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***Развлекайся!  
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- Сотни увлекательных заданий на основе англоязычных пословиц и поговорок.
- Толкование всех пословиц на английском языке.
- Помощь учителям, репетиторам и просто изучающим английский.
- Возможность расширения и активизации словарного запаса и развития навыков разговорной речи (при чтении, обсуждении и/или переводе).

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Тесты созданы для обучения и развлечения тех, кто изучает или любит английский. Все тесты основаны на сотнях англоязычных пословиц и поговорок. Их можно легко использовать на занятиях для расширения и активизации словарного запаса, для развития навыком разговорной речи и просто в качестве развлечения. В одних заданиях вам необходимо выбрать из предложенных слов то, которое на ваш взгляд убрано из пословицы; В других – предлагаются два списка пословиц в случайном порядке (на английском и русском), где вам надо составить пары (английский вариант – русский перевод). В третьих – надо расставить слова в правильном порядке. В четвертых – объяснить пословицы, что бывает нелегко. Все пословицы приведены с объяснением смысла (на английском языке!) Есть алфавитный список всех пословиц. Тесты снабжены правильными ответами. Пособие развлечёт вас, обогатит ваш кругозор и словарный запас, поможет развитию навыков перевода и поможет продвинуться в изучении (или преподавании) английского языка.

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# **Александр Пахотин**

## **Развлекайся! Тренируйся! Учись!**

### **От автора-составителя**

В первой части настоящее пособие познакомит вас с несколькими сотнями англоязычных пословиц и поговорок, что позволит вам значительно расширить ваш кругозор и пополнить словарный запас.

Кроме этого (если, конечно, вы этого захотите), вы сможете дополнительно развлечься и потренироваться.

Дело в том, что после общего списка пословиц и поговорок вам предлагаются различные тесты и задания. В каких-то заданиях необходимо выбрать из предложенных слов то, которое на ваш взгляд было убрано из пословицы или поговорки. В каких-то заданиях (тестах) вам предлагаются два списка пословиц и поговорок (на английском и на русском языках) в случайном порядке, и вам предложено расставить их парами (англоязычный вариант – перевод). В каких-то заданиях вам предстоит расставить слова в пословицах в правильном порядке. В каких-то заданиях вам предстоит объяснение или толкование пословиц или поговорок, что бывает порой довольно трудно.

Таким образом, пособие реально развлечёт вас, обогатит ваш кругозор, увеличит ваш словарный запас, поможет развитию навыков перевода с английского на русский и поможет продвинуться в изучении (или преподавании) английского языка. Одним словом, развлекайтесь с пользой!

***Ваш Александр Пахотин.***

## Необходимое предисловие

Вы, конечно же, знаете, что в английском языке (как и в большинстве других языков) существуют пословицы и поговорки. Они украшают нашу речь, делают её ярче, точнее и эмоциональнее.

В принципе, чем больше слов, выражений, идиом, пословиц и поговорок вы знаете, тем лучше. Но не забывайте, что носители языка не очень-то любят употреблять пословицы и поговорки при общении. Это не то чтобы считается дурным тоном, но многие полагают, что человек употребляет пословицы и поговорки потому, что сам не имеет

собственного суждения. Уж если вы хотите блеснуть знанием английского, то лучше использовать пословицу или поговорку в ситуации, когда она подкрепит вашу точку зрения, сделает ваше замечание или мнение более эмоциональным или более остроумным. А ещё лучше использовать пословицу или поговорку не в чистом виде, а в усечённом или в собственной "авторской" обработке. Есть хороший пример из литературы, где автор употребил идиому *To let the cat out of the bag* (Разболтать секрет, рассказать кому-то чужую тайну) со своим дополнением, которое придало идиоме юмористическую окраску. В изменённом варианте предложение звучало примерно так: *She let the cat out of the bag with a lot of kittens.* (Она разболтала секрет, добавив множество своих собственных подробностей). Из всего сказанного следует, что пословицы, конечно же, знать желательно, но часто употреблять их в речи необязательно.

Однако нельзя забывать и о том, что иногда вовремя и к месту сказанная пословица или поговорка может сыграть важную роль.

Кроме того, надо помнить о том, что не все пословицы и поговорки совпадают с русскими. Точнее, по смыслу они весьма сходны, а вот по форме (то есть по используемым словам) часто не совпадают.

Разберём, например, русскую поговорку *И на солнце есть пятна* в английском варианте она звучит *Homer sometimes nods.* Как мы видим, в данном случае, не совпадает всё, кроме значения (смысла).

Во-первых, в английском варианте нет слова *солнце*. Вместо него есть слово *Гомер*.

Во-вторых, в английском варианте отсутствует слово *пятна*, но имеется слово *дремать*.

В-третьих, в английском варианте имеется слово *иногда*.

Если переводить английский вариант дословно, то получается: *Гомер иногда тоже дремлет*. Имеется в виду, что даже великий Гомер иногда дремлет, то есть допускает слабость.

**Итак, приглашаю вас в большое путешествие по миру полезных, умных и интересных мыслей, сентенций, советов, предостережений и наставлений.**

## Общий список англоязычных пословиц и их толкование

В этой части вы найдёте общий список пословиц с объяснениями. Пословицы и объяснения приведены на английском языке и в произвольном порядке. Когда вы будете знакомиться с этой частью, вы не только значительно расширите свой словарный запас, но и познакомитесь с множеством умных и полезных советов, наставлений и мыслей (а иногда и предостережений), заключённых в этих пословицах.

Кроме того, внимательное ознакомление с этой частью намного облегчит выполнение заданий (тестов) в других частях пособия, разумеется, если вы захотите выполнять эти задания.

**Where there's a will there's a way.**

When a person really wants to do something, he will find a way of doing it.

**A burnt child dreads fire.**

A bad experience or a horrifying incident may scar one's attitude or thinking for a lifetime.

**First come, first served.**

The first in line will be attended to first.

**A friend in need is a friend indeed.**

When you are in trouble only real friends try to help you.

**Between the devil and the deep sea**

To choose between two equally bad alternatives in a serious dilemma.

**Actions speak louder than words.**

A person's character is judged by the thing she/he does and not by what she/he says; actions give evidence or proof of.

**Fortune knocks once at every man's door.**

Everyone gets at least one good opportunity in his lifetime; everyone has the opportunity to be successful in life.

**God helps those who help themselves.**

God only helps those people who work hard and make an honest effort.

**He laughs best who laughs last.**

A person who does his best is the one who will get the greatest satisfaction in the end.

**Haste makes waste.**

If one does things hastily he/she will make a lot of mistakes – he/she will need to spend a lot of time correcting those mistakes later.

**It's no use crying over spilt milk.**

It is pointless to feel remorseful over a thing lost that can never be found or a mistake done that can never be corrected or rectified.

**Still waters run deep.**

One who is usually silent and goes about his business quietly may be a very wise person.

**Jack of all trades and master of none.**

Is a person who can do almost anything, but he rarely excels in any of them.

**Let bygones be bygones.**

One should consider forgiving one's and forget all the bad deeds done by others.

**Let sleeping dogs lie.**

One should preferably avoid discussing issues that are likely to create trouble.

**No news is good news.**

When there is no news, it is likely that everything is all right.

**Necessity is the mother of invention.**

When a person is in great need of something, he will find a way of getting it.

**Honesty is the best policy.**

Being honest is believed to be the best route to take.

**One man's meat is another man's poison.**

No two persons are alike – every one has his own preferences, likes and dislikes.

**Once bitten twice shy.**

If a person has been tricked once he will more be careful and alert the next time.

**Like father, like son, like mother, like daughter.**

(It is used to describe a child's behavior when he or she acts like the father or mother)

**Rome was not built in a day.**

Any great plan or big dream cannot be achieved overnight or easily.

**Robbing Peter to pay Paul.**

(This is quoted when one takes another loan to pay off an earlier loan taking from one to give another.)

**Spare the rod and spoil the child.**

A child who is not punished and showed the error of his ways will become unruly.

**Speech is silver, silence is golden.**

Talk may be beneficial, but sometimes acquiescence may be the best option to take.

**It takes two to make a quarrel.**

Both parties in a quarrel should share the blame or take responsibility for it; no one can start a quarrel all by himself.

**Strike while the iron is hot.**

Seize a good opportunity as quickly as possible.

**There's no smoke without fire.**

Rumors do not spread unless there is some element of truth in them.

**Time and tide wait for no one.**

Time is precious, once it is past no one can go back and claim it thus everyone should be mindful of how his time is spent.

**To err is human, to forgive divine.**

It is only normal for man to make mistakes and do wrong, but for one to forgive another for his wrong is indeed great and gracious act.

**What's done can't be undone.**

In life there are some things once done or decisions once made cannot be changed; malicious words once uttered or harmful actions once done cannot be taken back.

**Two heads are better than one.**

It is always better to get the view of another than to rely entirely on one's own judgment.

**When in Rome do as the Romans do.**

When one is in a new place, country or situation he must adapt himself to the new manners and customs.

**When the cat is away the mice will play.**

When law enforcers are not present, certain public members will take the opportunity to break the law.

**A bad workman always blames his tools.**

A careless or unskilled worker blames bad work on his tools rather than himself.

**A new broom sweeps clean.**

A person newly appointed is always eager and enthusiastic in his work.

**Don't judge a book by its cover.**

Do not be deceived by appearances.

**Blood is thicker than water.**

Family ties are stronger than any other.

**Don't count your chickens before they are hatched.**

Do not make plans based on something that has not happened.

**Don't make a mountain out of a molehill.**

Do not make a big fuss or issue over something minor or small.

**Experience is the best teacher.**

The best way to learn a job is to do it.

**The last straw that broke (breaks) the camel's back.**

The final thing that, when added to a bad or unpleasant situation, causes failure or ruin.

**Make hay while the sun shines.**

Seize opportunities.

**Out of sight, out of mind.**

You will soon forget friends you do not meet or keep in contact with.

**Can a leopard change its spots? A leopard cannot change its spots.**

A person's nature cannot change.

**Too many cooks spoil the broth.**

Too many people doing the same thing at the same time will not be successful.

**We never miss the water till the well runs dry.**

You only realize the importance of something when it is gone.

**To put the cart before the horse.**

To do something in an incorrect order.

**Bite off more than one can chew.**

To try to do something one is unable to do or incapable of doing.

**Half a loaf is better than none.**

It's better to have or receive less than one desires than to have or receive nothing at all.

**If it's not one thing it's another.**

The troubles seem to go on and on without end.

**The sky is the limit.**

There is no upper limit to something.

**A trouble shared is a trouble halved.**

Your troubles seem half as great when you discuss them with someone else.

**A watched pot never boils.**

If you watch or wait for something to get done or to happen it seems to take forever.

**Two's company, three's a crowd.**

It is always fun while there are only two people whereas the third person is an unwelcome intrusion.

**Jump from the frying pan into the fire.**

To go from a bad position to a worse one.

**One swallow doesn't make a summer.**

One success doesn't guarantee complete success.

**Truth is stranger than fiction.**

Real life can be more incredible than anything which can be imagined.

**You can't have your cake and eat it.**

You must choose between two things as it is impossible to have both at the same time.

**As you make your bed so must you lie on it.**

You must accept the consequences of your act.

**Cut your coat according to your cloth.**

Live within your income; don't be too ambitious in your plans.

**All's fish that comes the net.**

When something comes our way we should consider how it might be useful or benefit us.

**An apple a day keeps the doctor away.**

It means that apples are so nutritious they keep you in the peak of health.

**Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.**

What is beautiful to one person may not be beautiful to others.

**Beggars can't be choosers.**

Someone in need should be grateful for what is given to him – even if it's not what he wants or expects.

**The blind leading the blind.**

A person helping or advising someone knows as little about the subject as the person who is being advised.

**Burn the candle at both ends.**

Those who are always busy and seem to get little rest.

**Buy a pig in a poke.**

Buy something without examining it for faults or checking to see if they are really getting what they believe they have purchased.

**Children should be seen and not heard.**

To stop a child from asking questions, talking, or making unnecessary noise.

**Christmas comes but once each year.**

It is used as an excuse to indulge in food and drink and spend money during the Christmas season.

**(Don't) Cry over spilled (spilt) milk.**

It's pointless to get upset or feel regret about a loss or mistake that can't be undone.

**Curiosity killed the cat.**

To warn people not to show too much interest in affairs that don't concern them.

**Cut off your nose to spite your face.**

When people are dissatisfied or angry, they sometimes react by doing foolish things that prove harmful to themselves.

**The devil finds work for idle hands.**

Unless one keeps busy doing useful or constructive things he could be tempted into mischief or evil.

**Fling/throw mud at someone.**

To say evil or bad things about someone and in doing so, to damage his or her reputation.

**A fool and his money are soon parted.**

A person who spends his money foolishly will soon be penniless

**Give someone enough rope and he will hang himself.**

If we allow someone to continue in his bad ways he'll eventually bring about his own downfall or ruin.

**Grin and bear it.**

To put up with discomfort or a bad situation without complaining.

**He who pays the piper calls the tune.**

The person who pays for something has the right to do as he wants.

**Hide your light under a bushel.**

Concealing your talents, skills or abilities.

**Home is where the heart is.**

No matter where you are, 'home' is where you feel most comfortable and content.

**If wishes were horses, beggars would ride.**

If we could get all the things we wanted just by making a wish, everyone would have all he ever wanted.

**If you can't lick them, join them.**

If you cannot defeat an opponent or get him to change his ideas, plans or way of doing things, the best thing is to change your ideas, plans, etc.

**In for a penny, in for a pound.**

If we decide to do something, we should commit ourselves to it boldly and completely.

**A job worth doing is a job worth doing well.**

When you do something you should do it as well as you can.

**Laugh and the world laughs with you.**

When someone is in a happy, cheerful mood, people like being with him.

**Least said, soonest forgotten.**

The less we say about it the sooner the incident will be forgotten.

**You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink.**

We can help, show or encourage someone to do something but we can't make him do what he is unwilling or unable to do.

**Like a bull in a china shop.**

A clumsy or tactless person.

**Lock the stable door after the horse has bolted.**

Once a mistake has been made or an error committed, it's too late to take precautions to prevent it from happening.

**The longest day must have an end.**

All difficult jobs or situations also have an end.

**Love me, love my dog.**

If we want a person's friendship we must accept him totally, faults and all.

**Many hands make light work.**

Many people sharing a job or tasks make easier work of it.

**Opportunity only knocks once.**

Seize an opportunity when it occurs for it may never happen again.

**Possession is nine points of the law.**

In disputes over property ownership, the person in possession of something is sometimes said to have nine-tenths a chance of winning it in a legal argument.

**Promises are like pie crust.**

Most promises cannot be kept.

**The rain falls on the just and the unjust alike.**

No matter how good or bad a person, he must still face the everyday problems that confront us all.

**A stitch in time saves nine.**

By taking immediate action we can prevent a fault, damage or trouble from getting worse.

**A straw will show which way the wind blows.**

A small incident can reveal an important event.

**Teach an old dog new tricks.**

It is impossible to change someone's ways or habits, especially if he is old and resists change.

**That's where the shoe pinches (There's the rub).**

That's the source or cause of a problem or an annoyance.

**There are none so blind as those that will not see.**

People, who never admit they might be wrong, refuse to listen to the opinions or ideas of anyone.

**There are none so deaf as those who will not hear.**

People sometimes hear only what they want to hear.

**A thing of beauty is a joy forever.**

It means that though something beautiful may not last, the happy memory of it will live forever.

**Time heals old wounds / Time is the best healer.**

The passing of time helps us to forget things that have caused us pain or made us unhappy.

**The truth will out.**

Truth about something will eventually be discovered or made known.

**Two wrongs do not make a right.**

If a person does something to harm or offend us, that's wrong.

If we do something to harm them back, that's wrong too.

**The way to a man's heart is through his stomach.**

Most men love to eat so feed your husband well and he will always love you.

**Wear out one's welcome.**

One is no longer welcome, usually because he has become a nuisance.

**When poverty comes in the door, love flies out the window.**

As soon as a happily married couple begin having financial problems and the bills pile up their love will disappear.

**Who keeps company with wolves, will learn to howl.**

If we associate with bad companions we, too, will become bad.

**Prosperity makes friends, adversity tries them.**

If you are rich and successful, you will attract many friends, but if you should suffer hardship or have misfortune ( adversity ), your friends will quickly depart.

**History tends to repeat itself.**

What has happened once is liable to happen again.

**Cross the stream where it is shallowest.**

Don't make things difficult for yourself; always find the simplest means of achieving your objective.

**It is useless to flog a dead horse.**

It is no use spending your time and energy on an activity or belief that is already widely rejected or outdated.

**Every oak must be an acorn.**

Everything has to have a small beginning.

**A good name is sooner lost than won.**

It takes a long time to build up a good reputation which can be easily destroyed by misconduct.

**The best fish swim near the bottom.**

The best things are hard to come by.

**You cannot make a silk purse out of a sow's ear.**

You cannot change a person's real character.

**It never rains but it pours.**

Events, especially misfortunes, always come together and not one at a time.

**The darkest hour is that before dawn.**

Even when things seem at their very worst, they may shortly improve.

**A light purse makes a heavy heart.**

We cannot be cheerful when we have financial problems.

**A nod is as good as a wink.**

A hint or suggestion can be accepted and acted upon without further elaboration.

**Do not ride the high horse.**

Do not be arrogant.

**Even Homer sometimes nods.**

Even the best of us are liable to make mistakes.

**There is no place like home.**

Even a simple home is the best place in the world for the people who live in it.

**A rose by any other name would smell just as sweet.**

It is not what a thing is called that matters, but what it is.

**A man's home is his castle.**

You feel most secure, free and in control in your own home.

**A pot of milk is ruined by a drop of poison.**

Something bad no matter how small can ruin all your plans, successes etc.

**A small leak will sink a great ship.**

Small problems are worth the time to fix as they can eventually cause great damage.

**A wise man changes his mind sometimes, a fool never.**

It is wise to reconsider your plans, ideas, actions in the light of new information rather than to blindly stick to an earlier decision.

**An army marches on its stomach.**

You need to eat for energy to complete your tasks.

**An empty bag will not stand upright.**

Quality comes with effort.

**Appearances are deceptive.**

What looks good may not really be so.

**April showers bring May flowers.**

Unpleasant events can sometimes lead to better things.

**Ask no questions and hear no lies.**

Do not force a person into telling you a lie by forcing him to talk about something he does not want to talk about.

**Avoid evil and it will avoid thee.**

Stay out of trouble, and trouble will not follow you.

**Bad news travels fast.**

People seem to hear bad news very fast.

**Bad is never good until worse happens.**

A bad situation you have been complaining about will suddenly seem a blessing when something worse happens.

**Be careful what you wish for, you might just get it.**

What you wish for may not really be what is good for you.

**Beauty is only skin-deep.**

Looks are not the most important thing about a person.

**Behind every successful man is a woman.**

A man's strongest and most loyal supporters are usually his mother and/or his wife.

**Better a mouse in the pot than no meat at all.**

To have something, no matter how little or poor in quality, is better than to have nothing at all.

**Do as I saw, and not as I do.**

Do something as you have seen it done although it may be different from your own way of doing it.

**Doctors make the worst patients.**

It is difficult advising people on matters they are supposed to be experts on because they believe they know better.

**Don't go near the water until you learn how to swim.**

Do not try to do something before you have learnt how to do it or before you are ready for it.

**A chain is no stronger than its weakest link.**

The success of a group or team depends on the full commitment of every member

**A closed mouth catches no flies.**

It is better not to say anything than to say something that might get you into trouble.

**A good beginning makes a good ending/well begun half done.**

Something that starts off right will probably succeed all the way and end on the right note.

**Don't mend what isn't broken.**

Do not change things that are working fine as they are.

**Don't shut the barn door after the horse is gone.**

prepare for emergencies and eventualities before they happen.

**Don't teach your grandmother how to suck eggs.**

Do not be presumptuous and teach an experienced person how things should be done.

**Better be safe than sorry.**

It is wise to take precautions rather than be upset that you did not prepare for an eventuality after something has happened.

**Better the devil you know than the devil you don't know.**

The problems you are facing at present may not be as bad as those in the place you are planning to move to.

**A drowning man will clutch at a straw.**

A desperate person will do anything to save himself.

**A friend to all is a friend to none.**

A person who makes himself close to everyone probably cannot be trusted by any one.

**Better to be alone than in bad company.**

It is better to be by yourself than to be with people who are a bad influence

**A word spoken is past recalling.**

What has been said cannot be taken back, so think before you speak.

**A word to the wise is enough.**

You need not be long-winded when speaking to intelligent people or those who understand you well.

**After a storm, comes a calm.**

Every problem eventually comes to an end, so cheer up.

**All for one and one for all.**

People who are committed to working together for a positive outcome.

**All good things come to an end.**

Every event, no matter how enjoyable, must end at some point.

**All the world loves a lover.**

Everyone loves to see people in love.

**All things come to him who waits.**

You will get what you want if you are willing to wait for it patiently.

**All's fair in love and war.**

Where powerful emotions are concerned, there can be no firm rules of behavior.

**All's well that ends well**

A happy ending to a difficult situation can help you forget or disregard the earlier trouble.

**Better to die with honor than live with shame.**

It is more honorable to do the right thing even if you will be punished or have to die for it than to live as a coward or a liar.

**Bitter pills may have blessed effects.**

Something may be unpleasant or painful, but it can help you in the long run.

**Books and friends should be few but good**

You do not need to have too many friends or read too many books in order to live a balanced, fulfilled and complete life as long as the friends and books you do have are full of substance.

**Boys will be boys.**

Often applied to men who act childishly.

**Brain is better than brawn.**

Intelligence is more valuable than physical strength.

**Bread always falls buttered-side down.**

Of two possibilities, it often seems that the more negative one will occur.

**Brevity is the soul of wit.**

When you want to sound clever, it is better to be brief rather than long-winded

**Different strokes for different talks.**

You need different plans or strategies in managing different people as people are different in personality and temperament.

**Diligence is the mother of good fortune.**

Working hard will bring you riches and success.

**A good name is better than riches.**

A good reputation is precious, difficult to earn and cannot be bought.

**A little knowledge is a dangerous thing.**

Knowing only a little about something can cause you to distort the truth or overestimate, misunderstand something.

**A man is known by the company he keeps.**

You can tell about a person by observing who he spends time with.

**A man is ruled by his passions.**

Your character, personality, attitude etc can be overtaken by your emotions if they are strong enough.

**Divide and rule.**

A method of ruling or managing people where you separate them into different groups to make sure they do not join forces against you.

**East or West, home is best.**

You feel safest, most comfortable and most at peace in your own home.

**Every bird loves to listen to himself sing.**

People who know they are good at something tend to boast about their ability.

**Every family has a skeleton in the cupboard.**

Every family has their secrets.

**Every man has his faults.**

No one is perfect.

**Business before pleasure.**

It is better to finish your work before you have a good time.

**By timely mending save much spending.**

Fix a problem as soon as you discover it to save money, expense, worry, etc having to deal with it later when it has become a bigger problem.

**Chance favors the prepared mind.**

You should always be prepared to act so that when opportunities present themselves, you are ready to seize them.

**Faith will move mountains.**

Miracles will happen when you believe that they will.

**Familiarity breeds contempt.**

People tend to lose respect for people they are close to or in close company with all the time.

**Fear is stronger than love.**

Fear is often a stronger emotion or motivation than even love.

**Cheapest is dearest.**

Some items may save you money because they are cheap, but their quality may be poor, and this may cost you a lot of money in repairs and getting replacements later.

**Clothes make the man.**

The way you dress tells people something about you, and can influence their opinion of you.

**Confessed faults are half-mended.**

When you own up to a fault, mistake or wrongdoing, you are halfway to changing into a better person.

**Courtesy costs nothing.**

Politeness should be a way of life for everyone.

**Fear of death is worse than death itself.**

Fear is often a crippling emotion because it is so powerful.

**Fine feathers make fine birds.**

You can pretend to be rich, famous etc. by dressing the part.

**Even a broken/stopped clock is right twice a day.**

No one is ever wrong all the time.

**Even a dog can distinguish between being stumbled over and being kicked.**

Do not let people bully you, but be alert to when you are being taken advantage of.

**Every ass loves to hear himself bray.**

Conceited people love to boast about their achievements.

**Fine words butter no parsnips.**

Just talking about something is not going to get the job done.

**First deserve, then desire.**

Before you begin to hope about possessing something, make sure you are qualified for it.

**The more things change, the more they stay the same.**

Some changes are only outward, the actual problems remain the same.

**The only stupid question is the one that is not asked.**

The more questions you ask, the more you learn, so do not be shy or afraid to ask questions.

**There is many at a true word that is spoken in jest.**

A remark, such as something about a person's character, that is said jokingly, is often true to some extent.

**Cowards die many deaths.**

A coward is afraid of everything, and therefore, faces every problem or challenge with great fear.

**Crime does not pay.**

However much you may earn or make as a criminal, a life of crime does not pay because the law will catch up with you eventually.

**Curses are like chickens, they come home to roost.**

Curses you place on others may find their fulfilment in you, so it is best not to curse anyone

**Danger and delight grow on the same stalk.**

Some pleasures will lead you to danger.

**Death is the great leveler.**

Death, which comes to everyone without discrimination, makes everyone equal.

**Deeds are fruits, words are but leaves.**

Taking action is far better than just talking about problems or negative situations.

**Desperate times call for desperate measures.**

Sometimes, a situation is so urgent or unexpected that you have to resort to doing things you normally would not.

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