Primary 3/4

Week 13

The Write Tribe

PROVERBS

Write a suitable proverb for each character

Bill Sykes is a crooked salesman. Town to town, he goes, selling shams, scams and everything NOT genuine. He fills up little green bottles with water and sells them to old people, calling them, 'Miracle medicine.' Town to town he went. He made lots of money, until there was no town left to go to. Everyone knew what a sham Bill Sykes was. Everyone knew of the many scams he can pull off. No one trusted him anymore. Bill Sykes made money no more. He became poor and finally learnt the lesson that

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The piano teacher was rather astounded when her new student arrived. She was expecting a young child. Perhaps, a girl about the age of 8 or 9. What stood before her was an old woman. Wrinkled, hair white as snow and with a body so frail that indicated she was probably as old as the hills.
"Am I too old to learn the piano?" asked the old woman, sensing the piano teacher's surprise.
"No. Not at all. It's never too late to learn." the piano teacher smiled.

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When you lay your eyes on little Matilda, you can't help but think of her as the sweetest angel in heaven. With the cutest pigtails and the brightest eyes, she was as cute as a kitten. But, don't be fooled. She steals cookies, sets peoples' lawns on fire and uses her crayons to draw on neighbours' walls. As the old adage goes,

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Mr. Singh is a hard worker. He sells fruits on a pushcart everyday. Every morning, he wakes up as early as 3.30am. "Why do you need to wake up so early?" I asked him, inquisitively. "When you are early, you get the chance to sell your goods first. If you go late, you may miss on so many customers. I prefer being early so I can get the best opportunities!" he replied. I learnt from him that,

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Mr. Freddie was feeling overwhelmed. The house was in a mess. There was just too much to do. He had to clean the sink, wash the dirty laundry, take out the trash, scrub the toilets etc. It was a mountain of work. As he sat down about to give up, his wife told him, "Start. Just begin with the simplest task." Freddie took the advice and began cleaning the sink. One task led to another and soon the house was spic and span!

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Everyone was waiting in anticipation for Mr. Hugo. He was a billionaire, a philanthropist and a genius. While everyone waited with bated bat, a tramp arrives. Disheveled hair, mis-matched clothes and shoes fit for a clown, everyone immediately responded, "Get the tramp out. Mr. Hugo would be embarrassed to be seen with him!" To that the tramp replied, "I'm afraid, I am. Mr. Hugo. It's quite a travesty that you all haven't learnt that

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Stuckup was a pain in the neck. He was always boasting about how strong he was and how much he could carry with just one hand. Once, he even boasted he carried an elephant with his pinkie finger. One day, a large tree fell blocking the roads to the village. Everyone called Stuckup to lift the tree out of the way. Stuckup didn't want to even touch a leaf, realizing that the villagers will know he was lying all the time. One of the villagers then exclaimed,

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Fabio was a mediocre painter with an ego the size of the universe. No matter how many times his art teacher asked him to practice harder, it would fall on deaf ears! Fabio had plenty of bad excuses for his poor art work. It was always the fault of the cheap paintbrushes or his paint tubes being poor quality. Once he even pushed the blame onto his teacher. "Maybe you are terrible at teaching art!" Fabio scoffed. To that, the teacher replied,

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Gale had a party to go to. She didn't have any clothes to wear except for a pair of jeans and a T-shirt. She left for the party but on the way, she caught her jeans on a nail and tore it. It left a large gaping hole on her only pair of jeans. Instead of feeling sour, she proceeded to make many more holes on her jeans and left to the party. Everyone was impressed with her new style. "Wow! Where did you get that? I certainly want one!" a man asked. Realizing this could be lucrative, Gale said, "I happen to design these jeans." Orders poured and Gale became so rich, she even bought a house on the moon. As the saying goes,

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Write a suitable sentence to explain the proverb

Example: A bad workman blames his tools

Instead of blaming your poor results on a lack of expensive stationary, why don't you just study harder. Don't you know, a bad workman blames his tools?

1. Honesty is the best policy

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2. Better to be late than never

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3. Don't judge a book by its cover

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4. The early bird catches the worm

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5. The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step

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6. Empty vessels make the most noise

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7. Clothes do not make the man

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8. A bad workman blames his tools.

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9. When life gives you lemons, make lemonade

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