



## PROVERBS

### Matching

Match the different sentence halves to form English proverbs.

1. Where there's a will	a. Be choosers
2. Don't look a gift horse	b. Before they hatch
3. If it ain't broke,	c. Spoil the broth
4. Beggars can't	d. There's a way
5. Too many cooks	e. Are better than one
6. There's no such thing	f. As a free lunch
7. People who live in glass houses	g. In the mouth
8. Two wrongs	h. In one basket
9. The squeaky wheel	i. Shouldn't throw stones
10. Don't put all your eggs	j. Gets the grease
11. Two heads	k. Don't fix it
12. Don't count your chickens	l. Don't make a right

### Meaning

Now match the proverb to its definition:

- Getting revenge will only make things worse.
- Don't criticise people if you've got imperfections too.
- There is no reason to change something that has been working well.
- You're not in a position to be picky when you are desperate.
- You're more likely to get better service or an improvement if you voice out your complains rather than keeping quiet.
- Don't risk everything on one plan; it's always good to have a backup plan.
- If there are too many people involved in making a decision, it won't turn out well.
- Don't question the presents that others give you.
- Two people are more like to solve a problem faster than just one person.
- Don't assume your plan is going to work out and start celebrating or planning the next step too early because your plan might fail in the end.
- There's normally a catch or hidden cost to things that appear to be free.
- If you really want something, you'll find a way to achieve it.

### Processing




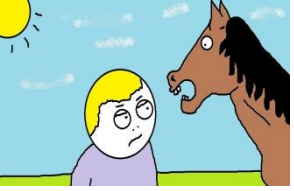



- Which proverbs are the same in your language?
- In which ones is the meaning obvious?
- Which ones will you remember?
- Which ones will you forget?
- Which one is your favourite?



6. What image do you associate with each proverb?

### Picture Match

Match the picture to the proverb

			
	Wrong + Wrong ≠ Right		

### Scenarios

Match the scenario to proverb.

1. Just because he hit you doesn't mean you should hit him back.
2. The movie was awful because it was directed by 5 different directors with different producing styles.
3. I gave him my old car for free and now he's complaining about the car paint.
4. I know they said we only have to like and leave our contact number on their facebook page to get the free ipad but I smell a rat.
5. I'm asking you about what you think so that we can work on resolving the issue together.
6. He really wants to go travelling in Asia for 6 months, but to do that he needs to save up enough money first.
7. Is your meat raw too? We should say something.
8. You are one to talk; you smoke just as much as I do!
9. I just think we should have something else up our sleeve just in case they don't like our main idea.
10. Hold your horses, we haven't won the competition yet so stop planning how you're going to spend the prize money.
11. It's the only house you can afford, so it's take it or leave it I'm afraid.



12. The new cash register is working really well but I hear they're thinking of changing it again.

## Personalise

Choose 3 proverbs and try to relate them to a time in your life. Write three sentences.

## Answers

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