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Proverbs



A Match the proverbs with their meanings.

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1. Don't look a gift horse in the mouth.

2. Easier said than done.

3. An apple a day keeps the doctor away.

4. There are plenty of fish in the sea.

5. If at first you don't succeed, try, try, again.

6. The proof of the pudding is in the eating.”

MEANINGS

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If you eat the right food, you will be healthy.

If someone gives you a present, you should enjoy it and not ask questions or complain about it.

Don't worry if you love someone who doesn't return your love. You can always find someone else.

You can't be sure about something until you try it.

Practice makes perfect, so you shouldn't stop trying. The harder you try, the more you'll be able to get what you want.

It's harder to do something than to talk about it.



B What would you say? Choose a proverb for each situation.

1. A: Oh, yuck. Those fried brains look disgusting.

B: Try them. They're delicious.

A: Really? Oh, they *are* good. I'm surprised!

B: See? _____

2. A: Hey, what happened? You look so sad.

B: You know that guy I was dating? Well, he said he didn't want to see me anymore.

A: Don't worry. You'll find someone else. _____

B: Thanks a lot. That really helps!

3. A: You know, the person who sits next to me in class gave me these flowers for my birthday. It was nice of him, but they're awkward to carry around. Why didn't he give them to me at the end of the day instead?

B: _____

Just say thank you and don't complain.

4. A: You know what? I just failed my driving test! I don't think I'll bother to take it again.

B: _____ You may pass next time!

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What do you think these proverbs mean?

1. Don't cry over spilled milk.

It could mean _____

2. Don't judge a book by its cover.

Maybe it means _____

3. There's no such thing as a free lunch.

It might mean _____

4. Bad news travels fast.

It probably means _____

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Complete the conversation. Use each phrase in the box only once.



Teacher: OK, class. This afternoon, we're going to take the school bus to the science museum.

Student 1: Great! I'm going to take some photos.

Teacher: I'm afraid you're not allowed to take photos.

Student 1: But how can they stop me? I'll use my cell phone, not a camera.

Teacher: _____ check all your things with security.

Student 2: Can I take my jacket into the museum?

Teacher: I'm not sure. _____ best to leave it on the bus.

Student 2: But what about my wallet? It might not be safe on the bus.

Teacher: Oh, _____ a good idea to keep your money with you. Keep it in your pocket.

Student 3: And what about touching things in the museum?

Teacher: There are "Don't touch!" signs next to some of the things.

But _____ touch things if there is no sign.

- ☐ it might be
- ☐ it's definitely
- ☐ you can
- ☐ you have to
- ☒ you're not allowed to

Complete the conversations between a driving instructor and his student.
Use each word or phrase in the box only once.

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| ☐ are allowed to | ☐ can | ☐ don't have to |
| ☒ aren't allowed to | ☐ can't | ☐ have to |

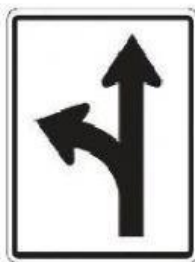
- Student: This is great!
Instructor: Hey, slow down! You aren't allowed to
go above the speed limit.
- Student: Uh, what does that sign mean?
Instructor: It means you _____
turn left.
- Instructor: You look confused.
Student: What... what does that sign mean?
Instructor: You _____ turn left or
you _____ go straight.
- Instructor: Why are you stopping?
Student: The sign says to stop.
Instructor: Actually, you _____ stop.
Just be prepared to, if necessary.
- Instructor: Hey, stop! Didn't you see that sign? It means
you _____ come to a
complete stop.
Student: What sign? I didn't see any sign.



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So that's what it means! = 83

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Rewrite these sentences. Find another way to say each sentence using the words given.

1. Maybe it means you're not allowed to fish here. (may)
It may mean you're not allowed to fish here.
2. You can't light a fire here. (allowed)

3. Perhaps that sign means you're not allowed to swim here. (might)

4. I think that sign means you can get food here. (probably)

5. You need to be quiet after 10:00 P.M. (have got to)

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Complete each conversation using the words in the box.

☐ confusing ☐ embarrassing ☐ exhausting ☐ impatient ☐ irritating



1. A: I fell asleep during class this afternoon.
 The teacher had to wake me up.
 B: Oh, that's _____ !
2. A: I went to the movies last night. The couple who sat behind me talked during the entire movie.
 B: That's _____ !
3. A: I drove all night to get there on time.
 B: Oh, that's _____ !
 How can you keep your eyes open?
4. A: Did Anna give you directions to the party?
 B: She did, but they're really _____ . Hey, can I get a ride with you?
5. A: This movie is taking forever to download.
 Why does it have to take so long?
 B: You are so _____ !
 There, look. It's done!