

SR	PROVERB	MEANING
1	much would have more	People are never satisfied with what they have
2	much cry and little wool	Those who make the most noise, the loudest boasts, or the greatest promises often have the least to offer, are the least productive, or simply fail to deliver the goods
3	much water goes by the mill that the miller knows not of	Many things are stolen or go astray without the knowledge of the person affected
4	nature abhors a vacuum	There are no deficiencies in nature—whenever a gap or vacancy occurs, something or somebody will come along to fill it
5	nature will have its course	There is no denying natural processes or impulses
6	Proverbs expressing similar meaning	nature passes nurture; you can drive out nature with a pitchfork but she keeps on coming back.
7	the nearer the bone, the sweeter the flesh	Thin people are more attractive or desirable; also used literally of meat
8	nature passes nurture	A person's inborn character, or inherited characteristics, cannot be changed by his or her upbringing
9	the nearer the church, the farther from God	People who are active members or officials of a church are often the least godly in their daily lives; also applied to those who live close to a church
10	necessity sharpens industry	Need makes people work harder
11	near is my shirt, but nearer is my skin	A person's own best interests take precedence over those of his or her friends and family
12	need makes the old wife trot	Necessity provides a sense of urgency
13	needs must when the devil drives	There are times when people are forced to do things that they would not do under normal circumstances
14	ne'er cast a clout till May be out	Do not stop wearing any item of warm winter clothing before the end of May
15	Nero fiddled while Rome burned	People in positions of authority sometimes behave irresponsibly during a crisis
16	neglect will kill an injury sooner than revenge	Insults and other malicious acts are forgotten most quickly when the victim chooses to ignore them
17	Proverb expressing similar meaning	forgive and forget; let bygones be bygones.
18	never ask pardon before you are accused	If nobody knows that you have done something wrong, do not apologize and reveal your guilt—you may get away with it
19	never choose your women or linen by candlelight	Soft or inadequate lighting can give people and things a deceptively attractive appearance, or hide their faults and flaws
20	never do evil that good may come of it	A wicked or immoral course of action cannot be vindicated by a worthy objective
21	Proverb expressing opposite meaning	the end justifies the means.

22	never is a long time	Think carefully before you use the word never, which implies a certainty about the future that you cannot possess
23	Proverb expressing similar meaning	never say never.
24	never let the sun go down on your anger	If you have quarreled or lost your temper with somebody, make your peace before the end of the day
25	never give a sucker an even break	Foolish or gullible people are easily exploited and do not deserve a fair chance; used to justify taking advantage of such a person
26	never let your education interfere with your intelligence	There are times when never do evil that good may come of it you must trust your intuition or native wit rather than what you have been taught or what you have read
27	never look a gift horse in the mouth	When you are offered something for nothing, accept it with gratitude and do not find fault with it
28	never marry for money, but marry where money	is It is good to marry somebody with sufficient means for a comfortable life, but wealth should not be your sole criterion in choosing a marriage partner
29	never say die	Do not surrender, stop trying, or give up hope
30	never speak of rope in the house of a man who has been hanged	Be tactful and steer clear of sensitive subjects in the company of people who might be upset or offended by them
31	never send a boy to do a man's job	Do not assign a difficult task to somebody who lacks the strength, experience, or qualifications to do it properly; also used of inanimate objects, such as an inadequate piece of equipment or a low card that fails to win a trick
32	never tell tales out of school	Do not pass on confidential information, secrets, or gossip to others, especially to outsiders
33	new lords, new laws	When a new ruler or government comes to power—or when a new person takes control of a situation—changes are made and different rules apply
34	Proverb expressing similar meaning:	a new broom sweeps clean.
35	never work with children or animals	The unpredictability of children and animals make them unreliable as fellow-workers (a favorite maxim of actors and other entertainers but also used in many other contexts)
36	night brings counsel	If you have a difficult problem to solve or an important decision to make, a good night's sleep will work wonders
37	nine tailors make a man	A well-dressed person does not buy all his or her clothes from the same source
38	nobody is indispensable	Nobody is so important or well qualified that he or she cannot be replaced by another

39	a nod's as good as a wink to a blind horse	In certain circumstances only the smallest hint is needed to make yourself understood; also used to imply that any kind of hint is wasted on somebody who is determined not to take it
40	Proverb expressing similar meaning:	a word to the wise is sufficient.
41	nobody is infallible	Nobody can claim to be always right and never to have made a mistake
42	Proverbs expressing similar meaning:	homer sometimes nods; to err is human, to forgive divine.
43	no good deed goes unpunished	When you do something kind or helpful you often get something unpleasant in return; a cynical observation
44	no man is an island	Nobody can function in total isolation from the rest of society
45	no man is a hero to his valet	The better you know somebody, with all his or her faults and weaknesses, the less likely you are to regard that person with awe or veneration
46	no names, no pack-drill	If no names are mentioned, nobody can be punished or held responsible for something
47	none but the brave deserve the fair	Those who lack boldness or courage do not deserve to achieve great things; also used more literally, of men courting women—or vice versa
48	Proverb expressing similar meaning:	faint heart never won fair lady.
49	no news is good news	It is probably
50	nothing is certain but the unforeseen	The one thing that is sure to happen is the thing that nobody expects or is prepared for; also used to imply that nothing can be predicted
51	Proverb expressing similar meaning:	the unexpected always happens.
52	nothing should be done in haste but gripping a flea	There are very few things that need to be done quickly; said by somebody urged to hurry up
53	nothing ventured, nothing gained	You will not achieve anything unless you are prepared to make an attempt or take a risk
54	nothing so bad but it might have been worse	Try to take a positive view of misfortune—things are never as bad as they could be
55	nothing so bold as a blind mare	Those who are ignorant or unaware of danger proceed without fear or caution
56	nought is never in danger	Persons or things of no value are at no risk of being stolen
57	nothing succeeds like success	Successful people go on to ever greater things; also used to imply that people are more respected or accepted after they succeed
58	obey orders, if you break owners	Do as you are commanded, even if this means doing something you know to be foolish or wrong
59	the obvious choice is usually a quick regret	Think carefully before you make a selection or decision
60	an old fox is not easily snared	A person with years of experience is unlikely to be easily fooled

61	oil and water do not mix	Some people or things are incompatible by nature
62	old sins cast long shadows	The passage of time often has the effect of making past wrongdoing seem greater or more significant than it actually was
63	old soldiers never die	Those who have served in the armed forces and survived warfare often live so long that they seem indestructible
64	an old poacher makes the best gamekeeper	A reformed wrongdoer is good at preventing others from committing the same crime or offense, because he or she can understand their thinking and anticipate their actions
65	once bitten, twice shy	Somebody who has had a bad experience is reluctant to do the same thing again
66	Proverbs expressing similar meaning:	once burned, twice shy; a burnt child dreads the fire.
67	once a priest, always a priest	People cannot change their vocation; also used to imply that people continue to behave in accordance with the habits and training of their trade or profession even after they have left it
68	one cannot love and be wise	People often show a lack of common sense or good judgment when they are in love
69	one for the mouse, one for the crow, one to rot, one to grow	It is advisable not to expect a yield of more than 25 percent when sowing seed
70	one courageous thought will put to flight a host of troubles	A strong and positive mental attitude is the best defense against anxiety or adversity
71	one funeral makes many Standing around a grave	on a cold or rainy day is not good for the health, and can prove fatal for those attending a funeral
72	one enemy is too much	Having even a single enemy in the world is dangerous
73	one hand washes the other	People cooperate and help one another, and expect favors to be reciprocated
74	Proverb expressing similar meaning:	you scratch my back and i'll scratch yours.
75	one half of the world doesn't know how the other half lives	People have no conception or understanding of the problems and pleasures of everyday life for those in other social classes, occupations, or countries; chiefly used of the contrast between rich and poor
76	one hour's sleep before midnight is worth two after	Those who go to bed early have a more refreshing night's sleep than those who rise late in the morning
77	Proverb expressing similar meaning:	early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise.
78	one hand for yourself and one for the ship	Do not neglect your own safety, security, or well-being for the sake of your work or your employers; also used literally as a safety maxim for those working at sea

79	one law for the rich and another for the poor	It sometimes seems that rich people are treated more leniently by the legal system than poor people
80	one man's trash is another man's treasure	Many people prize things that others would not give houseroom to
81	one might as well be hanged for a sheep as for a lamb	If you are going to suffer or be punished for something, you might as well get the maximum pleasure or benefit from it
82	Proverb expressing similar meaning:	in for a penny, in for a pound.
83	one man's loss is another man's gain	People profit from the misfortunes of others; also used more literally
84	one nail drives out another	One thing replaces another, or new ideas or customs cause old ones to fall into disuse
85	one man's meat is another man's poison	What one person likes, another person dislikes
86	one of these days is none of these days	Somebody who says he or she will do something "one of these days"—that is, at some unspecified future time—will probably never do it; said in response to such a person
87	one picture is worth ten thousand words	Visual images are often the most concise and effective means of expression
88	one swallow does not make a summer	You cannot generalize from a single occurrence
89	one sword keeps another in its scabbard	Showing that you are ready and able to defend yourself is a good way of discouraging others from attacking you
90	one thief robs another	People who are dishonest will not scruple to steal from each other.
91	one story is good till another is told	People are happy to accept one idea until a new idea comes along to replace it
92	the only thing a heated argument ever produced is coolness	An angry exchange of words resolves nothing and leads to a breakdown of friendly relations
93	one year's seeding makes seven years' weeding	If you allow weeds to seed themselves, it will take a long time to get rid of all the new plants they produce; also used figuratively of the need to eradicate something undesirable before it has a chance to spread, or to warn people that their actions can have lasting repercussions
94	an open door may tempt a saint	It is best not to put temptation in anybody's way—even the most honest and upright person might find it hard to resist
95	Proverb expressing similar meaning:	opportunity makes a thief.
96	the opera ain't over till the fat lady sings	Wait until something finally comes to an end before you give up hope, celebrate your success, abandon your efforts, or make a judgment
97	Proverb expressing similar meaning:	it's not over till it's over.
98	opportunities look for you when you are worth finding	Those who have good fortune are often those who best deserve it

99	an ounce of common sense is worth a pound of theory	A practical commonsense approach is often far more effective than abstract theorizing
100	an ounce of discretion is worth a pound of wit	Good judgment is often more valuable than knowledge or learning; also interpreted more literally as a warning to tactfully refrain from making jokes at another's expense
101	other times, other manners	Customs and conventions change over the years, and we should not judge people or things of the past by modern standards, or vice versa; sometimes said to those who mock or criticize the behavior of members of a different generation
102	out of the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks	People cannot avoid talking about what is on their mind; also used to imply that a person's true thoughts and feelings are revealed by what he or she says
103	parents are patterns	Parents are role models for their children and should set a good example
104	paper bleeds little	It is easy to do something in writing, without taking account of the human factors involved
105	past cure, past care	It is futile worrying about something when it is too late to do anything about it.
106	paper does not blush	It is possible to express in writing what you would be too ashamed or embarrassed to say
107	pay as you go and nothing you'll owe	It is best to pay for everything when you receive it and not to get into debt
108	pay beforehand was never well served	People who are paid in advance for their services have little incentive to work hard or well
109	peace makes plenty	Peace brings prosperity
110	patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel	Those who have no better argument resort to appeals to patriotic sentiment
111	people are more easily led than driven	It is better to guide people by example than to force them to do as they are told
112	physician, heal thyself	Do not reproach another person for something that you are equally guilty of; also used to imply that you should solve your own problems before you try to deal with those of other people
113	the pitcher will go to the well once too often	Nothing can continue or be repeated indefinitely—a run of good fortune or success must come to an end, persistent cheats or swindlers will ultimately be caught out
114	pity is akin to love	Pity and love are related emotions
115	pigs are pigs	All bad people or things are equally undesirable, regardless of where they come from
116	please your eye and plague your heart	Those who choose their husbands, wives, or lovers on the basis of good looks alone may suffer for their choice

117	possession is nine points of the law	A person who actually has something in his or her possession is in a strong position for claiming legal ownership of or entitlement to it
118	a postern door makes a thief	It is all too easy to rob a house that has a rear entrance through which people can slip in and out unnoticed
119	politics makes strange bedfellows	Politics tends to bring together those who would normally avoid each other's company, and unlikely alliances may be forged for political reasons
120	the post of honor is the post of danger	The most perilous positions in an administration or organization are those that have the highest prestige
121	the pot calls the kettle black	People criticize others for faults that they have themselves, or make accusations that are equally applicable to themselves
122	power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely	Power has an adverse effect on the integrity of those in authority, and the more power they have, the worse they become
123	poverty comes from God, but not dirt	Some people cannot avoid being poor, but nobody has any excuse for being dirty or for failing to keep his or her house clean
124	prejudice is being down on what we are not up on	People automatically dislike or distrust anything they have no understanding of or familiarity with
125	praise no man till he is dead	Final judgments on a person's qualities can only become reliable after he or she is dead
126	praise the bridge that carries you over	Do not criticize people or things that have helped you
127	pride goes before a fall	Arrogance and overconfidence often lead to humiliation or disaster; often used as a warning
128	the price of liberty is eternal vigilance	Freedom can only be preserved by keeping a watch on any threat to it
129	procrastination is the thief of time	If you constantly put off doing things, you will only waste the time in which they could have been done and will ultimately run out of time in which to do them
130	pride feels no pain	People are able to endure or ignore the physical discomfort caused by smart or fashionable clothes, shoes, or jewelry; also used in other situations where people tolerate physical suffering in order not to lose face
131	promises, like piecrust, are made to be broken	People cannot be depended upon to keep their word
132	prosperity discovers vice; adversity, virtue	Wealth or good fortune often brings out the worst in a person, whereas hardship or misfortune brings out the best
133	the proof of the pudding is in the eating	Nothing can be properly judged until it is put to the test

134	providence is always on the side of the big battalions	Those with the greatest strength, power, or influence always seem to have luck on their side and inevitably win the day
135	a prophet is not without honor, save in his own country	People who give words of warning or wisdom are not heeded or appreciated by those closest to them
136	put your best foot forward	Always make the most of your strengths and abilities; also used to urge people to make their best effort or be on their best behavior
137	put your trust in God, and keep your powder dry	Do not pin all your hopes on divine assistance or intervention—always be prepared to take action yourself if necessary
138	punctuality is the politeness of kings	It is discourteous to be late, regardless of your rank or status
139	quit while you are ahead	Give up doing something when you are in a good position rather than risk what you have already gained
140	quickly come, quickly go	Something that arises suddenly is likely to disappear just as suddenly; also used of something that is rapidly gained and lost
141	the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong	Speed and power do not guarantee success—those who are slower and weaker may win through perseverance or tactics
142	rats desert a sinking ship	People tend to leave an organization, pull out of a project, or abandon a cause when they become aware that it is heading for disaster; often used to imply disloyalty, or to predict the imminent failure of something
143	rain before seven, fine before eleven	Rain early in the morning often heralds a fine day; occasionally applied to other things that start in an unpromising way
144	render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's	Give what you have to give to those who have a better claim to them
145	a reed before the wind lives on, while mighty oaks do fall	Those who are flexible and relatively insignificant can survive crises that bring down more prominent people who are unable or unwilling to yield or adapt
146	revenge is a dish best eaten cold	Vengeance is often more satisfying if it is exacted some time after the original offense; said when a wrong cannot be immediately avenged, or used to discourage somebody from retaliating in the heat of the moment
147	the rich man has his ice in the summer and the poor man gets his in the winter	It may seem that everybody, rich or poor, has an equal share of good fortune in life, but this is not so

148	revolutions are not made with rose water	It is not possible to bring about drastic changes by pleasant, easy, or peaceful means, or without causing damage or suffering
149	riches have wings	Money is soon gone.
150	a rising tide lifts all boats	Everybody benefits from an upward trend in a nation's prosperity or quality of life
151	Robin Hood could brave all weathers but a thaw wind	Of all kinds of weather, a raw wind after frost or snow is the most penetrating.
152	a rolling stone gathers no moss	People who spend their lives traveling or moving around tend to accumulate few responsibilities or personal attachments
153	the road to hell is paved with good intentions	Good intentions are of no value unless they are translated into action; also used when something done with good intentions has an undesirable or harmful effect
154	a rose is a rose is a rose is a rose	Things and people are what they are—you cannot define them in any other way, or change their essential nature by giving them a different name
155	safe bind, safe find	If you fasten things securely before you leave, or lock somebody or something away, they will still be there when you return
156	save something for a rainy day	It is sensible to put money aside in case it is needed in the future
157	save us from our friends	Our friends can cause us far more harm or trouble than our enemies; usually—but not exclusively—applied to false, treacherous, or disloyal friends
158	second thoughts are best	Do not act on impulse
159	seize the day	Live for the present, and take full advantage of every moment
160	seldom seen, soon forgotten	Persons or things rarely seen or mentioned are quickly forgotten
161	self-deceit is the easiest of any	It is easy to convince yourself of something that you want to believe
162	self-interest is the rule, self-sacrifice the exception	People are far more concerned with looking after their own interests than with sacrificing their needs for the sake of others
163	send a fool to market and a fool he'll return	It is unrealistic to expect a fool to change into anything but a fool
164	shit happens	Sometimes you must resign yourself to the inevitability of bad things happening
165	the shoe is on the other foot	The situation has been reversed
166	the sharper the storm, the sooner it's over	The more unpleasant something is, the less time it lasts
167	the shoemaker's child always goes barefoot	People often fail to benefit from the professional skills of those closest to them

168	the show must go on	Things must continue as if nothing had happened; used when events or circumstances threaten to disrupt something planned
169	a short horse is soon curried	A small task is soon done
170	short reckonings make long friends	If you want to keep your friends, and retain goodwill in business, always pay your debts and settle your accounts promptly
171	shrouds have no pockets	Wealth and possessions are of no use to you after you are dead; often used to justify extravagant spending
172	a shut mouth catches no flies	It is often safest or wisest to say nothing
173	silence gives consent	Those who do not reply to a request or accusation, or who raise no objection to something said or done, are assumed to have acquiesced
174	sing before breakfast, cry before night	Those who wake up feeling happy and carefree often encounter sorrow or trouble before the end of the day
175	six hours' sleep for a man, seven for a woman, and eight for a fool	Women need more sleep than men, but only fools sleep for eight hours or more
176	a slice off a cut loaf isn't missed	You can get away with wrongdoing, such as adultery or petty theft, if you are not the first person to do it, or if the offended party is unlikely to notice the result
177	small choice in rotten apples	When faced with two or more equally undesirable options, it matters little which one you choose
178	soft and fair goes far	Much can be achieved by adopting a calm and gentle approach
179	a small gift usually gets small thanks	If you give people less than they expect, they may be less grateful than you would like
180	some folks speak from experience; others, from experience, don't speak	People often learn from experience that there are times when it is better to say nothing
181	something is rotten in the state of Denmark	There is something wrong, or something suspicious going on, in a place, organization, or system; often used to imply corruption
182	soon ripe, soon rotten	Precocious talent or premature success is often short lived
183	a son is a son till he gets him a wife, a daughter's a daughter all of her life	Men tend to neglect or lose contact with their parents after marriage, whereas women maintain the bonds of filial affection and loyalty throughout their lives
184	spare at the spigot, and let out the bunghole	Those who are reluctant to part with small sums of money are often careless or extravagant in their spending on other things; also used to warn against false economy

185	spare and have is better than spend and crave	It is better to use your money wisely, keeping some in reserve, than to spend it all and find yourself in need
186	spare well and have to spend	If you do not waste money you will always be able to afford the things you need
187	Speak softly and carry a big stick	Do not threaten violence or provoke aggression, but be prepared to use great force if the need arises
188	step on a crack, break your mother's back	It is unlucky to walk on the cracks between paving slabs on the sidewalk; a childish superstition, or used in a children's game
189	a stern chase is a long chase	It takes a long time to catch up with something or somebody moving ahead of you in the same direction
190	the squeaky wheel gets the grease	Those who complain the most loudly or persistently, or who make the most fuss, get what they want
191	sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me	Verbal abuse, malicious remarks, or defamatory statements do no physical harm; often said by children to those who call them names
192	stolen waters are sweet	Illicit pleasures are often all the more enjoyable for this reason; also used of the pleasure derived from stolen goods or ill-gotten gains
193	Proverb expressing similar meaning:	forbidden fruit is sweet.
194	stone-dead hath no fellow	There is nothing so final as death; used by those in favor of capital punishment
195	stone walls do not a prison make	The mind and spirit are not imprisoned by merely physical restraints
196	straws show which way the wind blows	Small things, such as apparently trivial details or insignificant events, can be useful indicators of what is going to happen in the future
197	the sun loses nothing by shining into a puddle	Those who are truly great cannot be corrupted by association with foul or wicked things or people
198	sue a beggar and catch a louse	There is nothing to be gained by seeking legal redress from those who cannot afford to pay
199	sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof	There is quite enough to worry about at the present time, without anticipating future problems and troubles
200	take care of number one	Put your own interests before those of everybody else
201	take the will for the deed	We must always give people credit for their good intentions, even if they fail to carry them through
202	a tale never loses in the telling	People are inclined to exaggerate, and anecdotes, gossip, or lies are embroidered by the teller each time they are retold
203	take things as they come	Sometimes it is best to deal with possible problems only as they arise

204	Proverb expressing similar meaning:	don't cross the bridge till you come to it; don't meet troubles halfway; sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.
205	tell not all you know, nor do all you can	It is good policy not to reveal the full extent of your knowledge or capabilities
206	that government is best which governs least	The best form of government is one that allows people the greatest freedom
207	there are other fish in the sea	Plenty more people, things, opportunities, or options are available; often used to console somebody whose relationship with a boyfriend or girlfriend has ended
208	there'll be sleeping enough in the grave	Life is too short to waste time having more sleep than you need
209	there are tricks in every trade	People in every occupation have their own special— and often secret ways of doing things that enable them to save time, effort, or money; often implying cleverness, craftiness, or deception
210	there's a black sheep in every flock	In every family, community, organization, or profession there is at least one member who brings disgrace on the rest
211	there are two sides to every question	Any issue can be looked at from two opposing viewpoints, both of which merit consideration
212	there's always room at the top	Those who excel, or who are truly ambitious, will always succeed
213	there's a sin of omission as well as of commission	There are times when failure to do what you should is as bad as doing what you should not do
214	there's a skeleton in every closet	Every person, family, or organization has a shameful secret
215	there's a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow	Some things can never be achieved; used when people chase after ideals or ambitions that constantly elude them
216	there's honor among thieves	Criminals will not hurt or betray their fellow criminals, thus treating one another with more respect than their victims
217	there's luck in leisure	It is better not to act in haste; sometimes used to justify procrastination
218	there's many a good tune played on an old fiddle	Old people should not be dismissed as incapable
219	there's many a slip between cup and lip	Many things can go wrong in the process of putting a plan into action; often used to warn against overconfidence or overoptimism
220	there's many a good cock come out of a tattered bag	Do not be misled by external appearances—it is what is inside or what emerges from something that counts; also used to imply that people should not be judged by their parents, clothes, or background
221	there's measure in all things	Everything should be done in moderation

222	there's no disputing about tastes	There is no point in arguing about what is good or bad, since everybody likes different things
223	there's no fool like an old fool	Foolish behavior in old people is often worse than that in the young
224	there's no such thing as a free lunch	Everything must be paid for, sooner or later, directly or indirectly
225	there's no royal road to learning	Knowledge and skills can only be acquired by hard work—there are no short cuts
226	there's no such thing as bad weather, only the wrong clothes	Any weather is tolerable if you are suitably dressed for it
227	there's no smoke without fire	Rumors usually have a factual basis, although they may present a misleading or exaggerated version of the truth
228	there's nowt so queer as folk	People are uniquely unpredictable
229	there's nothing new under the sun	What is thought to be a novelty is often shown to be nothing more than a revival or reintroduction of an old idea; also used as a comment on the changeless nature of things
230	a thing you don't want is dear at any price	Do not be tempted to buy something you do not need just because it is cheap
231	there's nothing so good for the inside of a man as the outside of a horse	Riding is a healthy pastime
232	they that dance must pay the piper	Those who gain pleasure or benefit from something must be prepared to bear the costs or suffer the consequences
233	they that sow the wind shall reap the whirlwind	People who provoke trouble or violence—or behave in a reckless manner—will suffer far worse consequences
234	a thing of beauty is a joy forever	Beautiful things bring lasting pleasure; often used to imply that the memory of something beautiful stays with you for a long time afterward
235	things come in threes	According to popular superstition, two similar occurrences—bad or good—are inevitably followed by a third
236	things past cannot be recalled	It is too late for regret after something is done; sometimes used to advise caution
237	thinking is very far from knowing	Opinion and conjecture are not the same as knowledge and certainty
238	think much, speak little, and write less	It is best to think long and hard about something before expressing any thoughts about it.
239	those who can, do; those who can't, teach	People who are incapable of putting their knowledge and skills to practical use go into education
240	those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it	Those who forget, are ignorant of, or fail to learn from the mistakes of earlier generations are likely to make the same mistakes themselves

241	this, too, shall pass Do not despair	an unpleasant situation or a difficult period will not last forever
242	those who hide can find	The person who finds something is often the person who hid it in the first place
243	those who know don't speak	those who speak don't know Those who talk the most volubly are usually those who know the least about the subject in question
244	Proverb expressing similar meaning	who knows most, speaks least.
245	the thread breaks where it is weakest	A weak point in a thread or anything else is likely to be the point where the whole thing fails
246	Proverb expressing similar meaning	a chain is no stronger than its weakest link.
247	threatened men live long	Threats are often not carried out, and people who have been warned are on their guard and therefore in less danger than others; sometimes said in defiant response to a threat or warning
248	those who play at bowls must look out for rubbers	It is foolish to embark on or participate in an enterprise without being aware of or taking account of the problems you may encounter
249	thought is free	Anybody may think whatever he or she likes
250	three may keep a secret, if two of them are dead	It is impossible for two or more people to keep a secret
251	throw dirt enough, and some will stick	A reputation that is constantly attacked cannot remain undamaged—if false accusations or defamatory remarks are repeated often enough, people will begin to believe them
252	throw out a sprat to catch a mackerel	It is worth making a small sacrifice to gain something of much greater value
253	thrift is a great revenue	Saving and frugality lead to financial gain
254	time hangs heavy on idle hands	Time seems to pass more slowly when we have little or nothing to do
255	time and tide wait for no man	Nobody can afford to delay or be delayed
256	time is a great healer	Grief, shock,wounded feelings, and so on will fade with time
257	Proverbs expressing similar meaning	patience is a remedy for every sorrow; time works wonders.
258	time is the rider that breaks youth	Young people become less wild and more sensible with age
259	times change, and we with time	Customs,values, and circumstances are constantly changing, and we must adapt ourselves accordingly
260	today is yesterday's tomorrow	You cannot go on putting things off, because the future becomes the present
261	today you, tomorrow me	What happens to one person one day could happen to another person the next day
262	to each his own	Everybody has his or her own tastes and idiosyncrasies

263	tomorrow is another	day Don't worry about what has happened today—things may improve tomorrow; also used with reference to making a fresh start
264	too many chiefs and not enough Indians	There are too many people giving orders and not enough following them, or too many people in charge and not enough to do the work
265	too many cooks spoil the broth	Too many people trying to help can be a hindrance; also used of too many people working on the same project, often pulling in different directions.
266	the tongue always returns to the sore tooth	People cannot help thinking or talking about what is bothering them most at a particular time.
267	toot your own horn lest the same be never tooted	Sing your own praises, in case nobody else does.
268	trade follows the flag	One nation may colonize another for commercial purposes.
269	to the pure all things are pure	Virtuous people tend to be unaware of the wickedness or evil that is around them; sometimes used to imply naivety.
270	travel broadens the mind	People become more broad-minded and knowledgeable by visiting other countries and learning about the customs, culture, and lifestyle of those who live there.
271	to the victor belong the spoils	The winner of a contest or battle gets everything that goes with victory, touch wood If nothing goes wrong, everything will turn out satisfactorily.
272	a traveler may lie with authority	People who have traveled may boast of their experiences without fear of contradiction.
273	the tree is known by its fruit	People should judged by what they do or produce—specifically, by their children—rather than by first impressions or outward appearance.
274	true blue will never stain	Persons of real integrity can never be corrupted.
275	trust everybody, but cut the cards	Have faith in the honesty and integrity of those around you, but remain on your guard and take precautions in case you are wrong.
276	trifles make perfection, and perfection is no trifle	Perfection is a great thing, but not easy to achieve, and attention to detail is of the utmost importance.
277	trust not a new friend nor an old enemy	It is foolish to trust either a friend of short standing or someone else who may harbor hostile feelings.
278	truth is the first casualty of war	When war breaks out, the truth quickly succumbs to propaganda and rumor.
279	trust not one night's ice	Do not rely upon something that has yet to be tried and tested.
280	Proverb expressing similar meaning	first try and then trust.
281	truth is truth to the end of the reckoning	The truth can never be changed

282	truth lies at the bottom of a well	It is often very difficult to discover the truth.
283	truth is stranger than fiction	The truth is often far more unlikely than anything that can be dreamed up by the imagination.
284	two of a trade never agree	Members of the same trade or profession often do not get on with one another, because of rivalry.
285	two boys are half a boy, and three boys are no boy at all	When two or more boys work together, they distract each other and do less work between them than a single boy working alone.
286	uneasy lies the head that wears a crown	Those in power are weighed down by responsibilities, feelings of insecurity, or fears of losing their position and can never rest easy.
287	use legs and have legs	The body, among other things, will continue to work properly only if kept in regular use.
288	the used key is always bright	Activity, work, and exercise keep the mind and body in good form.
289	variety is the spice of life	Change and difference make life interesting.
290	virtue is its own reward	The satisfaction of knowing you have done the right thing is all that is needed.
291	the voice of the people is the voice of God	The will of the people must be obeyed; also used to imply that the people are always right.
292	the vicar of Bray will be vicar of Bray	still Some people doggedly cling to office or other privileges however much circumstances might change around them.
293	walnuts and pears you plant for your heirs	Walnut trees and pear trees take a long time to produce fruit.
294	wanton kittens make sober cats	People who live wildly or extravagantly in their youth usually develop into sensible and responsible adults.
295	war is too important to be left to the generals	Those in authority cannot be relied on to do their job properly; applied to warfare, diplomacy, or government.
296	war will cease when men refuse to fight	There will always be war while there are people who are prepared to serve in the armed forces; a pacifist slogan.
297	water seeks its own level	People tend to be drawn toward, or to end up with, others of the same background, class, intelligence, or experience.
298	waste not, want not	If you make full and careful use of your resources, you will never be in need; applied to everything from the eating up of leftover food to domestic and industrial recycling.
299	a watched pot never boils	It seems that things take longer to happen when you watch or wait with impatience.
300	the weakest go to the wall	In any conflict or struggle, the weakest will always lose, be defeated, fail, or be ruined.
301	water is the only drink for a wise man	Wise people avoid drinking alcohol.

302	wear your learning like your watch, in a private pocket	Do not make a show of your knowledge or education.
303	we all have our cross to bear	Nobody is exempt from suffering—we all have our own problems and afflictions.
304	wedlock is a padlock	Marriage brings with it many restrictions on personal freedom.
305	wealth makes many friends	Many people want to be the friend of a rich person.
306	Proverb expressing similar meaning	he that has a full purse never wanted a friend.
307	the wearer best knows where the shoe pinches	Nobody can fully understand another person's hardship or suffering.
308	welcome is the best cheer	Welcoming your guests with friendly hospitality is more important than giving them fine food.
309	a wet May brings plenty of hay	Wet weather in May means the hay harvest will be good later in the year.
310	what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive	Once you have told one lie, you find yourself supporting it with other related lies, constructing an elaborate network of deceit from which it is not easy to escape.
311	we must eat a peck of dirt before we die	Everybody must suffer a certain amount of unpleasantness during his or her lifetime; also used literally, as when eating unwashed food.
312	what can't be cured must be endured	If something cannot be put right, we must learn to put up with it.
313	we must learn to walk before we can run	It is necessary to learn the basics before progressing to more advanced things.
314	what can you expect from a pig but a grunt?	Boorish or uncouth people cannot be expected to behave in any other way; used as an insult when such a person says or does something rude.
315	whatever man has done, man may do	If one person has succeeded in doing something, it should not be impossible for another person to do it too.
316	what goes up must come down	The law of gravity must be obeyed; also used figuratively of any rise and fall.
317	what has happened once can happen again	Something that has a precedent cannot be dismissed as impossible, and may recur.
318	what goes around, comes around	Those who say or do bad things to other people are likely to find themselves on the receiving end of similar criticism or treatment in the future; also used to imply that everybody eventually gets his or her just deserts.
319	what's bred in the bone will come out in the flesh	Inherited characteristics become evident in each new generation.
320	what's good for General Motors is good for America	Anything that benefits business and commerce is of benefit to the country as a whole.
321	what's got over the devil's back is spent under his belly	Money that is acquired by illicit or immoral means is spent in a similar manner.

322	what's yours is mine, and what's mine is my own	People often expect free use of what belongs to others while refusing to share their own property.
323	what's new cannot be true	People are always skeptical about new ideas.
324	what the eye doesn't see, the heart doesn't grieve over	Nobody can be upset by something that he or she is unaware of.
325	what's past is prologue	Everything that has gone before is just the introduction to what is still to come.
326	what's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander	What is appropriate for one person is equally appropriate for another person in a similar situation.
327	what the soldier said isn't evidence	Gossip, hearsay, and rumor are not reliable sources of the truth
328	what will be, will be	What is destined to happen cannot be prevented.
329	what you see is what you get	Things or people are exactly as they seem; used to imply honesty, straightforwardness, etc.
330	what you don't know can't hurt you	It is often better to remain in ignorance of things that could distress you.
331	what you've never had you never miss	People do not feel the lack of something they have never possessed or enjoyed.
332	what you lose on the swings you gain on the roundabouts	Gains and losses tend to balance one another overall.
333	the wheel comes full circle	Things eventually reach a situation resembling that from which they began.
334	when a dog bites a man, that is not news; but when a man bites a dog, that is news	The media are only interested in unusual or outrageous stories.
335	the wheel of fortune is forever in motion	People's fortunes are constantly changing—somebody who has good luck one year may have bad luck the next, and vice versa.
336	when all fruit fails, welcome haws	We must accept with gratitude whatever is available, even if it is not exactly what we want or need.
337	when Adam delved and Eve span, who was then the gentleman?	The class system has not always existed and is therefore invalid or irrelevant.
338	when all you have is a hammer, everything looks like a nail	People with a restricted range of knowledge or options often try to apply the same solution to every problem.
339	when Greek meets Greek, then comes the tug of war	A contest or struggle between equally matched opponents is a long and fierce battle.
340	when in Rome, do as the Romans do	You should always follow the customs, rules, and laws of the place where you are.
341	when house and land are gone and spent, then learning is most excellent	It is important to have a good education to fall back on if you lose or use up all your money and material assets.
342	when poverty comes in at the door, love flies out of the window	Financial problems can cause the breakdown of a marriage or other loving relationship.
343	when in doubt, do nothing	If you are unsure what to do, it is best to do nothing at all.

344	when the cat's away, the mice will play	People do as they please in the absence of those in authority.
345	when the going gets tough, the tough get going	In times of crisis, those who are most resilient and determined take action and prove their worth.
346	when thieves fall out, honest men come by their own	A dispute between criminals is to the advantage of their victims, either because they betray one another and reveal the truth, or because they are too busy arguing to commit the crime in the first place.
347	when you go to dance, take heed whom you take by the hand	Beware of getting involved with dishonest or unscrupulous people.
348	where bees are, there is honey	Wherever there are industrious people, wealth is produced; also used of other types of people whose presence is indicative or suggestive of something.
349	when you are in a hole, stop digging	When you have landed yourself in trouble, such as through a foolish remark or action, do not say or do anything to make the situation worse.
350	where God builds a church, the devil will build a chapel	Any force for good, such as progress or reform, is inevitably accompanied—or closely followed—by something bad; not exclusively used in religious contexts.
351	when you argue with a fool, make sure he isn't similarly engaged	do not assume that you are more intelligent or knowledgeable than the person you are arguing with.
352	where the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered	People are drawn together, or to a particular place, when they think they will gain something to their advantage.
353	where there's no vision, the people perish	People need hopes and dreams to sustain them.
354	which came first, the chicken or the egg?	It is sometimes difficult to distinguish between cause and effect.
355	while the grass grows, the steed starves	If somebody has to wait a long time for something, it may arrive too late to be of use.
356	whiskey and gasoline don't mix	do not drive an automobile after drinking alcohol.
357	while two dogs are fighting for a bone, a third runs away with it	When two parties are engaged in a dispute, their attention is distracted from what is going on around them, and both may end up as losers.
358	who has land has war	There will always be disputes over the ownership of land.
359	whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad	Those who commit acts of great folly are heading for disaster, the implication being that such people lose their sanity or good sense because they are destined for this end.
360	whose bread I eat, his song I sing	People show loyalty to, or comply with the demands of, those who employ, pay, or feed them.
361	you can't put an old head on young shoulders	It is unreasonable to expect young people to be as sensible or knowledgeable as their elders.

362	you can't make bricks without straw	You cannot produce anything without the necessary materials or resources.
363	you can't put a square peg in a round hole	Do not give somebody a job for which he or she is unsuited or unqualified; also used of other situations in which a person is a misfit.
364	you can't put new wine in old bottles	The introduction of new methods, ideas, items, or components into
365	you can't shift an old tree without it dying	Relocation is not good for old people.
366	you can't step twice into the same river	Things are constantly changing.
367	you can't run with the hare and hunt with the hounds	You cannot support two opposing parties at the same time.
368	you can't take it with you	You might as well spend your money while you are alive, because it can't be carried with you into the next world.
369	you can't serve God and mammon	A devout or virtuous way of life is incompatible with the pursuit of material wealth and possessions.
370	you can't teach an old dog new tricks	Old people are often unwilling or unable to learn new skills or adopt new methods.
371	you can't unscramble eggs	Damage cannot be undone, and changes cannot be reversed.
372	you can't win 'em all	Nobody can hope to succeed every time.
373	you have to take the rough with the smooth	Everything has pleasant and unpleasant—or difficult and easy—aspects
374	you never know what you can do until you try	People are often surprised to discover what they are capable of when they make an effort.
375	a young man married is a young man marred	It is not good to marry too young.
376	a young barber and an old physician	Youth is fine in a barber but undesirable in a doctor.
377	young men may die, but old men must die	Death is a possibility at any age, but a certainty in old age.
378	the young cock crows as he heard the old one	The young learn by the example of their elders.
379	young folks think old folks to be fools, but old folks know young folks to be fools	Young people think they are wiser than their elders, but the opposite is true.
380	young saint, old devil	Those who behave best when they are young are often those who behave worst when they are old.
381	you pays your money and you takes your choice	It is up to you which item, course of action, or theory you choose; used when there is an element of chance involved, or when there is little difference between the options available.
382	you should know a man seven years before you stir his fire	You should not be too familiar with people, or interfere in their domestic affairs, until you have known them for some time.
383	you snooze, you lose	Those who fail to keep alert will lose out.
384	you scratch my back, and I'll scratch yours	Favors will be reciprocated; often used to imply corruption, or a covert arrangement between the parties concerned.

385	youth must be served	Young people should be allowed to have their own way, helped, or treated with forbearance.
386	youth will have its fling	Young people should be forgiven for their excesses or improprieties.
387	zeal without knowledge is a runaway horse	Uninformed enthusiasm will only lead to disaster.
388	A bad excuse is better than none.	Always give an excuse when necessary, even if it's a poor one.
389	A bad penny always turns up.	An unwanted or disreputable person constantly comes back.
390	A bad tree does not yield good apples.	A bad parent does not raise good children.
391	A bad workman blames his tools.	Blaming the tools for bad workmanship is an excuse for lack of skill.
392	A barking dog seldom bites.	Someone who constantly makes threats rarely carries them out.
393	A bird in hand is worth two in a bush.	It is better to keep what you have rather than to risk losing it by searching for something better.
394	A black plum is as sweet as a white.	People should not be judged by their appearance.
395	A book holds a house of gold.	There is a wealth of knowledge in books.
396	A broken friendship may be soldered but will never be sound.	Friendships can be rebuilt after a dispute but will never be as strong as before.
397	A burden of one's own choice is not felt.	Something difficult seems easier when it is done voluntarily.
398	A burnt child dreads the fire.	A bad experience will make people stay away from certain things..
399	A calm sea does not make a skilled sailor.	A person shows their competence or ability when difficulties arise.
400	A cat has nine lives.	1) Cats can survive many accidents because they land on their feet without injury. 2) Nine lives = 3 years to play, 3 years to stray, 3 years to stay.
401	A chain is no stronger than its weakest link.	The strength of a group depends on each individual member.
402	A change is as good as a rest.	A change in routine is often as refreshing as a break or a holiday.
403	A constant guest is never welcome.	If you come to visit too often, your host will be less pleased to see you.
404	A danger foreseen is half avoided.	If you are prepared to face a problem or difficulty, it will be easier to deal with.
405	A day of sorrow is longer than a month of joy.	Times goes by very quickly when you are happy and very slowly when you are sad.
406	A drop of ink may make a million think.	A thought expressed in writing (perhaps published in a newspaper) can influence a large number of people.
407	A dry March, a wet April and a cool May fill barn and cellar and bring much hay.	Harvest predictions are made according to the weather.
408	A fault confessed is half redressed.	A fault confessed is half redressed.
409	A flower blooms more than once.	If you miss an occasion, you can avail yourself of it another time.

410	A fly will not get into a closed mouth. / A closed mouth catches no flies.	If you learn when to keep silent you will avoid trouble.
411	A fool and his money are (soon) easily parted.	A foolish person usually spends money carelessly.
412	A fool at forty is a fool forever.	If a person hasn't matured by the age of 40, they never will.
413	A friend in need is a friend indeed.	Someone who helps you when you are in trouble is a real friend.
414	A friend to all is a friend to none.	Someone who is a friend to everyone makes none of them feel special.
415	A friend's eye is a good mirror.	A real friend will tell you the truth.
416	A good beginning makes a good end.	If a task is carefully planned, there's a better chance that it will be well done.
417	A good conscience is a soft pillow.	You sleep well when you have nothing to be guilty about.
418	A good example is the best sermon.	Giving a good example is better than giving advice.
419	A good mind possesses a kingdom.	Intellectual assets are more valuable than material ones.
420	A good name is better than a good face.	A good reputation is better than a good appearance.
421	A growing youth has a wolf in his belly.	Young boys eat a lot / are often hungry.
422	A guilty conscience needs no accuser.	If you know that you have done something wrong, you don't need anyone to tell you that you're guilty.
423	A handful of patience is worth more than a bushel of brains.	Patience is more precious than intelligence.
424	A happy heart is better than a full purse.	Happiness is better than wealth.
425	A heavy purse gives to a light heart.	When you have money you feel more cheerful and secure.
426	A hedge between keeps friendship green.	It is important to respect the privacy of others.
427	A hungry belly has no ears.	A hungry person is totally concentrated on their need for food and nothing else interests them.
428	A hungry wolf is fixed to no place.	A desperate person will go from place to place when they need to satisfy their needs.
429	A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.	Any journey or task, however long or difficult, starts with one initial action.
430	A lender nor borrower be.	Do not lend or borrow money.
431	A leopard cannot change its spots.	It is impossible for a bad or unpleasant person to become good or pleasant.
432	A lie begets a lie.	Telling one lie will lead you to tell another one.
433	A little fire is quickly trodden out.	If you deal with a minor problem quickly, it will not become a major issue.
434	A little of what you fancy does you good.	It's ok to give into a little temptation occasionally.
435	A loaded wagon makes no noise.	Really wealthy people do not talk about money.
436	A loveless life is living death.	Without affection, life is difficult.
437	A man can die but once.	If death comes now, you will not have to experience it later.

438	A man is as old as he feels himself to be.	Your age doesn't matter as long as you are fit and healthy.
439	A man is judged by his deeds, not by his words.	A person is judged on what he/she actually does, not on what they say they will do.
440	A man is known by the company he keeps.	A person's character is judged by the type of people with whom they spend their time.
441	A monkey in silk is a monkey no less.	No matter how someone dresses, it's the same person underneath..
442	A new broom sweeps clean (but the old brush knows all the corners...)	A newly-appointed person often makes changes quickly (but experience is also valuable).
443	A nod is as good as a wink (to a blind horse/man).	A hint or a subtle signal is enough to convey meaning to someone who is ready to understand.
444	A picture paints a thousand words.	A picture is better than a long description.
445	A problem shared is a problem halved. /(Also : A worry shared is a worry halved.)	It is easier to deal with a problem when you discuss it with someone.
446	A rising tide lifts all boats.	A growing economy will lead to beneficial conditions for all.
447	A rolling stone gathers no moss.	If a person keeps moving from place to place, they gain neither friends nor possessions. Another interpretation is that, by moving often, one avoids being tied down!
448	A rotten apple spoils the barrel.	A dishonest or immoral person can have a bad influence on a group.
449	A smooth sea never made a skilled mariner.	Overcoming adversity leads to competence.
450	A soft answer turneth away wrath.	If your reply is polite and tactful you will avoid anger.
451	A stitch in time saves nine.	If you deal with a problem at an early stage you will save time and prevent it from getting worse.
452	A stumble may prevent a fall.	Correcting a small mistake may help you to avoid making a bigger one.
453	A swallow does not make the summer.	One good event does not mean that everything is all right.
454	A tidy house holds a bored woman.	If a house is always tidy, the owner (woman) has nothing but housework to occupy her time.
455	A watched pot never boils.	If you wait anxiously for something to happen, it seems to take a long time.
456	A wise head keeps a still tongue	An intelligent person knows when to stay silent.
457	A wonder lasts but nine days.	The effects of an amazing or stirring event last only nine days; after that, life goes on as before.
458	A young idler, an old beggar.	If you don't work, you won't have any money when you're old.
459	Absence is the mother of disillusion	A period of absence may enable you to see people in a truer but less favourable light.
460	Absence makes the heart grow fonder	When you are away from someone you love, you love them even more.
461	Accidents will happen	Some unfortunate events must be accepted as inevitable.

462	Actions speak louder than words	What a person actually does is more important than what they say they will do.
463	Admiration is the daughter of ignorance	Admiration can lead to blindness. Some people do not want to see any faults in those they admire.
464	Adversity makes strange bedfellows.	People of all origins who share the same misfortune are drawn together.
465	Advice is cheap	It doesn't cost anything to offer advice.
466	Advice is least heeded when most needed.	When a problem is serious, people often do not follow the advice given.
467	Advisors run no risks.	It's easier to give advice than to act.
468	After dinner rest a while, after supper walk a while.	Dinner is called 'lunch' nowadays, and supper has become 'dinner'.
469	Age before beauty	Older people should be given precedence over the younger (who are thought to be more beautiful).
470	Agree, for the law is costly.	A compromise is better than an expensive lawsuit.
471	All cats are grey in the dark.	People are undistinguished until they have made a name for themselves.
472	All covet, all lose	If you try to obtain everything, you risk losing everything.
473	All days are short to industry and long to idleness.	Time goes by slowly when you have nothing to do.
474	All good things come to those who wait.	If you are patient you will be rewarded.
475	All that glitters is not gold.	Appearances can be deceptive.
476	All in good time.	Be patient. Things will happen when the time is right.
477	All is fair in love and war.	Things that are done in love or war can often be excused.
478	All's well that ends well.	There is a solution to everything even if there are doubts.
479	All roads lead to Rome	There are many different ways to reach an objective.
480	All things grow with time - except grief.	As time goes by, grief subsides little by little.
481	All things are difficult before they are easy.	With practice everything becomes easier.
482	All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.	Everybody needs a certain amount of relaxation. It is not good to work all the time.
483	An ant may well destroy a whole dam.	A small problem can sometimes cause a lot of harm.
484	An apple a day keeps the doctor away.	Eating an apple every day can help to keep you healthy. Other interpretation: A small preventive treatment wards off serious problems.
485	An empty purse frightens away friends.	When one's financial situation deteriorates, friends tend to disappear.
486	An Englishman's home is his castle	An Englishman's home is a place where he feels safe, enjoys privacy and can do as he wishes.
487	An idle brain is the devil's workshop	When you are busy working, you avoid temptation.
488	An old fox is not easily snared.	A person of experience is difficult to fool or manipulate.

489	An onion a day keeps everyone away.	A humoristic version of "an apple a day..."
490	An ounce of discretion is worth a pound of wit.	It is better to be cautious and discreet than to try to be funny.
491	An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.	It is easier to prevent something from happening than to repair the damage or cure the disease later.
492	Anger is the one thing made better by delay.	When you are angry, it is best not to speak or act immediately.
493	Another day, another dollar.	A job may be hard or tedious but at least there is some financial reward.
494	Any time means no time.	If the date of an event remains vague, it will never happen.
495	(The) apple doesn't fall far from the tree.	Children resemble their parents.
496	April showers bring May flowers.	Something bad or unpleasant today may bring good things in the future.
497	As you sow, so shall you reap.	You have to accept the consequences of your actions.
498	Ask me no questions, I'll tell you no lies.	There are subjects one would rather not discuss.
499	Bad beginnings lead to bad results.	If you start something badly the result will be unsatisfactory.
500	(A) bad cause requires many words.	It is difficult to defend a bad cause.