

# Proverbs and Sayings - Quiz Questions & Answers

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1. Complete the following
  - (a) Man Proposes .....
  - (b) Spare the rod and .....
  - (c) Discretion is .....
  - (d) Well Begun .....
2. What is it that blows nobody good?
3. Who calls the Tune?
4. (a) Who tell no tales?  
(b) With what is the way to Hell paved?
5. "To be the cat's paw of" means "to be the tool of". Why cat's paw?
6. Insert the appropriate animal's names in the following:
  - (a) A ..... in a China shop
  - (b) don't cast your pearls before the .....
  - (c) Let the ..... out of the bag.
  - (d) The black ..... of the family.
7. What is it that is .....?
  - (a) its own reward
  - (b) skin-deep
  - (c) sweet
8. Which American President said, "It is not best to swap horses while crossing the river"?
9. What does the following mean?
  - (a) "to be on the horns of a dilemma"
  - (b) "crossing the Rubicon"
10. (a) If you are lucky at cards when will you be unlucky?  
(b) What happens to those whom the Gods love?
11. What should you do if you wish to be healthy, wealthy and wise?
12. Where shouldn't you wash your dirty linen?
13. (a) What is meant by mind your P's and Q's?  
(b) What is meant by "look before you leap"?
14. If you go to Rome, what are you advised to do?
15. Complete the following:
  - (a) One man's meat .....
  - (b) Fools rush .....
  - (c) To pour oil .....
  - (d) Let the pot call .....
16. (a) Who is soon parted from his money?  
(b) Who shouldn't throw stones?
17. What is it that .....?
  - (a) makes most noise
  - (b) maketh a ready man
  - (c) has a silver lining
18. "Laugh and the world laughs with you. Weep and you ....."
19. (a) What should you strike when it is hot?  
(b) What shouldn't you put in one basket?
20. Fill in the blanks:

- (a) Ali's well .....
- (b) Fine feathers .....
- (c) The least said .....
- (d) Necessity is .....

## Answers to Proverbs and Sayings Quiz Questions

1. (a) God disposes  
(b) spoil the child  
(c) the better part of valour  
(d) is half done
2. An ill-wind
3. He who pays the piper
4. (a) Dead men  
(b) good intentions
5. In the fable, the monkey used the cat to pull roasted chestnuts from the fire.
6. (a) Bull  
(b) Swine  
(c) cat  
(d) Sheep
7. (a) Virtue  
(b) beauty  
(c) revenge
8. Abraham Lincoln
9. (a) To be faced by a difficult choice between alternatives equally attractive  
(b) Going ahead with a project with no hope of turning back
10. (a) in love  
(b) they die young
11. Go early to bed be early to rise
12. in public
13. (a) act with propriety  
(b) think before acting
14. Do as Romans do
15. (a) is another man's poison  
(b) where angels fear to tread  
(c) on troubled waters  
(d) the kettle black
16. (a) A fool  
(b) people who live in glass houses
17. (a) Empty vessels  
(b) conference  
(c) every cloud
18. weep alone
19. (a) Iron  
(b) All your eggs
20. (a) that ends well  
(b) make fine birds  
(c) the soonest mended  
(d) the mother of invention