



INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT  
MIDDLE SECTION



SUBJECT: ENGLISH

TOPIC: EXPANSION OF PROVERBS

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**What is a proverb?**

A proverb is a simple, concrete, traditional saying that expresses a truth based on common sense or experience. It is often metaphorical.

**I. Read the proverbs and their meanings given below and answer the questions that follow.**

PROVERBS	MEANING
All that glitters is not gold.	Things that look good outwardly may not be as valuable or good.
Don't judge a book by its cover.	Don't form an opinion of someone or something from their outward appearance.
All roads lead to Rome.	There are many different routes to the same goal.
Every cloud has a silver lining.	Every bad or a negative situation can result in some benefit to you.
Early bird catches the worm.	One who starts early on any work has a higher chance of success.
Rome wasn't built in a day.	Important work takes time to complete.
Where there's a will, there's a way.	If you are determined enough, you can find a way to achieve what you want, even if it is very difficult.
Time and tide wait for no man.	We have no control over the passage of time, so we should not delay things.
The proof of the pudding is in the eating.	You can only judge the quality of something after you have tried, used or experienced it.
The pot calling the kettle black.	People should not criticize someone else for a fault that they themselves have.
Call a spade a spade.	To say the truth about something, even if it is not pleasant or polite.
Strike while the iron is hot.	Take advantage of an opportunity as soon as it comes to you.
Beggars can't be choosers.	People who depend on the generosity of others can't pick and choose things

	as per their liking. They've to accept what is given to them.
As you sow, so you shall reap.	A person's actions, good or bad, determine what he gets.
Curiosity kills the cat.	Enquiring about others' work can be dangerous. One should mind one's own business.
A chain is only as strong as its weakest link.	One weak part will render the whole weak.
A bad workman always blames his tools.	This proverb is used when someone blames the quality of their equipment or other external factors when they perform a task poorly.
A bird in hand is worth two in the bush.	Things we already have are more valuable than what we hope to get.
Actions speak louder than words.	Actions are a better reflection of one's character because it's easy to say things, but difficult to act on them and follow through.
An empty vessel makes much noise	Foolish people are the most talkative.
An idle mind is the devil's workshop.	If you have nothing to do, you will likely think of mischief.
A stitch in time saves nine.	It is better to deal with problems immediately rather than wait or else they worsen and become much bigger.

**II. Read the outline of a story given below carefully and mention the proverb from the list given above that most suits the story.**

In the 1950's – small town – China – small entrepreneur – bicycle shop – new bicycles – bicycle accessories – servicing, repairing - from 1960's – change – by the 1970's – replaced by motor cycles – no one operated bicycle shops – some converted – motorcycle shops – others – closed down – entrepreneur thought hard – did not – outdated business – started selling door-to-door – traditional herbal ointment – made from – recipe - closely guarded secret – passed down – ancestors – China – selling – remote villages – today – multi-million dollar business.

**PROVERB - \_\_\_\_\_**

**III. Build up a meaningful story, of about 180 words, from the opening line provided below and mention the proverb, from the list given above, that most suits your story. Provide a title for your story.**

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Mahendra looked up from the storybook that he was reading, while waiting for the next teacher to arrive, at the new student \_\_\_\_\_

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