

**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	<b>Never test the depth of the water with both feet</b>	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	<b>No news is good news</b>	If you don't receive any news about someone or something, it means that everything is fine and going normally.
3	<b>One man's junk is another man's treasure</b>	What may seem to be junk to one person may be valuable to another
4	<b>One shouldn't miss the forest for the trees</b>	What may seem to be junk to one person may be valuable to another
5	<b>The show must go on</b>	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
<b>Never test the depth of the water with both feet</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>1. _____.</p>
<b>No news is good news</b>	<p>The first few questions are only worth one point each so make sure you leave enough time for the open-ended questions.</p> <p>2. _____.</p>
<b>One man's junk is another man's treasure</b>	<p>The chairman died yesterday but we did not cancel the performance as</p> <p>3. _____.</p>
<b>One shouldn't miss the forest for the trees</b>	<p>While applying to colleges, don't limit yourself only to those with high cutoff marks.</p> <p>4. _____.</p>
<b>The show must go on</b>	<p>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</p> <p>5. _____.</p>



## Proverbs Set 14

No.	Proverb	meaning
1	<b>The squeaky wheel gets the grease</b>	People who complain the most are the ones who get attention or what they want.
2	<b>Time and tide wait for no man</b>	You've no control over the passage of time; it'll keep slipping. So don't procrastinate, don't delay things.
3	<b>Too many cooks spoil the broth</b>	When too many people work together on a project, the result is inferior
4	<b>Watch the doughnut and not the hole</b>	Focus on what you have and not on what you don't.
5	<b>What goes around comes around</b>	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
<b>The squeaky wheel gets the grease</b>	<p>We need to hurry up or else we'll miss the flight.</p> <p>1. _____.</p>
<b>Time and tide wait for no man</b>	<p>If you're not satisfied with the service at the hotel, then you should call up the manager there.</p> <p>2. _____.</p>
<b>too many cooks spoil the broth</b>	<p>Instead of comparing your lives to others and focusing on what you don't have, appreciate the things in your life. Remember to</p> <p>3. _____.</p>
<b>watch the doughnut and not the hole</b>	<p>He tormented me back in high school, and now he has his own bully.</p> <p>4. _____.</p>
<b>What goes around comes around</b>	<p>The company management had 11 decision makers. No wonder it closed operations since</p> <p>5. _____.</p>

