

PROVERBS

If your mother or grandmother is fond of the sayings like "All's well that ends well," or "A penny saved is a penny earned," then she's a proverb expert. A proverb is a short statement, that is usually known by many people for a long time, and it gives advice or expresses some common truth.

PROVERBS	MEANINGS	EXAMPLES	1. Match the given pictures with proverbs. (Write the number of proverb in the box.)
1. All that glitters is not gold.	Something might not be as valuable as it seems to be.	She bought an attractive bracelet recently, but it broke in less than a week. All that glitters is not gold.	
2. All good things come to an end.	Nothing great lasts forever.	It was a fantastic vacation, but all good things come to an end.	
3. A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.	It is necessary to take the first step to reach your goal.	I feel overwhelmed with all the tasks I have to finish, but I have to start with something since a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.	
4. Actions speak louder than words.	What someone does means more than what they say they will do.	She never bragged about her grades but secured the first position in the board exams. Truly, actions speak louder than words.	
5. An idle brain is the devil's workshop.	Evil thoughts come to us easily when we are idle.	You should give your daughter something to do in the afternoon, after all an idle brain is the devil's workshop.	
6. Beggars can't be choosers.	People dependent on others must be content with what is offered to them.	People who depend on the generosity of others can't pick or choose things as per their liking because beggars can't be choosers.	
7. Better safe than sorry.	It is better to take precautions than to regret later.	Don't ride your bike without wearing a helmet. It is better to be safe than sorry.	

2. Choose the best option that completes the proverb.

a) Better _____ than sorry.

- i) late
- ii) safe
- iii) prevent

b) Actions speak _____ than words.

- i) louder
- iii) clearer
- iv) better

c) All good things come to an _____.

- i) event
- ii) start
- iii) end

d) An idle _____ is the devil's workshop.

- i) mind
- ii) brain
- iii) person

3. Identify whether the following statements are true or false based on the proverbs.

a) "A penny earned is a penny saved." is a proverb.

- i) True
- ii) False

b) "All that glitters is not gold." means that it's okay to do something wrong if someone else did it first.

- i) True
- ii) False

c) "A journey of thousand miles begins with a single step." means you should start your journey with your friends.

- i) True
- ii) False