A stitch in time saves nine

Actions speak louder than words

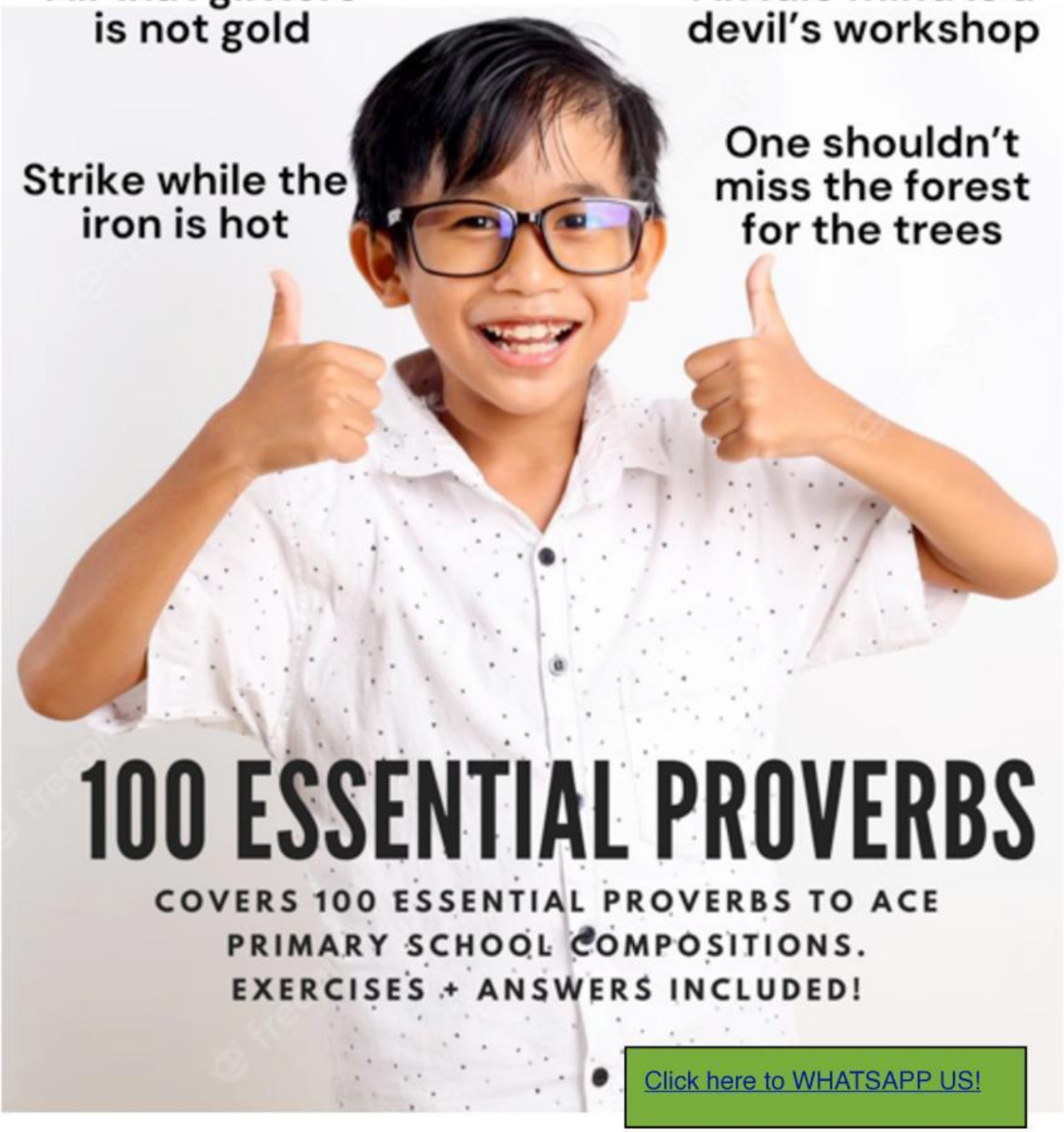
Don't count your chickens before they hatch

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 19

No.	Proverb	meaning
1	**There is more than one way to skin a cat.**	There are many ways to do what you want.
2	**Adversity and loss make a man wise.**	Tough times can make a wise person out of anyone.
3	**A fool and his money are soon parted.**	Foolish people often lose their money.
4	**One good turn deserves another.**	If someone does you a favour, you should always repay it.
5	**A ship in harbour is safe, but that is not what a ship is for.**	You never grow if you don't leave your comfort zone.

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Proverbs Test 19.1

money	one	harbour
loss	turn	

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Proverbs Test 19.2

Drag or write the correct proverb on the right	
Proverb	**Sentence**
There is more than one way to skin a cat.	After recovering from the scam, the old man learned his lesson and became wary of suspicious links. 1. _____.
Adversity and loss make a man wise.	Our first approach didn't work, but we'll figure out some other way. 2._____.
A fool and his money are soon parted.	I did not expect Sally to help me. But she repaid the favour I did for her in childhood by simply saying, 3. _____.
"One good turn deserves another."	Learning how to roller skate has its risks but if I do not go out of my comfort zone, I can never learn anything. 4. _____.
A ship in harbour is safe, but that is not what a ship is for.	Despite his family advising against gambling, the old man continued visiting casinos and lost all his fortune. 5. _____.

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Proverbs Set 20

No.	Proverb	meaning
1	**Barking dogs, seldom bite.**	People look threatening are often harmless
2	**Beauty is only skin-deep.**	Personality and character matter more than physical beauty.
3	**Cowards die many times before their deaths.**	People who do not challenge themselves die many times
4	**Hard words break no bones.**	It is often good to tell the harsh truth
5	**Out of the frying pan into the fire.**	Moving from a difficult position to a worse one.

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Proverbs Test 20.1

beauty	die	frying
seldom	words	

1. Barking dogs, _____ bite.

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3. Cowards _____ many times before their deaths.

4. Hard _____ break no bones.

5. Out of the _____ pan into the fire.

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Proverbs Test 20.2

Drag or write the correct proverb on the right	
Proverb	**Sentence**
Barking dogs, seldom bite.	I had to be honest about his progress even though it may hurt his feelings. 1. _____.
Beauty is only skin-deep.	People who do not challenge themselves die many times. I realised it was not so scary after all. It is true that 2. _____.
Cowards die many times before their deaths.	We moved out of a house infested with ants into one infested with rats, so we went 3. _____.
Hard words break no bones.	Personality and character matter more than physical beauty. She may be beautiful but she has no leadership skills. 4. _____.
Out of the frying pan into the fire.	Don't be afraid of the bully's threats. 5. _____.

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