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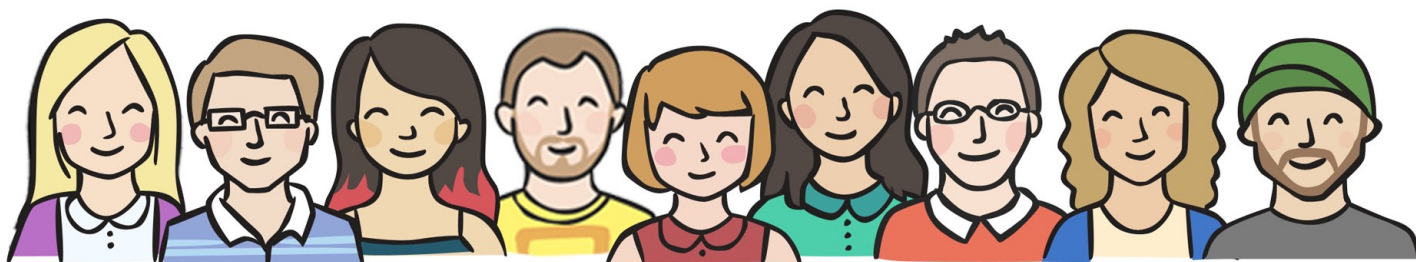


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Proverbs

Name _____

Date _____

A proverb is a short wise saying which has been used for many years.

Can you pair the proverb **beginnings** to the **endings** and write them out correctly.

Beginnings

- 1) A miss is as good as
- 2) You can't have your cake
- 3) You scratch my back
- 4) There's no time
- 5) Flattery will get you
- 6) Where there's life
- 7) What the eye doesn't see
- 8) Fools rush in
- 9) You can't make a silk purse
- 10) Don't spoil the ship
- 11) He who laughs last laughs
- 12) Necessity is the mother of
- 13) You can't teach an old dog
- 14) Let sleeping dogs
- 15) Many hands
- 16) People in glass houses
- 17) He who hesitates
- 18) There's many a slip
- 19) A leopard can't change
- 20) Don't cross your bridges

Endings

like the present.
the heart doesn't grieve over.
laughs longest.
lie.
make light work.
Shouldn't throw stones.
before you come to them.
a mile.
invention.
twixt the cup and the lip.
its spots.
where angels fear to tread.
there's hope.
and eat it.
new tricks.
is lost.
and I'll scratch yours.
out of a sow's ear.
for a ha'p'orth of tar.
nowhere.

Proverbs - Meanings

Name _____

Match the meanings below with the proverbs you wrote out correctly.

- 1) Don't worry about something that hasn't happened yet.
- 2) If you wait too long, you could miss an opportunity.
- 3) Things get done easier with many helpers.
- 4) It's hard to change an old habit.
- 5) People can't change their nature and who they are.
- 6) Don't criticise other people for faults you also have.
- 7) If a job is worth doing, do it well all the way through.
- 8) You can't make something good out of poor materials.
- 9) While you are alive there is always room to improve.
- 10) The person that wins in the end might not be the one you thought would at the start.
- 11) You can't get anywhere just by paying compliments.
- 12) You can't get upset by something you don't know about.
- 13) If you are planning to do something do it right away.
- 14) Foolish people will try things wiser people won't try.
- 15) If you help me I will help you in return.
- 16) The outcome can change even when it looks certain.
- 17) You can't always have everything you want.
- 18) If something is needed it will be invented.
- 19) If you only just fail at something it is the same as if you failed completely.
- 20) It is best not to bring up problems from the past.

Proverbs

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Can you work out the meanings for the proverbs below?

- 1) He who pays the piper calls the tune.
- 2) A rolling stone gathers no moss.
- 3) Fine words butter no parsnips.
- 4) What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.
- 5) Two heads are better than one.
- 6) Blood is thicker than water.
- 7) Make hay while the sun shines.
- 8) Where there's a will there's a way.
- 9) Hunger is the best sauce.
- 10) A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.
- 11) While the cat's away the mice will play.
- 12) You can't burn the candle at both ends.
- 13) Waste now, want not.
- 14) A stitch in time saves nine.
- 15) Charity begins at home.
- 16) When the wine's in the wit's out.
- 17) Faint heart never won fair lady.
- 18) Out of the frying pan into the fire.
- 19) In for a penny, in for a pound.
- 20) All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.

Proverbs

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Try making up your own proverbs. They often include animals or everyday objects.

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Try writing modern versions of old proverbs.

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Can you write a short story which illustrates a proverb?
Make the proverb the “punch-line” at the end.

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