

Common Adages

An adage is a saying or proverb expressing a general truth or philosophical belief.

Think about the following adages or sayings and share your ideas on what you believe they mean.

Then select your favorites and draw a “story picture” of each of your favorite sayings.

Have fun drawing illustrations of these adages!

The early bird catches the worm.

Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise.

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

Don't count your chickens before they hatch.

Don't put all your eggs in one basket.

A penny saved is a penny earned.

Waste not, want not.

There's no such thing as a free lunch.

Don't judge a book by its cover.

When the going gets tough, the tough get going.

Actions speak louder than words.

Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

Strike while the iron is hot.

Make hay while the sun shines.

Look before you leap.

Don't cut off your nose to spite your face.

Two wrongs don't make a right.

No man is an island.

Slow and steady wins the race.

A rolling stone gathers no moss.

A stitch in time saves nine.

A watched pot never boils.

Too many cooks spoil the broth.

Don't jump out of the frying pan and into the fire.

You can't have your cake and eat it, too.

Don't cry over spilt milk.

You are what you eat.

Don't bite the hand that feeds you.

Beggars can't be choosers.

Never look a gift horse in the mouth.

Don't put the cart before the horse.

You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink.

As you sow, so shall you reap.

Practice makes perfect.

Necessity is the mother of invention.

People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Honesty is the best policy.

There's no time like the present.

Don't put off till tomorrow what you can do today.

There's no place like home.

Home is where the heart is.

Time flies when you're having fun.

A chain is only as strong as its weakest link.

Two heads are better than one.

Little strokes fell great oaks.

An apple a day keeps the doctor away.

Red sky at morning, sailor take warning; red sky at night, a sailor's delight.

All that glitters is not gold.

Silence is golden.

Let sleeping dogs lie.

Well done is better than well said.

The pen is mightier than the sword.

A picture is worth a thousand words.

Remember to draw a "story picture" of your favorite adages or sayings – because a picture is worth a thousand words!