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5th Grade ELA: Idioms & Proverbs

1. The saying "The early bird catches the worm" is a common proverb. What does this saying mean?

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| a) It means that birds should eat early to stay healthy. | b) It means that people who wake up early have more opportunities. |
| c) It means that worms are slow and easy to catch. | d) It means that birds eat worms in the morning. |

2. When someone says "Actions speak louder than words," what are they trying to communicate?

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| a) It means that speaking loudly gets more attention. | b) It means that words are not important at all. |
| c) It means actions are usually silent. | d) It means that what you do is more important than what you say. |

3. If a friend tells you "Don't cry over spilled milk," what are they advising you to do?

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| a) They are advising you not to get upset about something that has already happened and can't be changed. | b) They are advising you to avoid crying in general. |
| c) They are advising you to clean up your mess. | d) They are advising you to drink milk instead. |

4. The idiom "Break a leg" is often said before a performance. What is the real meaning of the phrase?

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| a) It means the performance might be dangerous. | b) It means to be careful while performing. |
| c) It means "Good luck" or "Do well" in your performance. | d) It means someone should literally break a leg. |

5. When someone says "Curiosity killed the cat," what lesson are they trying to teach?

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| a) They are warning that being too curious or nosy can lead to trouble. | b) They are warning that cats are dangerous animals. |
| c) They are saying that curiosity is a good trait. | d) They are saying that cats are curious animals. |

6. If someone says "You can't judge a book by its cover," what are they trying to tell you?

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| a) They are saying that covers on books are not important. | b) They are telling you to read books before judging them. |
| c) They are telling you not to judge people or things by their appearance alone. | d) They are saying that books should be protected with covers. |

7. When you hear "Two heads are better than one," what is the advice being given?

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| a) It means that working together with someone else can lead to better results. | b) It means that teamwork is not necessary. |
| c) It means that having two heads is beneficial. | d) It means that two leaders are better than one. |

8. The idiom "A penny for your thoughts" is often used in conversation. What does it mean?

- a) It means that money should be spent wisely.
- b) It means that pennies are valuable.
- c) It means that someone wants to know what you are thinking.
- d) It means that thoughts are worth very little.

9. If a friend tells you "When pigs fly," what are they saying?

- a) They are saying that pigs can actually fly.
- b) They are saying that something will never happen.
- c) They are saying that you should be patient.
- d) They are saying that anything is possible.

10. When someone says "It's raining cats and dogs," what do they really mean?

- a) They mean that the weather is pleasant.
- b) They mean that it is raining very heavily.
- c) They mean that cats and dogs don't like rain.
- d) They mean that animals are falling from the sky.

11. The proverb "The grass is always greener on the other side" is often used in conversation. What does it mean?

- a) It means that grass is healthier on the other side.
- b) It means that you should take care of your lawn.
- c) It means that green is a good color.
- d) It means that people often think others have it better than they do.

12. If someone says "Don't count your chickens before they hatch," what advice are they giving?

- a) They are advising not to assume the outcome of something before it happens.
- b) They are advising you to be patient with animals.
- c) They are advising you to be careful with chickens.
- d) They are advising you to wait until chickens are born.

13. When you hear "A watched pot never boils," what does the person mean?

- a) They mean that you should not watch pots.
- b) They mean that time seems to pass more slowly when you are waiting for something.
- c) They mean that pots take a long time to boil.
- d) They mean that cooking requires patience.

14. The idiom "Let the cat out of the bag" is used to describe what situation?

- a) It is used when someone hides something.
- b) It is used when someone accidentally reveals a secret.
- c) It is used when a cat escapes from a bag.
- d) It is used when someone loses their cat.

15. If a friend tells you "Hit the nail on the head," what are they saying?

- a) They are saying that you should use a hammer.
- b) They are saying that you missed the point.
- c) They are saying that you should build something.
- d) They are saying that you did or said something exactly right.

16. When someone says "Bite the bullet," what are they encouraging you to do?

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| a) They are encouraging you to bite something. | b) They are encouraging you to fight someone. |
| c) They are encouraging you to face a difficult situation bravely. | d) They are encouraging you to avoid pain. |

17. If someone tells you "The ball is in your court," what do they mean?

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| a) They mean that it is your turn to take action or make a decision. | b) They mean that you have lost control. |
| c) They mean that you are playing a sport. | d) They mean that you are in control of the game. |

18. The saying "You can't have your cake and eat it too" is often used. What does it mean?

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| a) It means that you should save your cake. | b) It means that eating cake is important. |
| c) It means that cake is meant to be eaten. | d) It means that you can't enjoy two desirable things at the same time without giving up one. |

19. When someone says "Burning the midnight oil," what are they describing?

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| a) They are describing someone who is staying up late working or studying. | b) They are describing someone who works during the day. |
| c) They are describing someone who likes fire. | d) They are describing someone who is wasting oil. |

20. The idiom "Cold feet" is used in which situation?

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| a) It is used when someone is walking on ice. | b) It is used when someone is nervous or hesitant about something. |
| c) It is used when someone is cold. | d) It is used when someone has cold feet. |

21. If someone says "The elephant in the room," what are they referring to?

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| a) They are referring to a large object in the room. | b) They are referring to an elephant figurine. |
| c) They are referring to an obvious problem or issue that people are avoiding discussing. | d) They are referring to an actual elephant. |

22. When you hear "A blessing in disguise," what does it mean?

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| a) It means that something that seems bad at first turns out to be good later. | b) It means that someone is wearing a disguise. |
| c) It means that something is disguised as a blessing. | d) It means that blessings are hidden. |

23. The phrase "Throw in the towel" is commonly used. What does it mean?

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| a) It means to start over. | b) It means to clean up a mess. |
| c) It means to win a game. | d) It means to give up or admit defeat. |

24. If someone says "The ball is rolling," what are they implying?

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| a) They are implying that something has already started or is in progress. | b) They are implying that someone is playing with a ball. |
| c) They are implying that something is rolling. | d) They are implying that you need to start moving. |

25. The idiom "Under the weather" is used to describe what condition?

- a) It is used to describe someone who is outside.
- b) It is used to describe someone who is cold.
- c) It is used to describe someone who is tired.
- d) It is used to describe someone who is feeling sick or unwell.

26. If a friend says "The last straw," what are they referring to?

- a) They are referring to the last piece of something.
- b) They are referring to the end of a project.
- c) They are referring to the final problem in a series that causes someone to lose patience.
- d) They are referring to an actual straw.

27. When someone says "Piece of cake," what are they implying?

- a) They are implying that someone is baking.
- b) They are implying that someone is eating cake.
- c) They are implying that something is very easy to do.
- d) They are implying that something is small.

28. The idiom "Spill the beans" is often used. What does it mean?

- a) It means to eat beans.
- b) It means to make a mess.
- c) It means to drop a container of beans.
- d) It means to reveal a secret or tell something that was supposed to be kept private.

29. If someone tells you "To keep an eye on something," what are they advising you to do?

- a) They are advising you to get help.
- b) They are advising you to avoid distractions.
- c) They are advising you to watch something carefully or pay close attention to it.
- d) They are advising you to protect your eyes.