

**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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## Proverbs Set 1

No.	Proverb	meaning
1	<b>All that glitters is not gold</b>	Something may not be as valuable as it appears to be
2	<b>A picture is worth a thousand words</b>	Explaining something is easier through a picture than by words
3	<b>All good things come to an end</b>	Nothing great lasts forever
4	<b>Beggars can't be choosers</b>	People who need something should be satisfied with what they get even if it is not exactly what they wanted.
5	<b>A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step</b>	It is necessary to take the first step to reach your goal.



## Proverbs Test 1.1

picture	gold	choosers
thousand		end

1. All that glitters is not \_\_\_\_\_.
2. A \_\_\_\_\_ is worth a thousand words.
3. All good things come to an \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Beggars can't be \_\_\_\_\_.
5. A journey of a \_\_\_\_\_ miles begins with a single step.



## Proverbs Test 1.2

Drag or write the correct proverb on the right

Proverb	Sentence
<b>a picture is worth a thousand words</b>	After being scammed by the deal that appeared wonderful, I learned 1. _____.
<b>all that glitters is not gold</b>	Luckily, the instructions had pictures. It is easier to learn how a machine works from pictures rather than descriptions, since 2. _____.
<b>all good things come to an end</b>	I would have preferred a house of my own rather than sharing, but 3. _____.
<b>beggars can't be choosers</b>	It was a fantastic vacation, but 4. _____.
<b>a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step</b>	A daunting task can be started by doing a simple thing. After all, 5. _____.



## Proverbs Set 2

No.	Proverb	meaning
1	<b>A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush</b>	It's better to hold onto something one already has than to risk losing it by trying to get something better.
2	<b>Actions speak louder than words</b>	What someone does means more than what they say they will do
3	<b>An apple a day keeps the doctor away</b>	Eating an apple daily, keeps you healthy.
4	<b>An idle mind is a devil's workshop</b>	Evil thoughts come to us easily when we are idle.
5	<b>Better safe than sorry</b>	It is better to take precautions than to regret later.



## Proverbs Test 2.1

apple	two	Actions
idle	safe	

1. A bird in the hand is worth \_\_\_\_\_ in the bush.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ speak louder than words.

3. An \_\_\_\_\_ a day keeps the doctor away.

4. An \_\_\_\_\_ mind is a devil's workshop.

5. Better \_\_\_\_\_ than sorry.



## Proverbs Test 2.2

Drag or write the correct proverb on the right

Proverb	Sentence
<b>better safe than sorry</b>	You may not like your job, but don't quit merely on the hope of finding a better one. 1. _____.
<b>an idle mind is a devil's workshop</b>	He keeps saying he loves me but forgets my birthday. 2. _____.
<b>a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush</b>	You won't fall ill if you eat fruits, 3. _____.
<b>actions speak louder than words</b>	Keep your mind busy or you will get wicked ideas. After all, 4. _____.
<b>an apple a day keeps the doctor away</b>	Don't ride a bicycle without wearing a helmet. _____.

