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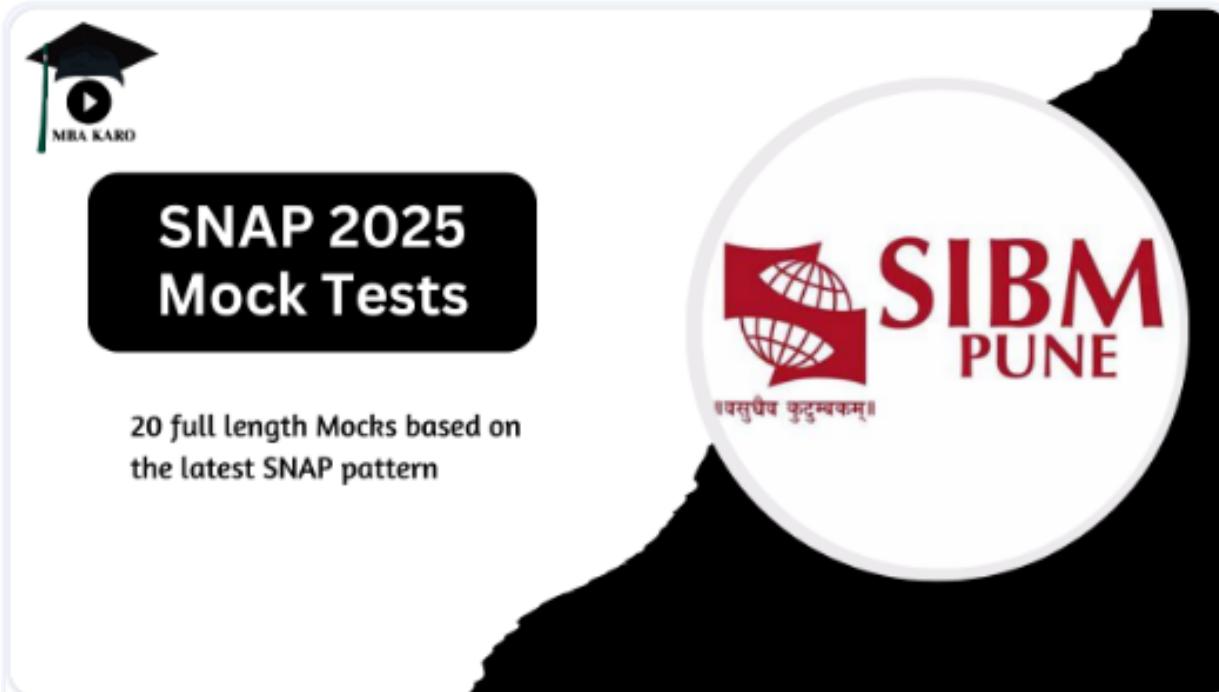


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List of Proverbs

Proverb	Meaning
A bad beginning makes a bad ending.	Poor starts lead to poor results.
A bad corn promise is better than a good lawsuit.	Weak agreement beats long court fight.
A bad workman quarrels with his tools.	Incompetent people blame their equipment.
A bargain is a bargain.	Once agreed, a deal must be honored.
A beggar can never be bankrupt.	Someone with nothing can't lose more.
A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.	Secure gain beats risky possibilities.
A bird may be known by its song.	Actions reveal true character.
A black hen lays a white egg.	Good results from unexpected sources.
A blind leader of the blind.	Incompetent guides lead to disaster.
A blind man would be glad to see.	Appreciate what you have.
A broken friendship may be soldered, but will never be sound.	Repaired bonds remain weak.

Proverb	Meaning
A burden of one's own choice is not felt.	Self-chosen tasks feel light.
A burnt child dreads the fire.	Bad experiences make people cautious.
A cat in gloves catches no mice.	Too much caution misses opportunities.
A cat may look at a king.	Even lowly have some rights.
A change is as good as a rest.	Variety refreshes better than break.
A city that parleys is half gotten.	Too much negotiation weakens position.
A civil denial is better than a rude grant.	Polite refusal beats harsh acceptance.
A clean fast is better than a dirty breakfast.	Honest refusal beats dishonest gain.
A clean hand wants no washing.	Innocent people need no defense.
A clear conscience laughs at false accusations.	Guiltless people ignore false blame.
A clear conscience sleeps in thunder.	Innocent fear nothing.
A close mouth catches no flies.	Silence avoids unnecessary trouble.
A cock is valiant on his own dunghill.	People are brave only at home.

Proverb	Meaning
A constant guest is never welcome.	Frequent visitors become annoying.
A coward dies a thousand deaths, a hero dies but one.	Fearful suffer repeatedly.
A cracked bell can never sound well.	Permanent damage can't be fully fixed.
A creaking door hangs long on its hinges.	Annoying things often last longest.
A cursed cow has short horns.	Complainers usually lack real power.
A danger foreseen is half avoided.	Advance warning prevents half the problem.
A drop in the bucket.	Very small amount compared to need.
A drowning man will catch at a straw.	Desperate people accept any help.
A fair exchange brings no robbery.	Equal trade completely fair.
A fair face may hide a foul heart.	Attractive people can be evil.
A fault confessed is half redressed.	Admitting mistakes helps fix them.
A fly in the ointment.	Small problem spoils everything.
A fool always rushes to the fore.	Stupid people act without thinking.

Proverb	Meaning
A fool and his money are soon parted.	Naive people lose money quickly.
A fool at forty is a fool indeed.	Stupidity at mature age is shameful.
A fool's bolt is soon shot.	Fools act quickly, fail fast.
A fool may ask more questions in an hour than a wise man can answer in seven years.	Beginners ask basic questions endlessly.
A fool may throw a stone into a well which a hundred wise men cannot pull out.	Easy to cause damage, hard to undo.
A fool's tongue runs before his wit.	Fools speak before thinking.
A forced kindness deserves no thanks.	Unwilling help gets no gratitude.
A foul morn may turn to a fair day.	Bad starts can end well.
A fox is not taken twice in the same snare.	Smart people don't repeat mistakes.
A friend in court is better than a penny in purse.	Connections worth more than money.
A friend in need is a friend indeed.	True friends help during trouble.
A friend is never known till needed.	Crises reveal true friends.
A friend to all is a friend to none.	Trying to please everyone pleases no one.

Proverb	Meaning
A friend's frown is better than a foe's smile.	Honest criticism helps more than fake praise.
A good anvil does not fear the hammer.	Quality withstands testing.
A good beginning is half the battle.	Strong start wins half the fight.
A good beginning makes a good ending.	Careful planning ensures success.
A good deed is never lost.	Kindness always returns.
A good dog deserves a good bone.	Good work deserves reward.
A good example is the best sermon.	Actions teach better than words.
A good face is a letter of recommendation.	Good appearance creates good impression.
A good Jack makes a good Jill.	Good partners create good teams.
A good marksman may miss.	Even experts make mistakes.
A good name is a second passport.	A good name is a second passport.
A good name is better than riches.	Reputation worth more than money.
A good name is sooner lost than won.	Reputation easy to lose, hard to build.
A good name keeps its luster in the dark.	True character shines secretly.

Proverb	Meaning
A good wife makes a good husband.	Good partners improve each other.
A great dowry is a bed full of brambles.	Large gifts bring hidden problems.
A great fortune is a great slavery.	Too much wealth brings worries.
A great ship asks deep waters.	Big plans need big resources.
A guilty conscience needs no accuser.	Wrongdoers punish themselves.
A hard nut to crack.	Very difficult problem.
A heavy purse makes a light heart.	Money reduces worries.
A hedge between keeps friendship green.	Distance preserves friendship.
A honey tongue, a heart of gall.	Sweet words hide bad intentions.
A hungry belly has no ears.	Hungry people ignore advice.
A hungry man is an angry man.	Need creates anger.
A Jack of all trades is master of none.	Doing many things means excelling at none.
A joke never gains an enemy but often loses a friend.	Humor can offend close ones.
A lawyer never goes to law himself.	Experts avoid their own field.
A lazy sheep thinks its wool heavy.	Lazy people complain about easy work.

Proverb	Meaning
A liar is not believed when he speaks the truth.	Habitual liars lose all credibility.
A lie begets a lie.	One lie requires more lies.
A light purse is a heavy curse.	Poverty causes great suffering.
A light purse makes a heavy heart.	Lack of money causes sadness.
A little body often harbors a great soul.	Small people have big talents.
A little fire is quickly trodden out.	Small problems easily solved.
A man can die but once.	Death comes only once.
A man can do no more than he can.	Nobody exceeds their ability.
A man is known by the company he keeps.	Friends show your character.
A man of words and not of deeds is like a garden full of weeds.	Talk without action is useless.
A miserly father makes a prodigal son.	Stingy parents create wasteful children.
A miss is as good as a mile.	Near miss equals total failure.
A new broom sweeps clean.	New people bring fresh energy.
A nod from a lord is a breakfast for a fool.	Small favors excite foolish people.
A penny saved is a penny gained.	Saving money equals earning.

Proverb	Meaning
A penny soul never came to twopence.	Small thinkers stay poor.
A quiet conscience sleeps in thunder.	Innocent people sleep peacefully.
A rolling stone gathers no moss.	Constant changers achieve nothing.
A round peg in a square hole.	Wrong person for the job.
A shy cat makes a proud mouse.	Hesitation encourages opponents.
A silent fool is counted wise.	Quiet people seem intelligent.
A small leak will sink a great ship.	Small neglect destroys big things.
A soft answer turns away wrath.	Kind reply calms anger.
A sound mind in a sound body.	Good health needed for good thinking.
A stitch in time saves nine.	Early fix prevents bigger problems.
A storm in a teacup.	Much fuss over small issue.
A tattler is worse than a thief.	Gossip harms more than stealing.
A thief knows a thief as a wolf knows a wolf.	Criminals recognize each other.
A thief passes for a gentleman when stealing has made him rich.	Crime appears respectable when successful.
A threatened blow is seldom given.	Warnings rarely become action.

Proverb	Meaning
A tree is known by its fruit.	Results show true quality.
A wager is a fool's argument.	Betting doesn't solve disputes wisely.
A watched pot never boils.	Time feels slow when you're waiting anxiously.
A wise man changes his mind, a fool never will.	Smart people adapt when wrong.
A wolf in sheep's clothing.	Dangerous person pretending to be harmless.
A wonder lasts but nine days.	New excitement fades quickly.
A word is enough to the wise.	Smart people understand hints quickly.
A word spoken is past recalling.	Once said, words can't be unsaid.
Actions speak louder than words.	Deeds prove more than promises.
Adversity is a great schoolmaster.	Hard times teach best lessons.
Adversity makes strange bedfellows.	Crises unite unlikely allies.
After a storm comes a calm.	Bad times always end.
After dinner comes the reckoning.	Enjoyment is followed by payment.
After dinner sit sleep a while, after supper walk a mile.	Rest after lunch, walk after dinner.

Proverb	Meaning
After rain comes fair weather.	Difficult periods lead to good times.
After us the deluge.	Leave problems for others to solve.
Agnes come on horseback, but go away on foot.	Guests arrive grandly, leave humbly.
All are good lasses, but whence come the bad wives?	Innocent today may change tomorrow.
All are not friends that speak us fair.	Nice words don't mean true friendship.
All are not hunters that blow the horn.	Boasting doesn't prove ability.
All are not merry that dance lightly.	Happy appearance may hide sadness.
All are not saints that go to church.	Religious appearance doesn't mean good character.
All asses wag their ears.	Fools show their foolishness clearly.
All bread is not baked in one oven.	Different sources give different quality.
All cats are grey in the dark.	Differences don't matter in confusion.
All covet, all lose.	Greed makes everyone lose.
All doors open to courtesy.	Politeness gets you everywhere.

Proverb	Meaning
All is fish that comes to his net.	Opportunist takes whatever comes.
All is not lost that is in peril.	Danger doesn't mean total loss.
All is well that ends well.	Good result makes journey worthwhile.
All lay load on the willing horse.	Helpers get more work dumped on them.
All men can't be first.	Only one can be number one.
All men can't be masters.	Everyone can't be boss.
All promises are either broken or kept.	No middle ground with commitments.
All roads lead to Rome.	Many paths reach same goal.
All sugar and honey.	Excessive flattery.
All that glitters is not gold.	Appearances can be deceptive.
All things are difficult before they are easy.	Practice makes everything simple.
All truths are not to be told.	Some honesty can hurt others.
All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.	Need balance between study and fun.
Almost never killed a fly was never hanged.	Truly innocent people rarely punished.

Proverb	Meaning
Among the blind the one-eyed man is king.	Better than average rules mediocrity.
An apple a day keeps the doctor away.	Daily prevention better than cure.
An hole in a lion's skin.	Fake bravery without substance.
An hole is but an hole, though laden with gold.	Flaws remain despite advantages.
An hole loaded with gold climbs to the top of the castle.	Money buys success.
An empty hand is no lure for a hawk.	Nothing attracts nothing.
An empty sack cannot stand upright.	Lack of substance causes collapse.
An empty vessel gives a greater sound than a full barrel.	Ignorant people talk loudest.
An evil chance seldom comes alone.	Bad luck comes in clusters.
An honest tale speeds best, being plainly told.	Truth spreads fastest when simple.
An hour in the morning is worth two in the evening.	Morning study more productive.
An idle brain is the devil's workshop.	Boredom leads to mischief.

Proverb	Meaning
An ill wound is cured, not an ill name.	Physical injuries heal, reputation doesn't.
An oak is not felled at one stroke.	Big achievements take time.
An old dog barks not in vain.	Experienced people warn for reason.
An open door may tempt a saint.	Opportunity tests even good people.
An ounce of discretion is worth a pound of learning.	Common sense beats book knowledge.
An ox is taken by the horns, and a man by the tongue.	Animals by force, people by words.
An unfortunate man would be drowned in a teacup.	Unlucky people find trouble everywhere.
Anger and haste hinder good counsel.	Rage and speed ruin decisions.
Any port in a storm.	Desperate times call for any solution.
Appearances are deceitful.	Looks can be misleading.
Appetite comes with eating.	More you do, more you want.
As drunk as a lord.	Extremely intoxicated.
As innocent as a babe unborn.	Completely pure and guiltless.
As like as an apple to an oyster.	Completely different.

Proverb	Meaning
As like as two peas.	Exactly identical.
As old as the hills.	Very ancient.
As plain as the nose on a man's face.	Extremely obvious.
As plain as two and two make four.	Simple obvious truth.
As snug as a bug in a rug.	Perfectly comfortable.
As sure as eggs is eggs.	Absolutely certain.
As the call, so the echo.	Response matches the request.
As the fool thinks, so the bell clinks.	Perception shapes reality.
As the old cock crows, so does the young.	Children copy parents.
As the tree falls, so shall it lie.	Final decision can't be changed.
As the tree, so the fruit.	Results reflect the source.
As welcome as flowers in May.	Very gladly received.
As welcome as water in one's shoes.	Very unwelcome.
As well be hanged for a sheep as for a lamb.	Same punishment, so take bigger risk.
As you brew, so must you drink.	Face consequences of your actions.

Proverb	Meaning
As you make your bed, so must you lie on it.	Live with your decisions.
As you sow, so shall you reap.	Actions determine results.
Ask no questions and you will be told no lies.	Don't ask if you can't handle truth.
At the ends of the earth.	Very far away.
Bacchus has drowned more men than Neptune.	Alcohol kills more than drowning.
Bad news has wings.	Bad news spreads fast.
Barking does seldom bite.	Loud threats rarely acted upon.
Be slow to promise and quick to perform.	Don't overpromise, always deliver.
Be swift to hear, slow to speak.	Listen more, talk less.
Beauty is but skin-deep.	Looks don't reflect true worth.
Beauty lies in lovers eyes.	Love sees beauty everywhere.
Before one can say Jack Robinson.	Very quickly.
Before you make a friend eat a bushel of salt with him.	Test friendship over time.
Beggars cannot be choosers.	Needy people accept what's given.
Believe not all that you see nor half what you hear.	Verify before trusting.

Proverb	Meaning
Best defense is offense.	Attack first to protect yourself.
Better a glorious death than a shameful life.	Better fail honorably than succeed by cheating.
Better a lean peace than a fat victory.	Small success with peace better than big win with conflict.
Better a little fire to warm us, than a great one to burn us.	Small risks better than big dangers.
Better an egg today than a hen tomorrow.	Take sure gain now, not risky future.
Better an open enemy than a false friend.	Known rival better than fake ally.
Better be alone than in bad company.	Solitude better than bad influence.
Better be born lucky than rich.	Luck beats money for success.
Better be envied than pitied.	Jealousy better than sympathy.
Better be the head of a dog than the tail of a lion.	Lead small group than follow big one.
Better deny at once than promise long.	Quick refusal better than false hope.
Better die standing than live kneeling.	Fail with dignity than succeed by cheating.
Better early than late.	Starting sooner always better.

Proverb	Meaning
Better give a shilling than lend a half-crown.	Gift better than loan to avoid trouble.
Better go to bed supperless than rise in debt.	Skip pleasure than owe money.
Better late than never.	Starting now better than never.
Better lose a jest than a friend.	Keep friendship over joke.
Better one-eyed than stone-blind.	Partial skill better than none.
Better the devil you know than the devil you don't.	Known problem better than unknown.
Better the foot slip than the tongue.	Small mistake better than wrong words.
Better to do well than to say well.	Action better than talk.
Better to reign in hell, than serve in heaven.	Lead poorly than follow perfectly.
Better unborn than untaught.	Better not exist than be uneducated.
Better untaught than ill-taught.	No education better than wrong education.
Between the cup and the lip a morsel may slip.	Plans can fail at last moment.
Between the devil and the deep blue sea.	Choose between two bad options.

Proverb	Meaning
Between two evils tis not worth choosing.	Both options bad, so avoid deciding.
Between two stools one goes falls to the ground.	Trying two things loses both.
Between the upper and nether millstone.	Caught between two crushing forces.
Betwixt and between.	Unable to decide between options.
Beware of a silent dog and still water.	Quiet dangers more dangerous.
Bind the sack before it be full.	Plan ahead to avoid problems.
Birds of a feather flock together.	Similar people stay together.
Blind men can judge no colours.	Inexperienced can't judge properly.
Blood is thicker than water.	Family ties stronger than friendship.
Borrowed garments never fit well.	Others' methods don't suit you.
Brevity is the soul of wit.	Short words more effective.
Burn not your house to rid it of the mouse.	Don't destroy everything for small gain.
Business before pleasure.	Work first, fun later.
By doing nothing we learn to do ill.	Idleness teaches bad habits.

Proverb	Meaning
By hook or by crook.	Any method to achieve goal.
By the street of by-and-bye one arrives at the house of Never.	Procrastination leads to never.
Calamity is man's true touchstone.	Crisis reveals true character.
Care killed the cat.	Excessive worry causes harm.
Catch the bear before you sell his skin.	Don't count unachieved success.
Caution is the parent of safety.	Careful planning prevents accidents.
Charity begins at home.	Help family first, then others.
Cheapest is the dearest.	Cheap things cost more long-term.
Cheek brings success.	Boldness achieves goals.
Children and fools must not play with edged tools.	Inexperienced shouldn't take risks.
Children are poor men's riches.	Kids are greatest wealth for poor.
Choose an author as you choose a friend.	Select teachers carefully.
Christmas comes but once a year, but when it comes it brings good cheer.	Rare events bring great joy.
Circumstances alter cases.	Situation changes right/wrong.

Proverb	Meaning
Claw me, and I will claw thee.	Mutual help expected in return.
Cleanliness is next to godliness.	Neatness shows good character.
Company in distress makes trouble less.	Shared suffering easier to bear.
Confession is the first step to repentance.	Admit mistake to improve.
Counsel is no command.	Advice not same as order.
Creditors have better memories than debtors.	Lenders remember better than borrowers.
Cross the stream where it is shallowest.	Take easiest path available.
Crows do not pick crows eyes.	Same group protects each other.
Curiosity killed a cat.	Too much curiosity causes trouble.
Curses like chickens come home to roost.	Bad actions return to haunt you.
Custom is a second nature.	Habits become natural.
Custom is the plague of wise men and the idol of fools.	Habits harm smart, help stupid.
Cut your coat according to your cloth.	Live within your means.
Death is the grand leveler.	Death makes everyone equal.

Proverb	Meaning
Death pays all debts.	Death ends all obligations.
Death when it comes will have no denial.	Death can't be avoided.
Debt is the worst poverty.	Owing money worse than being poor.
Deeds, not words.	Actions matter more than promises.
Delays are dangerous.	Waiting creates risks.
Desperate diseases must have desperate remedies.	Extreme situations need extreme solutions.
Diligence is the mother of success good luck.	Hard work creates good fortune.
Diseases of the pleasures are the interests.	Fun costs future health.
Divide and rule.	Split opponents to control.
Do as you would be done by.	Treat others as you want to be treated.
Dog does not eat dog.	Group members don't harm each other.
Dog eats dog.	Rivals destroy each other.
Dogs that put up many hares kill none.	Multitaskers achieve nothing.
Doing is better than saying.	Action beats talk.

Proverb	Meaning
Don't count your chickens before they are hatched.	Don't assume success before results.
Don't cross the bridges before you come to them.	Don't worry about future problems.
Don't have thy cloak to make when it begins to rain.	Prepare before crisis hits.
Don't keep a dog and bark yourself.	Hire help, don't do everything.
Don't look a gift horse in the mouth.	Accept free gifts gratefully.
Don't put all your eggs in one basket.	Diversify your efforts.
Don't sell the bear's skin before you've caught it.	Don't plan unachieved success.
Don't trouble trouble until trouble troubles you.	Don't create problems unnecessarily.
Don't whistle halloo until you are out of the wood.	Don't celebrate before safe.
Dot your i's and cross your t's.	Be precise and careful.
Draw not your bow till your arrow is fixed.	Prepare completely before acting.
Drive the nail that will go.	Use what works, discard rest.
Drunken days have all their tomorrow.	Today's fun ruins tomorrow.

Proverb	Meaning
Drunkenness reveals what soberness conceals.	Alcohol shows true character.
Dumb dogs are dangerous.	Silent threats most harmful.
Each bird loves to hear himself sing.	Everyone loves own voice.
Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.	Good sleep schedule creates success.
Easier said than done.	Talking simple, doing difficult.
East or West, home is best.	Nothing beats home comfort.
Easy come, easy go.	Quick gains disappear quickly.
Eat at pleasure, drink with measure.	Eat freely, drink moderately.
Empty vessels make the greatest sound.	Ignorant people talk loudest.
Enough is as good as a feast.	Moderate amount satisfies fully.
Envy shoots at others and wounds herself.	Jealousy hurts the jealous person.
Even reckoning makes long friends.	Fair accounting preserves friendship.
Every ass loves to hear himself bray.	Fools love hearing own nonsense.

Proverb	Meaning
Every barber knows that.	Common knowledge everyone knows.
Every bean has its black.	Nothing perfect, all have flaws.
Every bird likes its own nest.	People prefer their own ways.
Every bullet has its billet.	Everything finds its target.
Every country has its customs.	Different places, different rules.
Every dark cloud has a silver lining.	Bad situations have good aspects.
Every day is not Sunday.	Good times don't last forever.
Every dog has his day.	Everyone gets success eventually.
Every dog is a lion at home.	People brave in familiar territory.
Every dog is valiant at his own door.	Bold at home, timid outside.
Every Jack has his Jill.	Everyone finds suitable partner.
Every man has a fool in his sleeve.	Everyone has foolish side.
Every man has his faults.	Nobody perfect.
Every man has his hobby-horse.	Everyone has personal obsession.
Every man is the architect of his own fortunes.	You create your own success.
Every man to his taste.	Different people like different things.

Proverb	Meaning
Every miller draws water to his own mill.	People promote own interests.
Every mother thinks her own gosling a swan.	Parents think kids perfect.
Everyone's faults are not written in their foreheads.	Flaws not always obvious.
Every tub must stand on its own bottom.	Everyone responsible for self.
Every white has its black, every sweet its sour.	Good always has bad side.
Every why has a wherefore.	Every question has answer.
Everybody's business is nobody's business.	Shared responsibility becomes nobody's.
Everything comes to him who waits.	Patience brings success.
Everything is good in its season.	Right timing matters most.
Evil communications corrupt good manners.	Bad company spoils good habits.
Experience is the mother of wisdom.	Practical knowledge teaches best.
Experience keeps a dear school, but fools learn in no other.	Hard lessons expensive but effective.
Experience keeps no school, she teaches her pupils singly.	Lessons personal, not transferable.

Proverb	Meaning
Extremes meet.	Opposites have similarities.
Facts are stubborn things.	Reality doesn't change with wishes.
Faint heart never won fair lady.	Timidity achieves nothing.
Fair without, foul within.	Beautiful outside, rotten inside.
Fair words break no bones.	Kind words can't hurt physically.
False friends are worse than open enemies.	Betrayal hurts more than rivalry.
Familiarity breeds contempt.	Too much closeness creates disrespect.
Far from eye, far from heart.	Distance reduces affection.
Fasting comes after feasting.	Rest follows hard work.
Faults are thick where love is thin.	Hate notices every flaw.
Feast today and fast tomorrow.	Indulgence creates future lack.
Fine feathers make fine birds.	Good appearance creates good impression.
Fine words butter no parsnips.	Talk doesn't produce results.
First catch your hare.	Secure opportunity before planning.
First come, first served.	Early birds get best opportunities.

Proverb	Meaning
First deserve and then desire.	Earn before expecting rewards.
First think, then speak.	Plan before talking.
Fish and company stink in three days.	Even good company tires quickly.
Fish begins to stink at the head.	Problems start from leadership.
Follow the river and you'll get to the sea.	Simple path leads to goal.
Fools haste is no speed.	Rushing foolishly slows progress.
Fools and madmen speak the truth.	Sometimes ignorant speak honestly.
Fools grow without watering.	Stupidity needs no encouragement.
Fools may sometimes speak to the purpose.	Even fools occasionally right.
Fools never know when they are well.	Ungrateful people never satisfied.
Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.	Inexperienced take foolish risks.
For the love of the game.	Doing something for pure passion.
Forbearance is no acquittance.	Patience doesn't mean forgiveness.

Proverb	Meaning
Forbidden fruit is sweet.	Wrong things seem more attractive.
Forewarned is forearmed.	Advance warning helps prepare.
Fortune favors the brave.	Bold action brings success.
Fortune is easily found, but hard to be kept.	Success comes easy, maintaining difficult.
Four eyes see more than two.	Teamwork finds more solutions.
Friends are thieves of time.	Socializing wastes study time.
From bad to worse.	Situation deteriorates continuously.
From pillar to post.	Running between useless options.
Gentility without ability is worse than plain beggary.	Fake sophistication worse than honest poverty.
Get a name to rise early, and you may lie all day.	Good reputation gives leeway.
Gifts from enemies are dangerous.	Rivals' help has hidden motives.
Give a fool rope enough, and he will hang himself.	Fools destroy themselves given opportunity.
Give every man thy ear, but few thy voice.	Listen to all, speak to few.
Give him an inch and he'll take an ell.	Small concession leads to big demands.

Proverb	Meaning
Give never the wolf the weather to keep.	Don't trust enemies with responsibility.
Gluttony kills more men than the sword.	Overeating more dangerous than violence.
Go to bed with the lamb and rise with the lark.	Early sleep, early rise routine.
Good clothes open all doors.	Proper dressing creates opportunities.
Good counsel does no harm.	Good advice never hurts.
Good health is above wealth.	Fitness more valuable than money.
Good masters make good servants.	Good leadership creates good followers.
Good words and no deeds.	Empty promises without action.
Good words without deeds are rushes and reeds.	Talk alone worthless like weeds.
Gossiping and lying go hand in hand.	Rumors always contain falsehoods.
Grasp all, lose all.	Greed causes total failure.
Great barkers are no biters.	Loud threats rarely followed.
Great boast, small roast.	Big talk, little achievement.
Great cry and little wool.	Much noise for little result.

Proverb	Meaning
Great spenders are bad lenders.	Extravagant people unreliable with money.
Great talkers are great liars.	Talkative people exaggerate truth.
Great talkers are little doers.	Boasters rarely achieve.
Greedy folk have long arms.	Greedy people want everything.
Habit cures habit.	New good habits replace bad ones.
Half a loaf is better than no bread.	Some success better than none.
Hamlet without the Prince of Denmark.	Main element missing.
Handsome is that handsome does.	True beauty shown in actions.
Happiness takes no account of time.	Joy makes time fly.
Happy is he that is happy in his children.	True joy from children's success.
Hard words break no bones.	Harsh words can't physically hurt.
Hares may pull dead lions by the beard.	Weak can mock the once-powerful.
Harm watch, harm catch.	Those who plot harm get harmed.
Haste makes waste.	Rushing causes mistakes.
Hasty climbers have sudden falls.	Quick success leads to quick failure.

Proverb	Meaning
Hate not at the first harm.	Don't hate immediately after offense.
Hatred is blind, as well as love.	Strong emotions prevent clear thinking.
Hawks will not pick hawks' eyes.	Group protects its own members.
He begins to die that quits his desires.	Giving up dreams starts failure.
He cannot speak well that cannot hold his tongue.	Talkative people speak poorly.
He carries fire in one hand and water in the other.	Hypocritical double standards.
He dances well to whom fortune pipes.	Lucky people seem talented.
He gives twice who gives in a trice.	Quick giving equals double generosity.
He goes long barefoot that waits for dead man's shoes.	Don't wait for others' success.
He is a fool that forgets himself.	Self-awareness most important.
He is a good friend that speaks well of us behind our backs.	True friends praise privately too.
He is happy that thinks himself so.	Happiness is mindset choice.
He is lifeless that is faultless.	Perfect people seem boring.

Proverb	Meaning
He is not fit to command others that cannot command himself.	Self-control needed for leadership.
He is not laughed at that laughs at himself first.	Self-deprecating humor disarms critics.
He is not poor that has little, but he that desires much.	Contentment creates wealth.
He jests at scars that never felt a wound.	Only mock pain who never suffered.
He knows best what good is that has endured evil.	Hardship teaches value of good.
He knows how many beans make five.	Street-smart, knows real value.
He knows much who knows how to hold his tongue.	Silence shows wisdom.
He laughs best who laughs last.	Final success matters most.
He lives long that lives well.	Quality life beats long empty life.
He must needs swim that is held up by the chin.	Fake help creates dependency.
He should have a long spoon that sups with the devil.	Be cautious with dangerous people.
He smells best that smells of nothing.	Simplicity most attractive.
He that comes first to the hill may sit where he will.	First advantage gives best position.

Proverb	Meaning
He that commits a fault thinks everyone speaks of it.	Guilt makes people paranoid.
He that does you an ill turn will never forgive you.	Wrongdoers resent their victims.
He that fears every bush must never go a-birding.	Too much fear prevents opportunity.
He that fears you present will hate you absent.	Fear creates hatred.
He that goes a borrowing, goes a sorrowing.	Loans create future pain.
He that goes barefoot must not plant thorns.	Don't create problems for yourself.
He that has a full purse never wanted a friend.	Money attracts friends easily.
He that has a great nose thinks everybody is speaking of it.	Self-conscious about obvious flaws.
He that has an ill name is half hanged.	Bad reputation ruins before trial.
He that has no children knows not what love is.	Parenthood teaches true love.
He that has a head needs no hat.	Smart people don't need show.
He that has no money needs no purse.	Poor people have less worries.

Proverb	Meaning
He that is born to be hanged shall never be drowned.	Destiny can't be avoided.
He that is full of himself is very empty.	Arrogant people lack substance.
He that is ill to himself will be good to nobody.	Self-haters help no one.
He that is warm thinks all so.	Comfortable people underestimate struggle.
He that knows nothing doubts nothing.	Ignorance creates false confidence.
He that lies down with dogs must rise up with fleas.	Bad company brings bad habits.
He that lives with cripples learns to limp.	Environment shapes behavior.
He that mischief hatches, mischief catches.	Evil plans backfire.
He that never climbed never fell.	No risk, no failure.
He that once deceives is ever suspected.	One lie destroys all trust.
He that promises too much means nothing.	Overpromising equals underdelivering.
He that respects not is not respected.	Disrespect creates disrespect.

Proverb	Meaning
He that seeks trouble never misses.	Trouble attracts troublemakers.
He that serves everybody is paid by nobody.	Universal help gets no gratitude.
He that serves God for money will serve the devil for better wages.	Greed changes loyalties.
He that spares the bad injures the good.	Protecting wrongdoers hurts innocents.
He that talks much errs much.	Talkative people make more mistakes.
He that talks much lies much.	Excessive talking includes lies.
He that will eat the kernel must crack the nut.	Hard work needed for rewards.
He that will not when he may, when he will he shall have nay.	Miss opportunity, lose forever.
He that will steal an egg will steal an ox.	Small thief becomes big thief.
He that will thrive, must rise at five.	Early rising creates success.
He that would eat the fruit must climb the tree.	Effort needed for achievement.
He that would have eggs must endure the cackling of hens.	Success comes with annoyances.

Proverb	Meaning
He who is born a fool is never cured.	Innate stupidity permanent.
He who hesitates is lost.	Indecision causes failure.
He who likes borrowing dislikes paying.	Debtors avoid repayment.
He who makes no mistakes, makes nothing.	Inaction equals zero achievement.
He who pleased everybody died before he was born.	Impossible to please everyone.
He who says what he likes, shall hear what he doesn't like.	Free speech invites criticism.
He who would catch fish must not mind getting wet.	Success requires getting uncomfortable.
He who would eat the nut must first crack the shell.	Preparation precedes reward.
He who would search for pearls must dive below.	Great rewards require great effort.
He will never set the Thames on fire.	Won't achieve greatness.
He works best who knows his trade.	Experts outperform generalists.
Head cook and bottle-washer.	Does everything from top to bottom.

Proverb	Meaning
Health is not valued till sickness comes.	Good health appreciated only when lost.
His money burns a hole in his pocket.	Can't save money, spends immediately.
Honesty is the best policy.	Truthfulness always pays long-term.
Honey is not for the ass's mouth.	Good advice wasted on fools.
Honey is sweet, but the bee stings.	Good things have dangers.
Honour and profit lie not in one sack.	Can't have fame and money both.
Honours change manners.	Success creates arrogance.
Hope is a good breakfast, but a bad supper.	Optimism good start, poor ending strategy.
Hope is the poor man's bread.	Optimism sustains the disadvantaged.
Hunger breaks stone walls.	Extreme need overcomes obstacles.
Hunger finds no fault with cookery.	Desperate people accept poor quality.
Hunger is the best sauce.	Need makes anything taste good.
Hungry bellies have no ears.	Hunger prevents concentration.
Idle folks lack no excuses.	Lazy people always have reasons.

Proverb	Meaning
Idleness is the mother of all evil.	Laziness causes all problems.
Idleness rusts the mind.	Inactivity dulls thinking ability.
If an ass bray at you, don't bray at him.	Don't respond to fools at their level.
If ifs and ans were pots and pans.	Wishes don't create reality.
If my aunt had been a man, she'd have been my uncle.	Hypotheticals useless.
If the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.	Incompetents following incompetents fail.
If the sky falls, we shall catch larks.	Don't worry about impossible disasters.
If there were no clouds, we should not enjoy the sun.	Problems make success sweeter.
If things were to be done twice all would be wise.	Second chances teach perfection.
If we can't as we would, we must do as we can.	Do best with limitations.
If wishes were horses, beggars might ride.	Wishes don't make things happen.
If you agree to carry the calf, they'll make you carry the cow.	Small favors lead to big demands.
If you cannot bite, never show your teeth.	Don't threaten what you can't do.

Proverb	Meaning
If you cannot have the best, make the best of what you have.	Maximize available resources.
If you dance you must pay the fiddler.	Actions have consequences.
If you laugh before breakfast you'll cry before supper.	Early joy leads to later sorrow.
If you run after two hares, you will catch neither.	Focus on one goal at a time.
If you sell the cow, you sell her milk too.	Short-term gain loses long-term benefit.
If you throw mud enough, some of it will stick.	Repeated lies eventually believed.
If you try to please all you will please none.	Impossible to satisfy everyone.
If you want a thing well done, do it yourself.	Self-reliance produces best results.
Ill-gotten gains never prosper.	Wrong methods don't create lasting success.
Ill-gotten, ill-spent.	Dirty money brings bad results.
In every beginning think of the end.	Plan final outcome from start.
In for a penny, in for a pound.	Small commitment leads to total involvement.

Proverb	Meaning
In the country of the blind one-eyed man is a king.	Partial skill rules among unskilled.
In the end things will mend.	Problems eventually resolve.
In the evening one may praise the day.	Judge success only at end.
Iron hand in a velvet glove.	Strict control with gentle appearance.
It is a good horse that never stumbles.	Nobody perfect, all make mistakes.
It is a long lane that has no turning.	Every difficulty has an end.
It is a poor mouse that has only one hole.	Have backup plans always.
It is an ill bird that fouls its own nest.	Don't harm your own group.
It is an ill wind that blows nobody good.	Even bad events help someone.
It is a silly fish that is caught twice with the same bait.	Don't repeat same mistakes.
It is easy to swim if another holds up your head.	Fake help creates dependency.
It is enough to make a cat laugh.	Extremely ridiculous situation.
It is good fishing in troubled waters.	Chaos creates opportunity.

Proverb	Meaning
It is never too late to learn.	Learning possible at any age.
It is no use crying over spilt milk.	Past mistakes can't be changed.
It is the first step that costs.	Starting hardest, then gets easier.
It never rains but it pours.	Problems come all at once.
It's as broad as it's long.	Both options equally good/bad.
It's no use pumping a dry well.	Wasted effort on impossible tasks.
It's one thing to flourish and another to fight.	Easy talk vs real competition.
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Jest with an ass and he will flap you in the face with his tail.	Mock fools and get hurt.
Judge not of men and things at first sight.	First impressions often wrong.
Just as the twig is bent, the tree is inclined.	Early habits shape entire life.
Keep a thing seven years and you will find a use for it.	Old things become useful eventually.
Keep your mouth shut and your ears open.	Listen more, speak less.

Proverb	Meaning
Keep your mouth shut and your eyes open.	Observe quietly, learn much.
Last, but not least.	Final item equally important.
Laws catch flies, but let hornets go free.	Rules punish small, spare big offenders.
Learn to creep before you leap.	Master basics before advanced.
Learn to say before you sing.	Practice speaking before performing.
Learn wisdom by the follies of others.	Learn from others' mistakes.
Least said, soonest mended.	Silence fixes problems fastest.
Leaves without figs.	Promise without delivery.
Let bygones be bygones.	Forget past mistakes.
Let every man praise the bridge he goes over.	Appreciate help you received.
Let sleeping dogs lie.	Don't disturb settled problems.
Let well enough alone.	Don't fix what isn't broken.
Liars need good memories.	Lies require constant tracking.
Lies have short legs.	Falsehoods get exposed eventually.
Life is but a span.	Life very short.

Proverb	Meaning
Life is not a bed of roses.	Life has many difficulties.
Life is not all cakes and ale.	Life mixes pleasure and pain.
Like a cat on hot bricks.	Very nervous and restless.
Like a needle in a haystack.	Extremely difficult to find.
Like begets like.	Similar produces similar.
Like cures like.	Similar treatment heals similar problem.
Like father, like son.	Children resemble parents.
Like draws to like.	Similar people attract each other.
Like master, like man.	Employees mirror bosses.
Like mother, like daughter.	Daughters copy mothers.
Like parents, like children.	Family traits inherited.
Like priest, like people.	Followers copy leaders.
Like teacher, like pupil.	Students become like teachers.
Little chips light great fires.	Small efforts create big results.
Little knowledge is a dangerous thing.	Partial knowledge causes mistakes.
Little pigeons can carry great messages.	Small people deliver big news.

Proverb	Meaning
Little pitchers have long ears.	Children hear everything.
Little strokes fell great oaks.	Small consistent efforts achieve big goals.
Little thieves are hanged, but great ones escape.	Small criminals punished, big ones free.
Little things amuse little minds.	Small people satisfied with trivial.
Live and learn.	Life teaches continuously.
Live and let live.	Don't harm others unnecessarily.
Live not to eat, but eat to live.	Food fuels life, not life's purpose.
Long absent, soon forgotten.	Distance erases memory.
Look before you leap.	Think before acting.
Look before you leap, but having leapt never look back.	Plan first, execute decisively.
Lookers-on see more than players.	Outsiders have clearer view.
Heaven helps those who help themselves.	Self-effort creates divine aid.
Lost time is never found again.	Wasted moments gone forever.
Love cannot be forced.	Affection develops naturally.
Love in a cottage.	True love needs no luxury.

Proverb	Meaning
Love is blind, as well as hatred.	Strong emotions distort judgment.
Love me, love my dog.	Accept person completely with flaws.
Love will creep where it may not go.	Passion finds way around obstacles.
Make haste slowly.	Plan carefully, act decisively.
Make hay while the sun shines.	Use opportunities when available.
Make or mar.	Action creates or destroys success.
Man proposes but God disposes.	Plans subject to fate.
Many a fine dish has nothing on it.	Appearance doesn't guarantee substance.
Many a good cow has a bad calf.	Good parents can have bad children.
Many a good father has but a bad son.	Good parents don't guarantee good children.
Many a little makes a mickle.	Small savings create big wealth.
Many a true word is spoken in jest.	Jokes often contain truth.
Many hands make light work.	Teamwork speeds up tasks.
Many men, many minds.	Different people, different opinions.

Proverb	Meaning
Many words hurt more than swords.	Words wound deeper than weapons.
Many words will not fill a bushel.	Talk doesn't produce results.
Marriages are made in heaven.	Perfect matches divinely ordained.
Measure for measure.	Response matches the offense.
Measure thrice and cut once.	Think carefully before acting.
Men may meet but mountains never.	People compromise, obstacles don't move.
Mend or end.	Fix problems or face failure.
Might goes before right.	Power defeats justice.
Misfortunes never come alone.	Problems arrive together.
Misfortunes tell us what fortune is.	Hardship teaches value of good times.
Money begets money.	Wealth creates more wealth.
Money has no smell.	Source of money doesn't matter.
Money is a good servant but a bad master.	Use money, don't let it control you.
Money often unmakes the men who make it.	Sudden wealth corrupts character.
Money spent on the brain is never spent in vain.	Education investment always pays.

Proverb	Meaning
More haste, less speed.	Rushing creates mistakes.
Much ado about nothing.	Big fuss over small issue.
Much will have more.	Greedy want endless increase.
Muck and money go together.	Hard work creates wealth.
Murder will out.	Serious crimes always discovered.
My house is my castle.	Home is private sanctuary.
Name not a rope in his house that was hanged.	Avoid sensitive topics.
Necessity is the mother of invention.	Need creates creative solutions.
Necessity knows no law.	Desperation breaks all rules.
Neck or nothing.	All-or-nothing risk.
Need makes the old wife trot.	Urgency creates speed.
Needs must when the devil drives.	Desperation forces action.
Neither fish nor flesh.	Neither one thing nor another.
Neither here nor there.	Irrelevant to discussion.
Neither rhyme nor reason.	Completely illogical.
Never cackle till your egg is laid.	Don't celebrate prematurely.

Proverb	Meaning
Never cast dirt into that fountain of which you have sometime drunk.	Don't criticize past helpers.
Never do things by halves.	Complete tasks fully or not at all.
Never fry a fish till its caught.	Don't plan unachieved success.
Never offer to teach fish to swim.	Don't advise experts in their field.
Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today.	Avoid procrastination completely.
Never quit certainty for hope.	Don't risk sure thing for gamble.
Never too much of a good thing.	Excess even of good harms.
Never try to prove what nobody doubts.	Don't argue obvious truths.
Never write what you dare not sign.	Stand by your written words.
New brooms sweep clean.	New people bring fresh energy.
New lords, new laws.	Changes come with new leadership.
Nightingales will not sing in a cage.	Talent needs freedom to shine.
No flying from fate.	Destiny cannot be escaped.
No garden without its weeds.	Problems exist everywhere.
No great loss without some small gain.	Even failures teach lessons.

Proverb	Meaning
No herb will cure love.	Passion cannot be medicated away.
No joy without alloy.	Happiness always mixed with sadness.
No living man all things can.	Nobody perfect at everything.
No longer pipe, no longer dance.	No free benefits without contribution.
No man is wise at all times.	Everyone makes mistakes sometimes.
No man loves his fetters, be they made of gold.	Nobody likes restrictions even luxurious.
No news is good news.	Silence means no problems.
No pains, no gains.	Effort required for success.
No song, no supper.	Work required for rewards.
No sweet without some sweat.	Success requires hard work.
No wisdom like silence.	Quiet observation teaches most.
None but the brave deserve the fair.	Only courageous win rewards.
None so blind as those who won't see.	Willful ignorance worst blindness.
None so deaf as those that won't hear.	Stubborn refusal to accept advice.

Proverb	Meaning
Nothing comes out of the sack but what was in it.	Results reflect preparation quality.
Nothing is impossible to a willing heart.	Determination overcomes all obstacles.
Nothing must be done hastily but killing of fleas.	Speed only for trivial matters.
Nothing so bad, as not to be good for something.	Even failures teach lessons.
Nothing succeeds like success.	Success creates more success.
Nothing venture, nothing have.	No risk, no reward.
Oaks may fall when reeds stand the storm.	Flexible survive when rigid fail.
Of two evils choose the least.	Pick lesser problem always.
Old birds are not caught with chaff.	Experienced not fooled easily.
Old friends and old wine are best.	Long-term relationships most valuable.
On Shanks' mare.	Traveling by foot/walking.
Once bitten, twice shy.	Bad experience creates caution.
Once is no rule.	Single incident doesn't make pattern.
One beats the bush, and another catches the bird.	Someone else gets your work's reward.

Proverb	Meaning
One chick keeps a hen busy.	Small responsibility occupies fully.
One drop of poison infects the whole tun of wine.	Small bad element ruins everything.
One fire drives out another.	New problem distracts from old.
One good turn deserves another.	Help creates obligation for return.
One law for the rich, another for the poor.	Rules bend for wealthy.
One lie makes many.	Single falsehood requires more lies.
One link broken, the whole chain is broken.	Single failure ruins entire plan.
One man, no man.	Individual achieves nothing alone.
One man's meat is another man's poison.	Preferences vary greatly.
One scabby sheep will mar a whole flock.	One bad element ruins group.
One swallow does not make a summer.	Single success doesn't guarantee pattern.
One today is worth two tomorrow.	Immediate gain > future promise.
Open not your door when the devil knocks.	Don't invite trouble inside.
Opinions differ.	Everyone has different views.

Proverb	Meaning
Opportunity makes the thief.	Temptation creates wrongdoing.
Out of sight, out of mind.	Absence causes forgetting.
Out of the frying-pan into the fire.	From bad situation to worse.
Packed like herrings.	Extremely crowded.
Patience is a plaster for all sores.	Waiting heals all wounds.
Penny-wise and pound-foolish.	Saving small amounts loses big gains.
Pleasure has a sting in its tail.	Enjoyment creates future pain.
Plenty is no plague.	Having enough causes no problems.
Politeness costs little nothing, but yields much.	Good manners bring big rewards.
Poverty is no sin.	Being poor not shameful.
Poverty is not a shame, but the being ashamed of it is.	Attitude toward poverty matters.
Practice what you preach.	Follow your own advice.
Praise is not pudding.	Compliments don't fill stomach.
Pride goes before a fall.	Arrogance leads to failure.
Procrastination is the thief of time.	Delay steals precious hours.
Promise is debt.	Commitments must be honored.

Proverb	Meaning
Promise little, but do much.	Underpromise, overdeliver success.
Prosperity makes friends, adversity tries them.	Wealth attracts, hardship tests friends.
Put not your hand between the bark and the tree.	Don't interfere in others' matters.
Rain at seven, fine at eleven.	Bad situations improve quickly.
Rats desert a sinking ship.	Failures abandon losing groups.
Repentance is good, but innocence is better.	Prevention better than apology.
Respect yourself, or no one else will respect you.	Self-respect earns others' respect.
Roll my log and I will roll yours.	Mutual help expected.
Rome was not built in a day.	Great achievements take time.
Salt water and absence wash away love.	Distance kills affection.
Saying and doing are two things.	Talk different from action.
Score twice before you cut once.	Double-check before final action.
Scornful dogs will eat dirty puddings.	Arrogant people accept poor quality.
Scratch my back and I'll scratch yours.	Mutual favor exchange.

Proverb	Meaning
Self done is soon done.	Self-work completes fastest.
Self done is well done.	Personal effort produces best quality.
Self is a bad counselor.	Self-interest clouds judgment.
Self-praise is no recommendation.	Boasting reduces credibility.
Set a beggar on horseback and he'll ride to the devil.	Sudden power corrupts.
Set a thief to catch a thief.	Experts catch their own kind.
Shallow streams make most din.	Ignorant make most noise.
Short debts accounts make long friends.	Quick payments preserve friendship.
Silence gives consent.	Not objecting means agreement.
Since Adam was a boy.	Extremely ancient.
Sink or swim!	Succeed completely or fail.
Six of one and half a dozen of the other.	Both options identical.
Slow and steady wins the race.	Consistent effort beats speed.
Slow but sure.	Methodical progress safest.
Small rain lays great dust.	Small efforts solve big problems.



Proverb	Meaning
So many countries, so many customs.	Different places, different rules.
So many men, so many minds.	Everyone thinks differently.
Soft fire makes sweet malt.	Gentle steady effort best results.
Something is rotten in the state of Denmark.	Serious hidden problem exists.
Soon learnt, soon forgotten.	Quick learning doesn't stick.
Soon ripe, soon rotten.	Quick success fades quickly.
Speak of the devil and he will appear.	Mention creates arrival.
Speech is silver but silence is gold.	Quiet more valuable than words.
Standers-by see more than gamesters.	Outsiders judge better than players.
Still waters run deep.	Quiet people most capable.
Stolen pleasures are sweetest.	Wrong things seem most attractive.
Stretch your arm no further than your sleeve will reach.	Don't overextend capabilities.
Stretch your legs according to the coverlet.	Live within your means.
Strike while the iron is hot.	Act during perfect opportunity.

Proverb	Meaning
Stuff today and starve tomorrow.	Overindulgence creates future lack.
Success is never blamed.	Winners face no criticism.
Such carpenters, such chips.	Results reflect the worker.
Sweep before your own door.	Fix personal problems first.
Take care of the pence and the pounds will take care of themselves.	Small savings create wealth.
Take us as you find us.	Accept people as they are.
Tarred with the same brush.	All judged equally guilty.
Tastes differ.	Personal preferences vary.
Tell that to the marines.	Nobody believes that lie.
That cock won't fight.	That won't work/succeed.
That which one least anticipates soonest comes to pass.	Unexpected happens first.
That's a horse of another colour.	Completely different matter.
That's where the shoe pinches!	That's the real problem.
The beggar may sing before the thief.	Even desperate take risks.
The best fish smell when they are three days old.	Even best become bad eventually.

Proverb	Meaning
The best fish swim near the bottom.	Best opportunities least obvious.
The best is oftentimes the enemy of the good.	Perfectionism prevents progress.
The busiest man finds the most leisure.	Organized people have more free time.
The camel going to seek horns lost his ears.	Greed causes loss of existing good.
The cap fits.	Criticism accurately describes you.
The cask savours of the first fill.	Early experiences shape forever.
The cat shuts its eyes when stealing cream.	Wrongdoers ignore their guilt.
The cat would eat fish and would not wet her paws.	Wants reward without effort.
The chain is no stronger than its weakest link.	Group strength = weakest member.
The cobbler should stick to his last.	Experts should stay in their field.
The cobbler's wife is the worst shod.	Experts neglect their own needs.
The darkest hour is that before the dawn.	Worst moments precede success.
The darkest place is under the candlestick.	Obvious places most overlooked.

Proverb	Meaning
The devil is not so black as he is painted.	Feared things less terrible.
The devil knows many things because he is old.	Experience teaches much.
The devil lurks behind the cross.	Danger hides in safe places.
The devil rebuking sin.	Hypocrite criticizing same fault.
The dogs bark, but the caravan goes on.	Criticism doesn't stop progress.
The Dutch have taken Holland!	Complete takeover/control.
The early bird catches the worm.	First action gets best rewards.
The end crowns the work.	Final result determines success.
The end justifies the means.	Results validate methods used.
The evils we bring on ourselves are hardest to bear.	Self-caused problems hurt most.
The exception proves the rule.	Rare cases confirm general truth.
The face is the index of the mind.	Expressions reveal thoughts.
The falling out of lovers is the renewing of love.	Fights strengthen true bonds.
The fat is in the fire.	Serious trouble has begun.
The first blow is half the battle.	Strong start wins half fight.

Proverb	Meaning
The furthest way about is the nearest way home.	Indirect path sometimes fastest.
The game is not worth the candle.	Effort not worth reward.
The heart that once truly loves never forgets.	Deep passion remembered forever.
The higher the ape goes, the more he shows his tail.	Success exposes true nature.
The last drop makes the cup run over.	Final straw causes failure.
The last straw breaks the camel's back.	Final small problem causes total collapse.
The leopard cannot change its spots.	Core nature never changes.
The longest day has an end.	Even hardest tasks finish eventually.
The mill cannot grind with the water that is past.	Lost time can't be recovered.
The moon does not heed the barking of dogs.	Greatness ignores petty criticism.
The more haste, the less speed.	Rushing creates delays.
The more the merrier.	Larger groups more fun.
The morning sun never lasts a day.	Early success may not endure.

Proverb	Meaning
The mountain has brought forth a mouse.	Much effort, tiny result.
The nearer the bone, the sweeter the flesh.	Hardest work gives best rewards.
The pitcher goes often to the well but is broken at last.	Repetition eventually causes failure.
The pot calls the kettle black.	Hypocrite criticizes same fault.
The proof of the pudding is in the eating.	Results prove true value.
The receiver is as bad as the thief.	Accomplices equally guilty.
The remedy is worse than the disease.	Solution creates bigger problems.
The rotten apple injures its neighbours.	One bad element spoils group.
The scalded dog fears cold water.	Trauma creates irrational fears.
The tailor makes the man.	Appearance creates impression.
The tongue of idle persons is never idle.	Lazy people gossip constantly.
The voice of one man is the voice of no one.	Individual opinions don't matter.
The road to hell is paved with good intentions.	Good plans fail without action.
The wind cannot be caught in a net.	Some things can't be controlled.

Proverb	Meaning
The work shows the workman.	Results reveal true ability.
There are lees to every wine.	Imperfections exist everywhere.
There are more ways to the wood than one.	Multiple paths to same goal.
There is a place for everything, and everything in its place.	Organization creates efficiency.
There is more than one way to kill a cat.	Multiple solutions to problems.
There is no fire without smoke.	Problems always have signs.
There is no place like home.	Home comfort unbeatable.
There is no rose without a thorn.	Good things have drawbacks.
There is no rule without an exception.	Rules occasionally broken.
There is no smoke without fire.	Rumors contain some truth.
There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip.	Final success uncertain till end.
There's no use crying over spilt milk.	Past can't be changed.
They are hand and glove.	Very close partners.
They must hunger in winter that will not work in summer.	Future suffering from present laziness.
Things past cannot be recalled.	History can't be rewritten.

Proverb	Meaning
Think today and speak tomorrow.	Reflect before responding.
Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones.	Don't criticize when vulnerable.
Time and tide wait for no man.	Deadlines don't wait for preparation.
Time cures all things.	Patience heals all wounds.
Time is money.	Wasted time equals lost opportunity.
Time is the great healer.	Waiting resolves all problems.
Time works wonders.	Patience achieves impossible.
To add fuel to the fire.	Worsen existing problem.
To angle with a silver hook.	Expensive unnecessary methods.
To be born with a silver spoon in one's mouth.	Born wealthy/privileged.
To be head over ears in debt.	Deeply indebted.
To be in one's birthday suit.	Completely naked.
To be up to the ears in love.	Deeply infatuated.
To beat about the bush.	Avoid direct point.
To beat the air.	Waste energy on nothing.
To bring grist to somebody's mill.	Help someone achieve goal.

Proverb	Meaning
To build a fire under oneself.	Self-motivate urgently.
To buy a pig in a poke.	Buy without inspection.
To call a spade a spade.	Speak bluntly/directly.
To call off the dogs.	Stop pursuit/pressure.
To carry coals to Newcastle.	Useless unnecessary effort.
To cast pearls before swine.	Offer value to unworthy.
To cast prudence to the winds.	Act recklessly.
To come away none the wiser.	Leave without learning.
To come off cheap.	Escape with minor loss.
To come off with a whole skin.	Escape unharmed.
To come off with flying colours.	Succeed spectacularly.
To come out dry.	Emerge unharmed from trouble.
To come out with clean hands.	Innocent despite accusations.
To cook a hare before catching him.	Plan unachieved success.
To cry with one eye and laugh with the other.	Mixed genuine emotions.
To cut one's throat with a feather.	Self-destruct through small mistake.
To draw in one's horns.	Become cautious suddenly.

Proverb	Meaning
To drop a bucket into an empty well.	Waste effort on impossible tasks.
To draw water in a sieve.	Impossible futile effort.
To eat the calf in the cow's belly.	Plan impossibly distant future.
To err is human.	Everyone makes mistakes.
To fiddle while Rome is burning.	Ignore serious problems.
To fight with one's own shadow.	Struggle against imaginary problems.
To find a mare's nest.	Discover impossible thing.
To fish in troubled waters.	Exploit chaos for gain.
To fit like a glove.	Perfect perfect match.
To flog a dead horse.	Waste effort on impossible tasks.
To get out of bed on the wrong side.	Bad mood from morning.
To give a lark to catch a kite.	Sacrifice small for big gain.
To go for wool and come home shorn.	Fail completely at intended task.
To go through fire and water.	Endure extreme hardships.
To have a finger in the pie.	Involved in many things.
To have rats in the attic.	Slightly crazy.

Proverb	Meaning
To hit the nail on the head.	Perfectly accurate statement.
To kick against the pricks.	Resist inevitable.
To kill two birds with one stone.	Achieve two goals simultaneously.
To know everything is to know nothing.	Overconfidence from shallow knowledge.
To know on which side one's bread is buttered.	Understand self-interest.
To know what's what.	Understand real value.
To lay by for a rainy day.	Save for future needs.
To live from hand to mouth.	No savings, live day-by-day.
To lock the stable-door after the horse is stolen.	Act after damage done.
To look for a needle in a haystack.	Impossible search.
To love something as the devil loves holy water.	Hate intensely.
To make a mountain out of a molehill.	Exaggerate small problem.
To make both ends meet.	Live within limited income.
To make the cup run over.	Create abundance.
To measure another man's foot by one's own last.	Wrong judgment based on self.

Proverb	Meaning
To pay one back in one's own coin.	Retaliate same method.
To plough the sand.	Utterly useless effort.
To pour water into a sieve.	Waste effort on ungrateful.
To pull the chestnuts out of the fire for somebody.	Risk for others' benefit.
To put a spoke in somebody's wheel.	Sabotage someone's progress.
To put off till Doomsday.	Postpone indefinitely.
To put the cart before the horse.	Wrong sequence of actions.
To rob one's belly to cover one's back.	Sacrifice necessities for appearances.
To roll in money.	Extremely wealthy.
To run with the hare and hunt with the hounds.	Play both sides.
To save one's bacon.	Escape dangerous situation.
To send owls to Athens.	Useless unnecessary action.
To set the wolf to keep the sheep.	Wrong person for responsibility.
To stick to somebody like a leech.	Cling annoyingly.
To strain at a gnat and swallow a camel.	Obsess over small, ignore big.

Proverb	Meaning
To take counsel of one's pillow.	Sleep on important decision.
To take the bull by the horns.	Confront problem directly.
To teach the dog to bark.	Waste time teaching obvious.
To tell tales out of school.	Reveal confidential information.
To throw a stone in one's own garden.	Self-harm unnecessarily.
To throw dust in somebody's eyes.	Deliberately deceive/confuse.
To throw straws against the wind.	Useless against opposition.
To treat somebody with a dose of his own medicine.	Retaliate same method.
To use a steam-hammer to crack nuts.	Overkill for simple problem.
To wash one's dirty linen in public.	Air private disputes openly.
To wear one's heart upon one's sleeve.	Show emotions openly.
To weep over an onion.	Cry over trivial matter.
To work with the left hand.	Do second-rate work.
Tomorrow come never.	Procrastination delays forever.
Too many cooks spoil the broth.	Group input creates confusion.

Proverb	Meaning
Too much knowledge makes the head bald.	Overstudy causes stress.
Too much of a good thing is good for nothing.	Excess destroys benefit.
Too much water drowned the miller.	Excess even good harms.
Too swift arrives as tardy as too slow.	Rushing as bad as delaying.
True blue will never stain.	Genuine quality endures.
True coral needs no painter's brush.	Real excellence needs no fake.
Truth comes out of the mouths of babes.	Children speak honestly.
Truth is stranger than fiction.	Reality more surprising than stories.
Truth lies at the bottom of a well.	Truth hard to discover.
Two blacks do not make a white.	Wrong can't create right.
Two heads are better than one.	Teamwork superior to solo.
Two is company, but three is none.	Small groups best.
Velvet paws hide sharp claws.	Gentle appearance hides danger.
Virtue is its own reward.	Goodness valuable for itself.
Wait for the cat to jump.	Watch before acting.

Proverb	Meaning
Walls have ears.	Someone always listening.
Wash your dirty linen at home.	Keep problems private.
Waste not, want not.	Avoid waste to prevent need.
We know not what is good until we have lost it.	Value discovered through loss.
We never know the value of water till the well is dry.	Appreciate only after loss.
We shall see what we shall see.	Wait and observe outcome.
We soon believe what we desire.	Wishful thinking creates false belief.
Wealth is nothing without health.	Money useless without fitness.
Well begun is half done.	Strong start ensures success.
What can't be cured, must be endured.	Accept unavoidable situations.
What is bred in the bone will not go out of the flesh.	Innate traits permanent.
What is done by night appears by day.	Secret actions get exposed.
What is done cannot be undone.	Past actions irreversible.
What is got over the devil's back is spent under his belly.	Ill-gotten gains disappear fast.
What is lost is lost.	Gone opportunities never return.

Proverb	Meaning
What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.	Equal treatment for all.
What is worth doing at all is worth doing well.	Excellence or nothing.
What must be, must be.	Accept inevitable fate.
What the heart thinks the tongue speaks.	True feelings revealed in words.
What we do willingly is easy.	Self-motivated tasks effortless.
When angry, count a hundred.	Control anger through delay.
When at Rome, do as the Romans do.	Adapt to local customs.
When children stand quiet, they have done some harm.	Sudden silence means trouble.
What we do willingly is easy.	Self-motivated tasks feel effortless.
When angry, count a hundred.	Pause long before reacting in anger.
When at Rome, do as the Romans do.	Adapt to local environment completely.
When children stand quiet, they have done some harm.	Sudden silence signals mischief.
When the cat's away, the mice will play.	No supervision leads to misbehavior.

Proverb	Meaning
Where there's a will there's a way.	Determination finds solutions.
While the doctor doth his cure attend, death and the devil are contented.	Delays during crisis help enemies.
While there is life there is hope.	As long as alive, success possible.
Whosoever diggeth a pit shall fall therein.	Evil plans backfire on planner.
Willful waste makes woeful want.	Waste creates future shortage.
Wine in, truth out.	Alcohol reveals true thoughts.
Winners never quit, quitters never win.	Persistence creates victory.
Wit once bought is worth twice taught.	Expensive lessons remembered forever.
Words are but wind, but dunts are the devil.	Talk harmless, actions hurt.
Work is the best play.	Productive activity most satisfying.
You can't make bricks without straw.	Impossible without basic resources.
You can't make an omelette without breaking eggs.	Achievement requires sacrifice.
You never miss the water till the well runs dry.	Value only realized after loss.

Proverb	Meaning
Youth must be served.	Young people need opportunities.
Zeal without knowledge is a runaway horse.	Passion without wisdom is destructive.





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