

**THE  
BOOK  
OF  
PROVERBS  
PART D**



**The Write Tribe**

## **Proverb no. 1: *There is no time like the present***

Anne was fatter than the fattest pig you can imagine. She was so fat, her back was the size of two barn doors. The villagers often mocked her. Anne was deeply upset over her appearance. Anne's sister Marie was fit as a fiddle. Marie would often advise Anne to exercise with her. However, it would fall on deaf ears. During winter season, Anne would say, "Marie, maybe we should exercise during summer when it is not so cold!" During summer season, Anne would say, "Marie, maybe we should exercise when it is not so scorching hot!" Anne grew fatter and fatter. She got so fat, she couldn't even fit into the house anymore. Finally, Marie blew her top and remarked, "Anne! The time is now! Start exercising now instead of coming up with excuses. There is no time like the present!" Anne wished she had listened to her sister earlier. She regretted postponing exercise and worked on being fit!

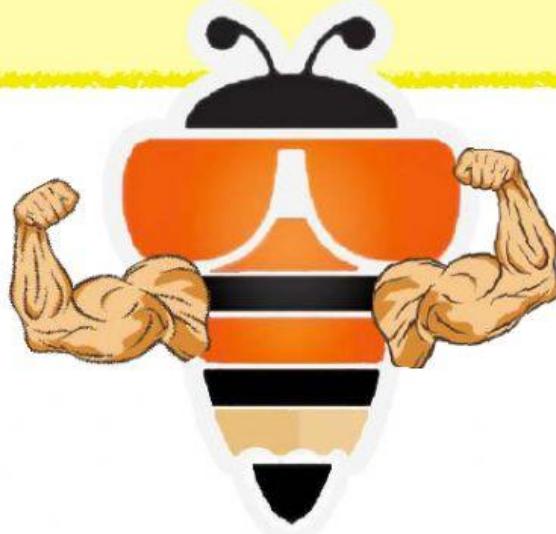
**Meaning:** an action should be done now rather than later.



## **Proverb no. 2: When the going gets tough, the tough gets going**

Once upon a time, there was a hardworking boy named John. He used to be very poor and he barely had food to eat. He was an orphan who used to work as a servant at a rich mansion. John had an inert desire to go to school and educate himself. He would always save a portion of his money for his education when other children spent it on toys and clothes. In the evenings, he would go to the community school and study diligently throughout the night and attend work in the morning. He would try to catch a wink of sleep when his work at the mansion was less intensive. John wasn't fazed by how difficult his life was. He never gave up his dream and he continued to work very hard. Many years went by and John finally graduated from his school and he was awarded a scholarship to fund his college degree. As he proudly went up the stage, he mentioned, "When the going gets tough, the tough gets going. This was what motivated me!" The audience then gave him a standing ovation and he threw his graduation cap high in the air.

**Meaning:** Difficult situations would get by as long as we focus and invest efforts into the situation.



### **Proverb no. 3: *All that glitters is not gold***

Once upon a time, there lived a goldsmith named Branson. He was very talented but extremely greedy. While working for the King, he would offer pieces of gold ornaments that were in fact counterfeits. The pieces Branson offered were so pretty that the King would buy them by the boatload. One day, the King decided to show off his fabulous pieces to the Royals from neighbouring countries. To his dismay, he was deeply ashamed to learn that he had been scammed! The Royals laughed at him implying that he had been a fool. The King learnt a lesson that appearances can be deceptive.

**Meaning:** The attractive external appearance of something is not a reliable indication of its true nature.



### **Proverb no. 4: Always put your best foot forward**

Will had been looking for a job for months. He had been unemployed for a long time. Every day, he would walk in and out of offices hoping to get a job. Sadly, this went on for a long time. One day, he got yet another call. However, Will was not too excited. "What's the point? I have been trying for so long. Why would today be any different?" he lamented. His wife who heard his muttering said to him, "Put your best foot forward! Miracles can happen!" Will once again, brushed his hair, wore his whitest shirt and braved his way to the interview. Indeed, his wife was right! A miracle did happen. Will got the job!

**Meaning:** To give your best in everything that you do.



## MATCH THEM

**There is no time like the present**

*What looks good outside may not be good on the inside*

**All that glitters is not gold**

*Don't procrastinate and start now!*

**Always put your best foot forward**

*People who are strong-willed are unfazed by difficult situations*

**When the going gets tough, the tough gets going**

*Always give the best in whatever you do*

## DRAG AND DROP



going	glitters	time
foot	tough	present

1. All that \_\_\_\_\_ is not gold.

2. When the going gets \_\_\_\_\_, the tough gets

\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Always put your best \_\_\_\_\_ forward.

4. There is no \_\_\_\_\_ like the \_\_\_\_\_.

## FILL IN THE BLANKS

**there is no time like the present**

**Always put your best foot forward**

**when the going gets tough, the tough gets going**

**all that glitters is not gold**



1. Erika was a beautiful woman. Everyone swooned over her beauty and wanted her for a wife. Prince Argon wanted the same. He was certain Erika's heart was as beautiful as her face. However, one day he saw Erika kicking an orphan.

The Prince learnt \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Hansel was a massive procrastinator. He would always put off farm work claiming he would do it another day. Winter came and it was cruel. Hansel regretted procrastinating and learnt that

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3. Mia was anxious to go for her singing competition. To make matters worse, she was feeling under the weather. "Oh! I am sure I wouldn't win!" Mia lamented. Her mother advised Mia to give her best and said,

"\_\_\_\_\_."

4. Jack was a hardworking cook. His neighbour, Pete, who was a cook too was extremely envious of Jack. One day, the village chief hosted a contest to find who produced the best roasted potatoes. Pete knew Jack would easily win. Pete destroyed Jack's stove unbeknownst to Jack's knowledge. However, Jack was unfazed. He made the best roasted potatoes over the fire and won the contest. Jack emerged a victor because he believed

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