

**THE
BOOK
OF
PROVERBS
PART E**



The Write Tribe

Proverb no. 1: *Cowards die a thousand deaths!*

Jane is deathly afraid of dentists. She has never been to one. However, she had heard plenty of horror stories. Once her little brother, George visited a dentist. He came back with a bleeding mouth. Ever since that, Jane could never bring herself to visit a dentist. Unfortunately for her, the day finally dawned when her last molar started to shake. Naturally, Jane wasn't looking forward to this horrible meeting. She couldn't sleep all night and imagined the worst scenarios. What if the dentists saws off every tooth with a chainsaw? She thought. Jane would put off the appointment until she could no longer put it off. Her mother dragged her to the dentist. To make matters worse, the dentist's name was Frankenstein! As her brain cooked up scary flashes, she finally had enough and decided to face her fear. She pushed the door to the dentist's office. A paunchy, cheery man greeted her. He had the widest grin that could possibly stretch from one end to the other end of Earth! Dr. Frankenstein even had a silly, squeaky voice. He was such a nice dentist that the whole procedure went without a hitch. Jane learnt she was a silly goose. She couldn't believe she was afraid of something so trivial!

Meaning: Every time you chicken out, you 'die' a little inside.

Proverb no. 2: *Barking dogs seldom bite*

Molly was a timid and shy girl. She rarely spoke to people. She only focused on doing her work and she rarely cared about anything else. However, Fiona noticed her introverted nature and she wanted to take that to her advantage. She would usually steal Molly's things, hurl vulgarities at her and occasionally threaten to beat her up. Molly did not utter a word about this to anyone. Instead, she locked herself up in the toilet and waited for her bully to leave. A few months went by and Molly continued to live in fear and shame. One day, Molly became furious with Fiona's threats and she decided that she could take no more. She stepped out of her bathroom cubicle and went out bravely. There, stood Fiona with raging eyes. Even though, Molly was afraid inside, she knew she had to stand up for herself. She looked straight into Fiona's eyes and shouted, "I am not afraid of you anymore! Beat me up in front of this school!" Upon hearing that, Fiona froze in shock and became speechless. Molly went closer to her as Fiona took a few steps back. "After all, barking dogs seldom bite!" Molly said with a smirk and left the scene. Molly was never bullied again.

Meaning: People who threaten you rarely take action.

Proverb no. 3: *Don't bite the hand that feeds you*

There once lived a king named Lurther who was a benevolent king. He had a heart made of gold. He always donated generously and treated his people kindly. One day, a poor man came to seek help. The poor man came from a neighbouring island. He had lost his wife and belongings in a flood. Upon seeing his piteous state, the King offered him shelter in the palace and a job as a servant. The poor man was very thankful and grateful for the opportunity. As days passed by, the poor man realised how kind and friendly the King was to everyone. The poor man decided to use this to his advantage and manipulate the king. Slowly, he took over King Lurther's possessions. The poor man was hoping to loot the King off all his pricey possessions. One day, the poor man offered a drink to the King. King Luther was touched and drank it. Soon, King Luther started vomiting blood and realised he had been poisoned. While writhing on the floor, Luther cursed the poor man, "You should never bite the hand that feeds you! There will come a time you will face the consequences of your actions!" Luckily, the guards came in the nick of time and saved King Lurther! After recovering, King Lurther threw the ungrateful man out of his kingdom. The man was once again reduced to poverty and regretted being so ungrateful.

Meaning: Don't be ungrateful to the ones who provide you!

Proverb no. 4: *Cross the stream where it is the shallowest*

Galileo was a perfectionist. He had a specific tool for specific tasks. However, his brother Figaro was quite the opposite. He had one tool for everything. One day, Galileo and Figaro were preparing cheese sticks. As Galileo, slid the cheese sticks into the piping hot oil, he accidentally dropped his beloved spatula and it broke into two. Galileo only had one spatula and he immediately started venting. He demanded a new spatula! “Are you crazy? Are you going to leave the sticks to fry till you... get a spatula?” Figaro remarked. “Yes!” a frazzled Galileo, who at this point had an uncanny resemblance to the Mad Hatter, screamed. “If we don’t use the right tool, the cheese sticks would crumble!” Galileo continued venting while pulling at his hair. Figaro rolled his eyes and fished out his trusty weapon. A pair chopsticks. Figaro salvaged the cheese sticks from the hot oil like a pelican catching fish. “Whaaaat?” Galileo finally let go of his hair. As it rained hair strands on the floor like a beautiful snowy day, Figaro laughed, “Why make your life difficult? Always find the simplest way to achieve something!” As for Galileo, he became bald but he learnt his lesson to keep things simple.

Meaning: Don’t make things difficult for yourself; always find the simplest means of achieving your objective.

MATCH THEM

**Cross the stream
where it is the
shallowest**

*People who threaten
you seldom do what
they say*

**Don't bite the
hand that feeds
you**

*Make your life easy
by using the simplest
method to solve a
problem*

**Cowards die a
thousand
deaths**

*Don't be ungrateful to
someone who had
helped you!*

**Barking dogs
seldom bite**

*Fear may make
something look
scarier than it actually
is*

DRAG AND DROP



die	shallowest	deaths
stream	dogs	bite

1. Barking _____ seldom bite.

2. Cowards _____ a thousand _____.

3. Cross the _____ where it is the _____.

4. Don't _____ the hand that feeds you.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

cross the stream where it is the shallowest

Don't bite the hand that feeds you

cowards die a thousand deaths

Barking dogs seldom bite



1. Don't overcomplicate things. Find the easiest way to solve a problem. After all,

2. Don't be afraid of the bully.

3. Be kind to your parents. They have given you clothes, food and shelter.

4. Instead of being anxious, Jane decided to finally face her fear of public speaking. She had learnt that
