

# Proverbs and Adages

A proverb is a short common saying that gives a valuable piece of advice or practical wisdom. Proverbs are more widely used than adages.

An adage is a short memorable saying that contains a universal truth. Adages have a longer history than proverbs.

## Examples of proverbs

- A rolling stone gathers no moss.
- Don't count your chickens before they hatch.
- Actions speak louder than words.
- A tree is known by its fruit.
- Absence makes the heart grow fonder.
- All that glitters is not gold.

## Examples of adages

- Love is blind.
- Better safe than sorry.
- A penny saved is a penny earned.
- Familiarity breeds contempt.
- Things are not always what they seem.
- Appearances are often deceptive.