

**A stitch in time
saves nine**

**Actions speak
louder than
words**

**Don't count your
chickens before
they hatch**

**All that glitters
is not gold**

**An idle mind is a
devil's workshop**

**Strike while the
iron is hot**

**One shouldn't
miss the forest
for the trees**



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LIVEWORKSHEETS

Proverbs Set 13

No.	Proverb	meaning
1	Never test the depth of the water with both feet	If you're in the water with both feet down, you risk being swept away by the currents. The message is: don't put all your eggs in the same basket. Think twice before placing all your bets and investments on one thing.
2	No news is good news	If you don't receive any news about someone or something, it means that everything is fine and going normally.
3	One man's junk is another man's treasure	What may seem to be junk to one person may be valuable to another
4	One shouldn't miss the forest for the trees	What may seem to be junk to one person may be valuable to another
5	The show must go on	A performance, event, etc., must continue even though there are problems



Proverbs Test 13.1

forest	junk	good
depth	go	

1. Never test the _____ of the water with both feet.
2. No news is _____ news.
3. One man's _____ is another man's treasure.
4. One shouldn't miss the _____ for the trees.
5. The show must _____ on.



Proverbs Test 13.2

Drag or write the correct proverb on the right	
Proverb	Sentence
Never test the depth of the water with both feet	I sold my 6-year-old laptop for a little amount, but I'm sure the buyer will make a hefty profit on it by refurbishing and selling it to someone else. 1. _____.
No news is good news	The first few questions are only worth one point each so make sure you leave enough time for the open-ended questions. 2. _____.
One man's junk is another man's treasure	The chairman died yesterday but we did not cancel the performance as 3. _____.
One shouldn't miss the forest for the trees	While applying to colleges, don't limit yourself only to those with high cutoff marks. 4. _____.
The show must go on	My daughter has been working in Australia for nearly five years now. At first, I used to get worried when I didn't hear from her, but now 5. _____.



Proverbs Set 14

No.	Proverb	meaning
1	The squeaky wheel gets the grease	People who complain the most are the ones who get attention or what they want.
2	Time and tide wait for no man	You've no control over the passage of time; it'll keep slipping. So don't procrastinate, don't delay things.
3	Too many cooks spoil the broth	When too many people work together on a project, the result is inferior
4	Watch the doughnut and not the hole	Focus on what you have and not on what you don't.
5	What goes around comes around	If someone treats other people badly, he or she will eventually be treated badly by someone else.



Proverbs Test 14.1

cooks	wait	doughnut
wheel	around	

1. The squeaky _____ gets the grease.
2. Time and tide _____ for no man.
3. Too many _____ spoil the broth.
4. Watch the _____ and not the hole.
5. What goes _____ comes around.



Proverbs Test 14.2

Drag or write the correct proverb on the right	
Proverb	Sentence
The squeaky wheel gets the grease	We need to hurry up or else we'll miss the flight. 1. _____.
Time and tide wait for no man	If you're not satisfied with the service at the hotel, then you should call up the manager there. 2. _____.
too many cooks spoil the broth	Instead of comparing your lives to others and focusing on what you don't have, appreciate the things in your life. Remember to 3. _____.
watch the doughnut and not the hole	He tormented me back in high school, and now he has his own bully. 4. _____.
What goes around comes around	The company management had 11 decision makers. No wonder it closed operations since 5. _____.

