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# Adages and Proverbs

Grade 4 | Explaining the meaning of common adages and proverbs

*A proverb, or adage, is an old saying that gives advice. Its meaning is bigger than its exact words. Read each saying and circle the letter of what it really means.*

## 1. "Look before you leap."

a. jump as high as you can  b. think before you act  c. look up at the sky

## 2. "Practice makes perfect."

a. doing it often helps  b. rest as much as you can  c. never try new things

## 3. "Don't judge a book by its cover."

a. buy books with nice covers  b. read only short books  c. looks can fool you

## 4. "The early bird catches the worm."

a. birds eat worms  b. starting early pays off  c. sleep in when you can

## 5. "Actions speak louder than words."

a. talk in a loud voice  b. stay very quiet  c. what you do matters most

## 6. "Better safe than sorry."

a. playing it safe is wise  b. always say sorry  c. hide your things

## 7. "Slow and steady wins the race."

a. run as fast as you can  b. keep going step by step  c. races are hard to win

## 8. "Don't put all your eggs in one basket."

a. carry eggs with care  b. baskets break easily  c. don't count on one thing

## 9. "Every cloud has a silver lining."

a. bad times can bring good  b. clouds are made of silver  c. rain is on the way