**[Proverbs](http://engtuto.com/proverbs/)** are wise sayings that give advice about life. They are the gems of wisdom.  Proverbs are culturally specific, yet their meaning has the universality; everyone can relate to them in some way and on some level. There is a proverb for almost any situation. We may sometimes not understand a big lecture but we understand a small proverb very easily because the truth they speak can span the globe. They can also give a greater potency to what is being conveyed. For example, in trying to explain the consequences of evil deeds, the proverb [" As you sow, so shall you reap."](http://engtuto.com/proverbs/)teaches the lesson- “You can’t escape the consequences of your actions.”

 If you really want to take your English to a higher level, or you want to speak English like a **native speaker**, it is important to learn as many proverbs as possible.  If you are preparing for an exam like the **TOEFL** or the**IELTS,**  it would definitely be worthwhile to learn and practice all the proverbs listed below.

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**Proverbs**

**1) A bad man is better than a bad name.**

**Meaning:**A bad name spreads very fast and reaches everywhere before a bad

man even reaches there

**2) A bad workman quarrels with his tools.**

**Meaning:**Blaming tools for bad workmanship is an excuse for lack of skill.

**3) A bird in hand in worth two in the bush.**

**Meaning :**It is better to keep what you have rather than to risk losing it by

 searching for something better.

**4) A burnt child dreads the fire.**

**Meaning:**A bad experience will make people stay away from certain things.

**5) A drop in the ocean.**

**Meaning:**a very small amount compared to the amount needed

**6) A drowning man catches at a straw.**

**Meaning:**someone who is in a very difficult situation, and who will take any available opportunity to improve it.

**7) A figure among ciphers.**

**Meaning:**In the kingdom of the blind the one-eyed man is king

**8) A guilty conscience is always suspicious.**

**Meaning:**the guilty feel bad about what they've done,and are suspicious of others doing the same thing to them

**9) A hard nut to crack.**

**Meaning:**a problem that is very difficult to solve or a person who is very difficult to understand

**10) A honey tongue, a heart of gall.**

**Meaning:**Someone who speaks very sweetly, but who has a heart which is very bitter!

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**11) A little knowledge is a dangerous thing.**

**Meaning:**A small amount of knowledge can mislead people into thinking that they are more expert than they really are.

**12) A nine day's wonder.**

**Meaning:**something that people talk about a lot but only for a short time

**13) A rotten apple injures its companions.**

**Meaning:**A dishonest or immoral person can have a bad influence on a group.

**14) A stich in time saves nine.**

**Meaning:**If you deal with a problem at an early stage you will save time and prevent it from getting worse.

**15) A wolf in sheep's clothing.**

**Meaning:**a person or thing that appears friendly or harmless but is really hostile.

**16) All's well that ends well.**

**Meaning:**There is a solution to everything even if there are doubts.

**17) An empty vessel sounds much.**

**Meaning:**The least intelligent people are often the most talkative or noisy.

**18) As the king, so are the subjects.**

**Meaning:**the quality of the people in a family or a team depends a lot the quality head of the family/ captain of the team.

**19) As you sow, so shall you reap.**

**Meaning:**You have to accept the consequences of your actions.

**20) Avarice is the root of all evils.**

**Meaning:**Greediness is the cause of all evils.

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