

ENGLISH PROVERBS AND SAYINGS

1. One man's meat is another man's poison.
2. Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.
3. One must not judge by appearances.
4. The appetite comes with eating.
5. Ask no questions and you will hear no lies.
6. Clever people judge and fools condemn.
7. Velvet paws hide sharp claws.
8. A chain bursts at the weakest link.
9. You can take a horse to the water but you cannot make him drink.
10. The darkest hour is near the dawn.
11. There's a skeleton in every family cupboard.
12. The fool dislikes the clever and the drunkard the sober.
13. Build a sty before you buy a pig.
14. Who pleased everybody died before he was born.
15. Don't boast till the work is finished.
16. Don't boast of things for which you are not responsible.
17. The tongue is sharper than any sword.
18. One cannot enjoy the sweetness without having tried the bitterness.
19. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.
20. When the fox preaches, beware of your geese.
21. A liar is not believed even when he tells the truth.
22. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.
23. A bad workman finds fault with his tools.

APHORISMS¹

1. Love is the answer. But while you're waiting for the answer, sex brings up some pretty good questions. (*Woody Allen*)
2. True friendship is like sound health -- the value of it is seldom known until it is lost. (*Charles Caleb Colton*)
3. The educated differ from the uneducated as much as the living from the dead. (*Aristotle*)
4. It's better to keep your mouth shut and give the impression that you're stupid than to open it and remove all doubt. (*Ramsi Belson*)
5. Bigamy is having one wife too many. Monogamy is the same. (*Oscar Wilde*)
6. Marriage is the triumph of imagination over intelligence. Second marriage is the triumph of hope over experience. (*Oscar Wilde*)
7. The only thing worse than being talked about is not being talked about. (*Oscar Wilde*)
8. All paid jobs absorb and degrade the mind. (*Aristotle*)
9. Anyone can do any amount of work provided it isn't the work he is supposed to be doing at the moment. (*Robert Benchley*)
10. I don't know with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones. (*Albert Einstein*)
11. It is the ordinary women that know something about love. The gorgeous ones are too busy being gorgeous. (*Katharine Hepburn*)
12. Happiness isn't something you experience; it's something you remember. (*Oscar Levant*)
13. A lifetime of happiness! No man alive could bear it; it would be hell on earth. (*George Bernard Shaw*)
14. The difference between fiction and reality is that fiction has to make sense. (*Tom Clancy*)
15. Women like silent men. They think they're listening. (*Marcel Archard*)

¹¹ **A**phorism is a brief saying embodying a moral, a concise statement of a principle or precept given in pointed words.