

**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 15

No.	Proverb	meaning
1	Where there's smoke there's fire	If there are rumours or signs that something is true so it must be at least partly true
2	Where one door shuts, another opens	When you lose an opportunity to do one thing, an opportunity to do something else appears.
3	While the cat's away, the mice will play	Without supervision, people will do as they please, especially in disregarding or breaking rules.
4	You can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar	It's easier to win people to your side by persuasion and politeness than by confrontation and threats.
5	You can lead a horse to water but you can't make it drink	You can show people the way to do things, but you can't force them to act



Proverbs Test 15.1

smoke	mice	door
honey	drink	

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Proverbs Test 15.2

Drag or write the correct proverb on the right	
Proverb	Sentence
where there's smoke there's fire	As soon as their parents left, the children invited all their friends over – 1. _____.
where one door shuts, another opens	Be nice to everyone and you can get more support. 2. _____.
while the cat's away, the mice will play	You can give someone an opportunity or show him how to succeed, but you can't force him to take the opportunity. 3. _____.
You can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar	John was sad when he lost his job but he was offered an even better job opportunity. 4. _____.
You can lead a horse to water but you can't make it drink	If unpleasant things are said about someone or something, there is probably a good reason for it 5. _____.



Proverbs Set 16

No.	Proverb	meaning
1	You can't always get what you want	Sometimes you may face disappointments in your pursuits or your wishes may not be fulfilled.
2	If it ain't broke, don't fix it	If something works well, there's no point trying to change it.
3	Make the best of a bad bargain.	to deal with and create the best possible outcome of a bad situation.
4	Desperate times call for desperate measures.	Actions that might seem extreme under normal circumstances are appropriate during adversity.
5	The calm (comes) before the storm.	Turbulent times wait just around the corner when it is calm.



Proverbs Test 16.1

broke	best	call
always	before	

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3. Make the _____ of a bad bargain.
4. Desperate times _____ for desperate measures.
5. The calm (comes) _____ the storm.



Proverbs Test 16.2

Drag or write the correct proverb on the right	
Proverb	Sentence
You can't always get what you want	So long as they like our proposal let's not change it; if 1. _____.
If it ain't broke, don't fix it	I know you want to go to the toy store today, but 2. _____.
Make the best of a bad bargain.	Having no one to turn to, the bully resorted to asking help from the boy he despised. 3. _____.
Desperate times call for desperate measures.	The family's meeting on property dispute begins today and I'm just sitting down with a cup of coffee, enjoying 4. _____.
The calm (comes) before the storm.	My flight has been delayed, I decide to 5. _____ by taking a short nap.

