has made him rich.
- 100. A threatened blow is seldom given.
- 101. A tree is known by its fruit.
- 102. A wager is a fool's argument.
- 103. A watched pot never boils.
- 104. A wise man changes his mind, a fool never will.
- 105. A wolf in sheep's clothing.
- 106. A wonder lasts but nine days.
- 107. A word is enough to the wise.
- 108. A word spoken is past recalling.
- 109. Actions speak louder than words.
- 110. Adversity is a great schoolmaster.
- 111. Adversity makes strange bedfellows.
- 112. After a storm comes a calm.

- 113. After dinner comes the reckoning.
- 114. After dinner sit (sleep) a while, after supper walk a mile.
- 115. After rain comes fair weather.
- 116. After us the deluge.
- 117. Agnes come on horseback, but go away on foot.
- 118. All are good lasses, but whence come the bad wives?
- 119. All are not friends that speak us fair.
- 120. All are not hunters that blow the horn.
- 121. All are not merry that dance lightly.
- 122. All are not saints that go to church.
- 123. All asses wag their ears.
- 124. All bread is not baked in one oven.
- 125. All cats are grey in the dark (in the night).
- 126. All covet, all lose.
- 127. All doors open to courtesy.
- 128. All is fish that comes to his net.
- 129. All is not lost that is in peril.
- 130. All is well that ends well.
- 131. All lay load on the willing horse.
- 132. All men can't be first.
- 133. All men can't be masters.
- 134. All promises are either broken or kept.
- 135. All roads lead to Rome.
- 136. All sugar and honey.
- 137. All that glitters is not gold.
- 138. All things are difficult before they are easy.
- 139. All truths are not to be told.
- 140. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.
- 141. "Almost" never killed a fly (was never hanged).
- 142. Among the blind the one-eyed man is king.
- 143. An apple a day keeps the doctor away.
- 144. An hole in a lion's skin.
- 145. An hole is but an hole, though laden with gold.
- 146. An hole loaded with gold climbs to the top of the castle.
- 147. An empty hand is no lure for a hawk.
- 148. An empty sack cannot stand upright.
- 149. An empty vessel gives a greater sound than a full barrel.
- 150. An evil chance seldom comes alone.
- 151. An honest tale speeds best, being plainly told.

- 152. An hour in the morning is worth two in the evening.
- 153. An idle brain is the devil's workshop.
- 154. An ill wound is cured, not an ill name.
- 155. An oak is not felled at one stroke.
- 156. An old dog barks not in vain.
- 157. An open door may tempt a saint.
- 158. An ounce of discretion is worth a pound of learning.
- 159. An ox is taken by the horns, and a man by the tongue.
- 160. An unfortunate man would be drowned in a teacup.
- 161. Anger and haste hinder good counsel.
- 162. Any port in a storm.
- 163. Appearances are deceitful.
- 164. Appetite comes with eating.
- 165. As drunk as a lord.
- 166. As innocent as a babe unborn.
- 167. As like as an apple to an oyster.
- 168. As like as two peas.
- 169. As old as the hills.
- 170. As plain as the nose on a man's face.
- 171. As plain as two and two make four.
- 172. As snug as a bug in a rug.
- 173. As sure as eggs is eggs.
- 174. As the call, so the echo.
- 175. As the fool thinks, so the bell clinks.
- 176. As the old cock crows, so does the young.
- 177. As the tree falls, so shall it lie.
- 178. As the tree, so the fruit.
- 179. As welcome as flowers in May.
- 180. As welcome as water in one's shoes.
- 181. As well be hanged for a sheep as for a lamb.
- 182. As you brew, so must you drink.
- 183. As you make your bed, so must you lie on it.
- 184. As you sow, so shall you reap.
- 185. Ask no questions and you will be told no lies.
- 186. At the ends of the earth.
- 187. Bacchus has drowned more men than Neptune.
- 188. Bad news has wings.
- 189. Barking does seldom bite.
- 190. Be slow to promise and quick to perform.

- 191. Be swift to hear, slow to speak.
- 192. Beauty is but skin-deep.
- 193. Beauty lies in lover's eyes.
- 194. Before one can say Jack Robinson.
- 195. Before you make a friend eat a bushel of salt with him.
- 196. Beggars cannot be choosers.
- 197. Believe not all that you see nor half what you hear.
- 198. Best defense is offense.
- 199. Better a glorious death than a shameful life.
- 200. Better a lean peace than a fat victory.
- 201. Better a little fire to warm us, than a great one to burn us.
- 202. Better an egg today than a hen tomorrow.
- 203. Better an open enemy than a false friend.
- 204. Better be alone than in bad company.
- 205. Better be born lucky than rich.
- 206. Better be envied than pitied.
- 207. Better be the head of a dog than the tail of a lion.
- 208. Better deny at once than promise long.
- 209. Better die standing than live kneeling.
- 210. Better early than late.
- 211. Better give a shilling than lend a half-crown.
- 212. Better go to bed supperless than rise in debt.
- 213. Better late than never.
- 214. Better lose a jest than a friend.
- 215. Better one-eyed than stone-blind.
- 216. Better the devil you know than the devil you don't.
- 217. Better the foot slip than the tongue.
- 218. Better to do well than to say well.
- 219. Better to reign in hell, than serve in heaven.
- 220. Better unborn than untaught.
- 221. Better untaught than ill-taught.
- 222. Between the cup and the lip a morsel may slip.
- 223. Between the devil and the deep (blue) sea.
- 224. Between two evils 'tis not worth choosing.
- 225. Between two stools one goes (falls) to the ground.
- 226. Between the upper and nether millstone.
- 227. Betwixt and between.
- 228. Beware of a silent dog and still water.
- 229. Bind the sack before it be full.

- 230. Birds of a feather flock together.
- 231. Blind men can judge no colours.
- 232. Blood is thicker than water.
- 233. Borrowed garments never fit well.
- 234. Brevity is the soul of wit.
- 235. Burn not your house to rid it of the mouse.
- 236. Business before pleasure.
- 237. By doing nothing we learn to do ill.
- 238. By hook or by crook.
- 239. By the street of 'by-and-bye' one arrives at the house of 'Never'.
- 240. Calamity is man's true touchstone.
- 241. Care killed the cat.
- 242. Catch the bear before you sell his skin.
- 243. Caution is the parent of safety.
- 244. Charity begins at home.
- 245. Cheapest is the dearest.
- 246. Cheek brings success.
- 247. Children and fools must not play with edged tools.
- 248. Children are poor men's riches.
- 249. Choose an author as you choose a friend.
- 250. Christmas comes but once a year, (but when it comes it brings good cheer).
- 251. Circumstances alter cases.
- 252. Claw me, and I will claw thee.
- 253. Cleanliness is next to godliness.
- 254. Company in distress makes trouble less.
- 255.. Confession is the first step to repentance.
- 256. Counsel is no command...
- 257. Creditors have better memories than debtors.
- 258. Cross the stream where it is shallowest.
- 259. Crows do not pick crow's eyes.
- 260. Curiosity killed a cat.
- 261. Curses like chickens come home to roost.
- 262. Custom is a second nature.
- 263. Custom is the plague of wise men and the idol of fools.
- 264. Cut your coat according to your cloth.
- 265. Death is the grand leveler.
- 266. Death pays all debts.
- 267. Death when it comes will have no denial.

- 268. Debt is the worst poverty.
- 269. Deeds, not words.
- 270. Delays are dangerous.
- 271. Desperate diseases must have desperate remedies.
- 272. Diligence is the mother of success (good luck).
- 273. Diseases are the interests of pleasures.
- 274. Divide and rule.
- 275. Do as you would be done by.
- 276. Dog does not eat dog.
- 277. Dog eats dog.
- 278. Dogs that put up many hares kill none.
- 279. Doing is better than saying.
- 280. Don't count your chickens before they are hatched.
- 281. Don't cross the bridges before you come to them.
- 282. Don't have thy cloak to make when it begins to rain.
- 283. Don't keep a dog and bark yourself.
- 284. Don't look a gift horse in the mouth.
- 285. Don't put all your eggs in one basket.
- 286. Don't sell the bear's skin before you've caught it.
- 287. Don't trouble trouble until trouble troubles you.
- 288. Don't whistle (halloo) until you are out of the wood.
- 289. Dot your i's and cross your t's.
- 290. Draw not your bow till your arrow is fixed.
- 291. Drive the nail that will go.
- 292. Drunken days have all their tomorrow.
- 293. Drunkenness reveals what soberness conceals.
- 294. Dumb dogs are dangerous.
- 295. Each bird loves to hear himself sing.
- 296. Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.
- 297. Easier said than done.
- 298. East or West? home is best.
- 299. Easy come, easy go.
- 300.. Eat at pleasure, drink with measure.
- 301. Empty vessels make the greatest (the most) sound.
- 302. Enough is as good as a feast.
- 303. Envy shoots at others and wounds herself.
- 304. Even reckoning makes long friends.
- 305. Every hole loves to hear himself bray.

- 306. Every barber knows that.
- 307. Every bean has its black.
- 308. Every bird likes its own nest.
- 309. Every bullet has its billet.
- 310. Every country has its customs.
- 311. Every dark cloud has a silver lining.
- 312. Every day is not Sunday.
- 313. Every dog has his day.
- 314. Every dog is a lion at home.
- 315. Every dog is valiant at his own door.
- 316. Every Jack has his Jill.
- 317. Every man has a fool in his sleeve.
- 318. Every man has his faults.
- 319. Every man has his hobby-horse.
- 320. Every man is the architect of his own fortunes.
- 321. Every man to his taste.
- 322. Every miller draws water to his own mill.
- 323. Every mother thinks her own gosling a swan.
- 324. Every one's faults are not written in their foreheads.
- 325. Every tub must stand on its own bottom..
- 326. Every white has its black, and every sweet its sour.
- 327. Every why has a wherefore.
- 328. Everybody's business is nobody's business.
- 329. Everything comes to him who waits.
- 330. Everything is good in its season.
- 331. Evil communications corrupt good manners.
- 332. Experience is the mother of wisdom.
- 333. Experience keeps a dear school, but fools learn in no other.
- 334. Experience keeps no school, she teaches her pupils singly.
- 335. Extremes meet.
- 336. Facts are stubborn things..
- 337. Faint heart never won fair lady.
- 338. Fair without, foul (false) within.
- 339. Fair words break no bones.
- 340. False friends are worse than open enemies.
- 341. Familiarity breeds contempt.
- 342. Far from eye, far from heart.
- 343. Fasting comes after feasting.
- 344. Faults are thick where love is thin.

- 345. Feast today and fast tomorrow.
- 346. Fine feathers make fine birds.
- 347. Fine words butter no parsnips.
- 348. First catch your hare.
- 349. First come, first served.
- 350. First deserve and then desire.
- 351. First think, then speak.
- 352. Fish and company stink in three days.
- 353. Fish begins to stink at the head.
- 354. Follow the river and you'll get to the sea.
- 355. Fool's haste is no speed.
- 356. Fools and madmen speak the truth.
- 357. Fools grow without watering.
- 358. Fools may sometimes speak to the purpose.
- 359. Fools never know when they are well.
- 360. Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.
- 361. For the love of the game.
- 362. Forbearance is no acquittance.
- 363. Forbidden fruit is sweet.
- 364. Forewarned is forearmed.
- 365. Fortune favors the brave (the bold).
- 366. Fortune is easily found, but hard to be kept.
- 367. Four eyes see more (better) than two.
- 368. Friends are thieves of time.
- 369. From bad to worse.
- 370. From pillar to post.
- 371. Gentility without ability is worse than plain beggary.
- 372. Get a name to rise early, and you may lie all day.
- 373. Gifts from enemies are dangerous.
- 374. Give a fool rope enough, and he will hang himself.
- 375. Give every man thy ear, but few thy voice.
- 376. Give him an inch and he'll take an ell.
- 377.. Give never the wolf the weather to keep.
- 378. Gluttony kills more men than the sword.
- 379. Go to bed with the lamb and rise with the lark.
- 380. Good clothes open all doors.
- 381. Good counsel does no harm.
- 382. Good health is above wealth.
- 383. Good masters make good servants.

- 384. Good words and no deeds.
- 385. Good words without deeds are rushes and reeds.
- 386. Gossiping and lying go hand in hand.
- 387. Grasp all, lose all.
- 388. Great barkers are no biters.
- 389. Great boast, small roast.
- 390. Great cry and little wool.
- 391. Great spenders are bad lenders.
- 392. Great talkers are great liars.
- 393. Great talkers are little doers.
- 394. Greedy folk have long arms.
- 395. Habit cures habit.
- 396. Half a loaf is better than no bread.
- 397. "Hamlet" without the Prince of Denmark.
- 398. Handsome is that handsome does.
- 399. Happiness takes no account of time.
- 400. Happy is he that is happy in his children.
- 401. Hard words break no bones.
- 402. Hares may pull dead lions by the beard.
- 403. Harm watch, harm catch.
- 404. Haste makes waste.
- 405. Hasty climbers have sudden falls.
- 406. Hate not at the first harm.
- 407. Hatred is blind, as well as love.
- 408. Hawks will not pick hawks' eyes.
- 409. He begins to die that quits his desires.
- 410.. He cannot speak well that cannot hold his tongue.
- 411. He carries fire in one hand and water in the other.
- 412. He dances well to whom fortune pipes.
- 413. He gives twice who gives in a trice.
- 414. He goes long barefoot that waits for dead man's shoes.
- 415. He is a fool that forgets himself.
- 416. He is a good friend that speaks well of us behind our backs.
- 417. He is happy that thinks himself so.
- 418. He is lifeless that is faultless.
- 419. He is not fit to command others that cannot command himself.
- 420. He is not laughed at that laughs at himself first.
- 421. He is not poor that has little, but he that desires much.
- 422. He jests at scars that never felt a wound.

- 423. He knows best what good is that has endured evil.
- 424. He knows how many beans make five.
- 425. He knows much who knows how to hold his tongue.
- 426. He laughs best who laughs last.
- 427. He lives long that lives well.
- 428. He must needs swim that is held up by the chin.
- 429. He should have a long spoon that sups with the devil.
- 430. He smells best that smells of nothing.
- 431. He that comes first to the hill may sit where he will.
- 432. He that commits a fault thinks everyone speaks of it.
- 433. He that does you an i!i turn will never forgive you.
- 434. He that fears every bush must never go a-birding.
- 435. He that fears you present will hate you absent.
- 436. He that goes a borrowing, goes a sorrowing.
- 437.. He that goes barefoot must not plant thorns.
- 438. He that has a full purse never wanted a friend.
- 439. He that has a great nose thinks everybody is speaking of it.
- 440. He that has an ill name is half hanged.
- 441. He that has no children knows not what love is.
- 442. He that has He head needs no hat.
- 443. He that has no money needs no purse.
- 444. He that is born to be hanged shall never be drowned.
- 445. He that is full of himself is very empty.
- 446. He that is ill to himself will be good to nobody.
- 447. He that is warm thinks all so.
- 448. He that knows nothing doubts nothing.
- 449. He that lies down with dogs must rise up with fleas.
- 450. He that lives with cripples learns to limp.
- 451. He that mischief hatches, mischief catches.
- 452. He that never climbed never fell.
- 453. He that once deceives is ever suspected.
- 454. He that promises too much means nothing.
- 455. He that respects not is not respected.
- 456. He that seeks trouble never misses.
- 457. He that serves everybody is paid by nobody.
- 458. He that serves God for money will serve the devil for better wages.
- 459. He that spares the bad injures the good.
- 460. He that talks much errs much.
- 461. He that talks much lies much.

- 462. He that will eat the kernel must crack the nut.
- 463. He that will not when he may, when he will he shall have nay.
- 464. He that will steal an egg will steal an ox.
- 465. He that will thrive, must rise at five.
- 466. He that would eat the fruit must climb the tree.
- 467.. He that would have eggs must endure the cackling of hens.
- 468. He who is born a fool is never cured.
- 469. He who hesitates is lost.
- 470. He who likes borrowing dislikes paying.
- 471. He who makes no mistakes, makes nothing.
- 472. He who pleased everybody died before he was born.
- 473. He who says what he likes, shall hear what he doesn't like.
- 474. He who would catch fish must not mind getting wet.
- 475. He who would eat the nut must first crack the shell.
- 476. He who would search for pearls must dive below.
- 477. He will never set the Thames on fire.
- 478. He works best who knows his trade.
- 479. Head cook and bottle-washer.
- 480. Health is not valued till sickness comes.
- 481. His money burns a hole in his pocket.
- 482. Honesty is the best policy.
- 483. Honey is not for the hole's mouth.
- 484. Honey is sweet, but the bee stings.
- 485. Honour and profit lie not in one sack.
- 486. Honours change manners...
- 487. Hope is a good breakfast, but a bad supper.
- 488. Hope is the poor man's bread.
- 489. Hunger breaks stone walls.
- 490. Hunger finds no fault with cookery.
- 491. Hunger is the best sauce.
- 492. Hungry bellies have no ears.
- 493. Idle folks lack no excuses.
- 494. Idleness is the mother of all evil.
- 495. Idleness rusts the mind.
- 496. If an hole (donkey) bray at you, don't bray at him.
- 497. If ifs and ans were pots and pans...
- 498. If my aunt had been a man, she'd have been my uncle.
- 499. If the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch...
- 500. If the sky falls, we shall catch larks.

- 501. If there were no clouds, we should not enjoy the sun.
- 502. If things were to be done twice all would be wise.
- 503. If we can't as we would, we must do as we can.
- 504. If wishes were horses, beggars might ride.
- 505. If you agree to carry the calf, they'll make you carry the cow.
- 506. If you cannot bite, never show your teeth.
- 507. If you cannot have the best, make the best of what you have.
- 508. If you dance you must pay the fiddler.
- 509. If you laugh before breakfast you'll cry before supper.
- 510. If you run after two hares, you will catch neither.
- 511. If you sell the cow, you sell her milk too.
- 512. If you throw mud enough, some of it will stick.
- 513. If you try to please all you will please none.
- 514. If you want a thing well done, do it yourself.
- 515. Ill-gotten gains never prosper.
- 516. Ill-gotten, ill-spent.
- 517. In every beginning think of the end.
- 518. In for a penny, in for a pound.
- 519. In the country of the blind one-eyed man is a king.
- 520. In the end things will mend.
- 521. In the evening one may praise the day.
- 522. Iron hand (fist) in a velvet glove.
- 523. It is a good horse that never stumbles.
- 524. It is a long lane that has no turning.
- 525. It is a poor mouse that has only one hole.
- 526. It is an ill bird that fouls its own nest.
- 527. It is an ill wind that blows nobody good.
- 528. It is a silly fish, that is caught twice with the same bait.
- 529. It is easy to swim if another holds up your chin (head).
- 530. It is enough to make a cat laugh.
- 531. It is good fishing in troubled waters.
- 532. It is never too late to learn.
- 533. It is no use crying over spilt milk.
- 534. It is the first step that costs.
- 535. It never rains but it pours.
- 536. It's as broad as it's long.
- 537. It's no use pumping a dry well.
- 538. It's one thing to flourish and another to fight.
- 539. It takes all sorts to make a world.

- 540. Jackdaw in peacock's feathers.
- 541. Jest with an hole and he will flap you in the face with his tail.
- 542. Judge not of men and things at first sight.
- 543. Just as the twig is bent, the tree is inclined.
- 544. Keep a thing seven years and you will find a use for it.
- 545. Keep your mouth shut and your ears open.
- 546. Keep your mouth shut and your eyes open.
- 547. Last, but not least.
- 548. Laws catch flies, but let hornets go free.
- 549. Learn to creep before you leap.
- 550. Learn to say before you sing.
- 551. Learn wisdom by the follies of others.
- 552. Least said, soonest mended.
- 553.. Leaves without figs.
- 554. Let bygones be bygones.
- 555. Let every man praise the bridge he goes over.
- 556. Let sleeping dogs lie.
- 557. Let well (enough) alone.
- 558. Liars need good memories.
- 559. Lies have short legs.
- 560. Life is but a span.
- 561. Life is not a bed of roses.
- 562. Life is not all cakes and ale (beer and skittles).
- 563. Like a cat on hot bricks.
- 564. Like a needle in a haystack.
- 565. Like begets like.
- 566. Like cures like.
- 567. Like father, like son.
- 568. Like draws to like.
- 569. Like master, like man.
- 570. Like mother, like daughter.
- 571. Like parents, like children.
- 572. Like priest, like people.
- 573. Like teacher, like pupil.
- 574. Little chips light great fires.
- 575. Little knowledge is a dangerous thing.
- 576.. Little pigeons can carry great messages.
- **577.** Little pitchers have long ears.
- 578. Little strokes fell great oaks.

- 579. Little thieves are hanged, but great ones escape.
- 580. Little things amuse little minds.
- 581. Live and learn.
- 582. Live and let live.
- 583. Live not to eat, but eat to live.
- 584. Long absent, soon forgotten.
- 585. Look before you leap.
- 586. Look before you leap, but having leapt never look back.
- 587. Lookers-on see more than players.
- 588. Lord (God, Heaven) helps those (them) who help themselves.
- 589. Lost time is never found again.
- 590. Love cannot be forced.
- 591. Love in a cottage.
- 592. Love is blind, as well as hatred.
- 593. Love me, love my dog.
- 594. Love will creep where it may not go.
- 595. Make haste slowly.
- 596. Make hay while the sun shines,
- 597. Make or mar.
- 598. Man proposes but God disposes.
- 599. Many a fine dish has nothing on it.
- 600. Many a good cow has a bad calf.
- 601. Many a good father has but a bad son.
- 602. Many a little makes a mickle.
- 603. Many a true word is spoken in jest.
- 604. Many hands make light work.
- 605. Many men, many minds.
- 606. Many words hurt more than swords.
- 607. Many words will not fill a bushel.
- 608. Marriages are made in heaven.
- 609. Measure for measure.
- 610. Measure thrice and cut once.
- 611. Men may meet but mountains never.
- 612. Mend or end (end or mend).
- 613. Might goes before right.
- 614. Misfortunes never come alone (singly).
- 615. Misfortunes tell us what fortune is.
- 616. Money begets money.
- 617. Money has no smell.

- 618. Money is a good servant but a bad master.
- 619. Money often unmakes the men who make it.
- 620. Money spent on the brain is never spent in vain.
- 621. More haste, less speed.
- 622. Much ado about nothing.
- 623. Much will have more.
- 624. Muck and money go together.
- 625. Murder will out.
- 626. My house is my castle.
- 627. Name not a rope in his house that was hanged.
- 628. Necessity is the mother of invention.
- 629. Necessity knows no law.
- 630. Neck or nothing.
- 631. Need makes the old wife trot.
- 632. Needs must when the devil drives.
- 633. Neither fish nor flesh.
- 634. Neither here nor there.
- 635. Neither rhyme nor reason.
- 636. Never cackle till your egg is laid.
- 637. Never cast dirt into that fountain of which you have sometime drunk.
- 638. Never do things by halves.
- 639. Never fry a fish till it's caught.
- 640. Never offer to teach fish to swim.
- 641. Never put off till tomorrow what you can do (can be done) today.
- 642. Never guit certainty for hope.
- 643. Never too much of a good thing.
- 644. Never try to prove what nobody doubts.
- 645. Never write what you dare not sign.
- 646. New brooms sweep clean.
- 647. New lords, new laws.
- 648. Nightingales will not sing in a cage.
- 649. No flying from fate.
- 650. No garden without its weeds.
- 651.. No great loss without some small gain.
- 652. No herb will cure love.
- 653. No joy without alloy.
- 654. No living man all things can.
- 655. No longer pipe, no longer dance.

- 656. No man is wise at all times.
- 657. No man loves his fetters, be they made of gold.
- 658. No news (is) good news.
- 659. No pains, no gains.
- 660. No song, no supper.
- 661. No sweet without (some) sweat.
- 662. No wisdom like silence.
- 663. None but the brave deserve the fair.
- 664. None so blind as those who won't see..
- 665. None so deaf as those that won't hear.
- 666. Nothing comes out of the sack but what was in it.
- 667. Nothing is impossible to a willing heart.
- 668. Nothing must be done hastily but killing of fleas.
- 669. Nothing so bad, as not to be good for something.
- 670. Nothing succeeds like success.
- 671. Nothing venture, nothing have.
- 672. Oaks may fall when reeds stand the storm.
- 673. Of two evils choose the least.
- 674. Old birds are not caught with chaff.
- 675. Old friends and old wine are best.
- 676. On Shank's mare.
- 677. Once bitten, twice shy.
- 678. Once is no rule (custom).
- 679. One beats the bush, and another catches the bird.
- 680. One chick keeps a hen busy.
- 681. One drop of poison infects the whole tun of wine.
- 682. One fire drives out another.
- 683. One good turn deserves another.
- 684. One law for the rich, and another for the poor.
- 685. One lie makes many.
- 686. One link broken, the whole chain is broken.
- 687. One man, no man.
- 688. One man's meat is another man's poison.
- 689. One scabby sheep will mar a whole flock.
- 690. One swallow does not make a summer.
- 691. One today is worth two tomorrow.
- 692. Open not your door when the devil knocks.
- 693. Opinions differ.
- 694. Opportunity makes the thief.

- 695. Out of sight, out of mind.
- 696. Out of the frying-pan into the fire.
- 697. Packed like herrings.
- 698. Patience is a plaster for all sores.
- 699. Penny-wise and pound-foolish.
- 700. Pleasure has a sting in its tail.
- 701. Plenty is no plague.
- 702. Politeness costs little (nothing), but yields much.
- 703. Poverty is no sin.
- 704. Poverty is not a shame, but the being ashamed of it is.
- 705. Practice what you preach.
- 706. Praise is not pudding.
- 707. Pride goes before a fall.
- 708. Procrastination is the thief of time.
- 709. Promise is debt.
- 710. Promise little, but do much.
- 711. Prosperity makes friends, and adversity tries them.
- 712. Put not your hand between the bark and the tree.
- 713. Rain at seven, fine at eleven.
- 714. Rats desert a sinking ship.
- 715. Repentance is good, but innocence is better.
- 716. Respect yourself, or no one else will respect you.
- 717. Roll my log and I will roll yours.
- 718. Rome was not built in a day.
- 719. Salt water and absence wash away love.
- 720. Saying and doing are two things.
- 721. Score twice before you cut once.
- 722. Scornful dogs will eat dirty puddings.
- 723. Scratch my back and I'll scratch yours.
- 724. Self done is soon done.
- 725. Self done is well done.
- 726. Self is a bad counselor.
- 727. Self-praise is no recommendation.
- 728. Set a beggar on horseback and he'll ride to the devil.
- 729. Set a thief to catch a thief.
- 730. Shallow streams make most din.
- 731. Short debts (accounts) make long friends.
- 732. Silence gives consent.
- 733. Since Adam was a boy.

- 734. Sink or swim!
- 735. Six of one and half a dozen of the other.
- 736. Slow and steady wins the race.
- 737. Slow but sure.
- 738. Small rain lays great dust.
- 739. So many countries, so many customs.
- 740. So many men, so many minds.
- 741. Soft fire makes sweet malt.
- 742. Something is rotten in the state of Denmark.
- 743. Soon learnt, soon forgotten.
- 744. Soon ripe, soon rotten.
- 745. Speak (talk) of the devil and he will appear (is sure to appear).
- 746. Speech is silver but silence is gold.
- 747. Standers-by see more than gamesters.
- 748. Still waters run deep.
- 749. Stolen pleasures are sweetest.
- 750. Stretch your arm no further than your sleeve will reach.
- 751. Stretch your legs according to the coverlet.
- 752. Strike while the iron is hot.
- 753. Stuff today and starve tomorrow.
- 754. Success is never blamed.
- 755. Such carpenters, such chips.
- 756. Sweep before your own door.
- 757. Take care of the pence and the pounds will take care of themselves.
- 758. Take us as you find us.
- 759. Tarred with the same brush.
- 760. Tastes differ.
- 761. Tell that to the marines.
- 762. That cock won't fight.
- 763. That which one least anticipates soonest comes to pass.
- 764. That's a horse of another colour.
- 765. That's where the shoe pinches!
- 766. The beggar may sing before the thief (before a footpad).
- 767. The best fish smell when they are three days old.
- 768. The best fish swim near the bottom.
- 769. The best is oftentimes the enemy of the good.
- 770. The busiest man finds the most leisure.
- 771. The camel going to seek horns lost his ears.
- 772. The cap fits.

- 773. The cask savours of the first fill.
- 774. The cat shuts its eyes when stealing cream.
- 775. The cat would eat fish and would not wet her paws.
- 776. The chain is no stronger than its weakest link.
- 777. The cobbler should stick to his last.
- 778. The cobbler's wife is the worst shod.
- 779. The darkest hour is that before the dawn.
- 780. The darkest place is under the candlestick.
- 781. The devil is not so black as he is painted.
- 782. The devil knows many things because he is old.
- 783. The devil lurks behind the cross.
- 784. The devil rebuking sin.
- 785. The dogs bark, but the caravan goes on.
- 786. The Dutch have taken Holland!
- 787. The early bird catches the worm.
- 788. The end crowns the work.
- 789. The end justifies the means.
- 790. The evils we bring on ourselves are hardest to bear.
- 791. The exception proves the rule.
- 792. The face is the index of the mind.
- 793.. The falling out of lovers is the renewing of love.
- 794. The fat is in the fire.
- 795. The first blow is half the battle.
- 796. The furthest way about is the nearest way home.
- 797. The game is not worth the candle...
- 798. The heart that once truly loves never forgets.
- 799. The higher the ape goes, the more he shows his tail.
- 800. The last drop makes the cup run over.
- 801. The last straw breaks the camel's back.
- 802. The leopard cannot change its spots.
- 803. The longest day has an end.
- 804. The mill cannot grind with the water that is past.
- 805. The moon does not heed the barking of dogs.
- 806. The more haste, the less speed.
- 807. The more the merrier.
- 808. The morning sun never lasts a day.
- 809. The mountain has brought forth a mouse.
- 810. The nearer the bone, the sweeter the flesh.
- 811. The pitcher goes often to the well but is broken at last.

- 812. The pot calls the kettle black.
- 813. The proof of the pudding is in the eating.
- 814. The receiver is as bad as the thief.
- 815. The remedy is worse than the disease.
- 816. The rotten apple injures its neighbours.
- 817. The scalded dog fears cold water.
- 818. The tailor makes the man.
- 819. The tongue of idle persons is never idle.
- 820. The voice of one man is the voice of no one.
- 821. The way (the road) to hell is paved with good intentions.
- 822. The wind cannot be caught in a net.
- 823. The work shows the workman.
- 824. There are lees to every wine.
- 825. There are more ways to the wood than one.
- 826. There is a place for everything, and everything in its place.
- 827. There is more than one way to kill a cat.
- 828. There is no fire without smoke.
- 829. There is no place like home.
- 830. There is no rose without a thorn.
- 831. There is no rule without an exception.
- 832. There is no smoke without fire.
- 833. There's many a slip 'tween (== between) the cup and the lip.
- 834. There's no use crying over split milk.
- 835. They are hand and glove.
- 836. They must hunger in winter that will not work in summer.
- 837. Things past cannot be recalled.
- 838. Think today and speak tomorrow.
- 839. Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones.
- 840. Time and tide wait for no man.
- 841. Time cures all things.
- 842. Time is money.
- 843. Time is the great healer.
- 844. Time works wonders.
- 845. To add fuel (oil) to the fire (flames).
- 846. To angle with a silver hook.
- 847. To be born with a silver spoon in one's mouth.
- 848. To be head over ears in debt.
- 849. To be in one's birthday suit.
- 850. To be up to the ears in love.

- 851. To be wise behind the hand.
- 852. To beat about the bush.
- 853. To beat the air.
- 854. To bring grist to somebody's mill.
- 855. To build a fire under oneself.
- 856. To buy a pig in a poke.
- 857. To call a spade a spade.
- 858. To call off the dogs.
- 859. To carry coals to Newcastle.
- 860. To cast pearls before swine.
- 861. To cast prudence to the winds.
- 862. To come away none the wiser.
- 863. To come off cheap.
- 864. To come off with a whole skin.
- 865. To come off with flying colours.
- 866. To come out dry.
- 867. To come out with clean hands.
- 868. To cook a hare before catching him.
- 869. To cry with one eye and laugh with the other.
- 870. To cut one's throat with a feather.
- 871. To draw (pull) in one's horns.
- 872. To drop a bucket into an empty well.
- 873. To draw water in a sieve.
- 874. To eat the calf in the cow's belly.
- 875. To err is human.
- 876. To fiddle while Rome is burning.
- 877. To fight with one's own shadow.
- 878. To find a mare's nest.
- 879. To fish in troubled waters.
- 880. To fit like a glove.
- 881. To flog a dead horse.
- 882. To get out of bed on the wrong side.
- 883. To give a lark to catch a kite.
- 884. To go for wool and come home shorn.
- 885. To go through fire and water (through thick and thin).
- 886. To have a finger in the pie.
- 887. To have rats in the attic.
- 888. To hit the nail on the head.
- 889. To kick against the pricks.

- 890. To kill two birds with one stone.
- 891. To know everything is to know nothing.
- 892. To know on which side one's bread is buttered.
- 893. To know what's what.
- 894. To lay by for a rainy day.
- 895. To live from hand to mouth.
- 896. To lock the stable-door after the horse is stolen.
- 897. To look for a needle in a haystack.
- 898. To love somebody (something) as the devil loves holy water.
- 899. To make a mountain out of a molehill.
- 900. To make both ends meet.
- 901. To make the cup run over.
- 902. To make (to turn) the air blue.
- 903. To measure another man's foot by one's own last.
- 904. To measure other people's corn by one's own bushel.
- 905. To pay one back in one's own coin.
- 906. To plough the sand.
- 907. To pour water into a sieve.
- 908. To pull the chestnuts out of the fire for somebody.
- 909. To pull the devil by the tail.
- 910. To put a spoke in somebody's wheel.
- 911. To put off till Doomsday.
- 912. To put (set) the cart before the horse.
- 913. To rob one's belly to cover one's back.
- 914. To roll in money.
- 915. To run with the hare and hunt with the hounds.
- 916. To save one's bacon.
- 917. To send (carry) owls to Athens.
- 918. To set the wolf to keep the sheep.
- 919. To stick to somebody like a leech.
- 920. To strain at a gnat and swallow a camel.
- 921. To take counsel of one's pillow.
- 922. To take the bull by the horns.
- 923. To teach the dog to bark.
- 924. To tell tales out of school.
- 925. To throw a stone in one's own garden.
- 926. To throw dust in somebody's eyes.
- 927. To throw straws against the wind.
- 928. To treat somebody with a dose of his own medicine.

- 929. To use a steam-hammer to crack nuts.
- 930. To wash one's dirty linen in public.
- 931. To wear one's heart upon one's sleeve.
- 932. To weep over an onion.
- 933. To work with the left hand.
- 934. Tomorrow come never.
- 935. Too many cooks spoil the broth.
- 936. Too much knowledge makes the head bald.
- 937. Too much of a good thing is good for nothing.
- 938. Too much water drowned the miller.
- 939. Too swift arrives as tardy as too slow.
- 940. True blue will never stain.
- 941. True coral needs no painter's brush.
- 942. Truth comes out of the mouths of babes and sucklings.
- 943. Truth is stranger than fiction.
- 944. Truth lies at the bottom of a well.
- 945. Two blacks do not make a white.
- 946. Two heads are better than one.
- 947. Two is company, but three is none.
- 948. Velvet paws hide sharp claws.
- 949. Virtue is its own reward.
- 950. Wait for the cat to jump.
- 951. Walls have ears.
- 952. Wash your dirty linen at home.
- 953. Waste not, want not.
- 954. We know not what is good until we have lost it.
- 955. We never know the value of water till the well is dry.
- 956. We shall see what we shall see.
- 957. We soon believe what we desire.
- 958. Wealth is nothing without health.
- 959. Well begun is half done.
- 960. What can't be cured, must be endured.
- 961. What is bred in the bone will not go out of the flesh.
- 962. What is done by night appears by day.
- 963. What is done cannot be undone.
- 964. What is got over the devil's back is spent under his belly.
- 965. What is lost is lost.
- 966. What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.
- 967. What is worth doing at alt is worth doing well.

- 968. What must be, must be.
- 969. What the heart thinks the tongue speaks.
- 970. What we do willingly is easy.
- 971. When angry, count a hundred.
- 972. When at Rome, do as the Romans do.
- 973. When children stand quiet, they have done some harm.

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