

Proverbs & Sayings.

The English Language is full of proverbs and sayings – some more memorable than others – and this week's Quiz is designed to test your knowledge of Proverbs and Sayings that are in every day usage.

As usual I'll send the answers out next Wednesday

For the first 20 questions and just to ease you in and get the brain cells working, I've put the start of a well-known proverb or saying. All you have to do is complete it:

For example – It never rains but _____ = It never rains but IT POURS.

The lines in each clue represent a missing word.

1. Appearances can be **DECEPTIVE**
2. In for a penny **IN FOR A POUND**
3. Hit the Nail **ON THE HEAD**
4. You can't teach an old dog **NEW TRICKS**
5. Never look a Gift horse **IN THE MOUTH**
6. Many a true word **IS SPOKEN IN JEST**
7. You can't have your cake **AND EAT IT**
8. If it ain't broke **DON'T FIX IT**
9. The pen is mightier **THAN THE SWORD**
10. All's fair in **LOVE AND WAR**
11. Birds of a feather **FLOCK TOGETHER**
12. A poor workman always **BLAMES HIS TOOLS**
13. A picture is worth **A THOUSAND WORDS**
14. When the going gets tough **THE TOUGH GET GOING**
15. Only Fools and **HORSES WORK**
16. A Fool and his money **ARE SOON PARTED**
17. You can't judge a book **BY ITS COVER**
18. A bird in the hand **IS WORTH TWO IN THE BUSH**
19. Keep your friends close **AND YOUR ENEMIES CLOSER**
20. The end **JUSTIFIES THE MEANS**

The next 20 questions are on the same theme but this time I have just given you one of the words:
can you identify the proverb/saying:

For example: _____ **POURS** would be It never rains but it pours

21. A STORM IN A TEACUP
22. A LEOPARD CANNOT CHANGE ITS SPOTS
23. AN APPLE A DAY KEEPS THE DOCTOR AWAY
24. PEOPLE IN GLASSHOUSES SHOULDN'T THROW STONES
25. YOU CAN'T MAKE AN OMLETTE WITHOUT BREAKING EGGS
26. MAKE HAY WHILE THE SUN SHINES
27. MIGHTY OAKS FROM LITTLE ACORNS GROW
28. THERES'S NO SMOKE WITHOUT FIRE
29. HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY
30. EVERY PICTURE TELLS A STORY
31. NO PEACE FOR THE WICKED
32. CLEANLINESS IS NEXT TO GODLINESS
33. FAMILIARITY BREEDS CONTEMPT
34. DON'T COUNT YOUR CHICKENS BEFORE THEY'VE HATCHED
35. FORTUNE FAVOURS THE BRAVE
36. TWO WRONGS DON'T MAKE A RIGHT
37. ABSENCE MAKES THE HEART GROW FONDER
38. ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS
39. NECESSITY IS THE MOTHER OF INVENTION
40. THE DARKEST HOUR IS JUST BEFORE DAWN

And finally 20 clues where only the first letter of each word is given, **so – for example – INRBIP is...guess what** IT NEVER RAINS BUT IT POURS.

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| 41. A E F A E | AN EYE FOR AN EYE |
| 42. N M I A I | NO MAN IS AN ISLAND |
| 43. C S A H | CHARITY STARTS AT HOME |
| 44. L B B B | LET BYGONES BE BYGONES |
| 45. L S D L | LET SLEEPING DOGS LIE |
| 46. G M T A | GREAT MINDS THINK ALIKE |
| 47. B L T N | BETTER LATE THAN NEVER |
| 48. T E B C T W | THE EARLY BIRD CATCHES THE WORM |
| 49. L S S M | LEAST SAID SOONEST MENDED |
| 50. B C B C | BEGGARS CAN'T BE CHOOSERS |
| 51. T N P L H | THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME |
| 52. A W P N B | A WATCHED POT NEVER BOILS |
| 53. N V N G | NOTHING VENTURED NOTHING GAINED |
| 54. B I O S D | BEAUTY IS ONLY SKIN DEEP |
| 55. I T T T T | IT TAKES TWO TO TANGO |
| 56. B B P | BUSINESS BEFORE PLEASURE |
| 57. B I T T W | BLOOD IS THICKER THAN WATER |
| 58. C H W H | COLD HANDS WARM HEART |
| 59. S I B | SEEING IS BELIEVING |
| 60. L I T B M | LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE |

Hope you enjoyed it.