

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.

PREVIEW

Choose the correct word from the parentheses to complete each proverb or adage.

- 1) Many _____ make light work. (heads, hands, hearts)
- 2) If you _____, you will burn. (water, oil, fire)
- 3) _____ is the best. (peace, war, love)
- 4) Forbidden _____ is always the sweetest. (fruit, knowledge, love)
- 5) Don't bite the hand that feeds you. (hand, foot, eye)
- 6) A man is known by the company he keeps. (money, knowledge, company)
- 7) _____ is in the eye of the beholder. (Beauty, Memory, Help)
- 8) The _____ is the best. (tree, flower, leaf)
- 9) You can't make an omelette without breaking _____. (jars, eggs, plates)
- 10) Don't make a _____ out of a molehill. (pit, pool, mountain)

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