

Common English Proverbs

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Actions speak louder than words
/ˈækjənz spi:k ˈlaʊdər ðæn wɜːdz/

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A picture is worth a thousand words
/ə ˈpɪktʃər ɪz wɜːθ ə ˈθaʊzənd wɜːdz/

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A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush
/ə bɜːd ɪn ðə hænd ɪz wɜːθ tu ɪn ðə bʊʃ/

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Better late than never
/ˈbetər leɪt ðæn ˈnevər/

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Every cloud has a silver lining
/ˈevri klaʊd hæz ə ˈsɪlvər ˈlaɪnɪŋ/

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Practice makes perfect
/ˈpræktɪs meɪks ˈpɜːfɪkt/

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The early bird catches the worm
/ði ˈɜːli bɜːd ˈkætʃɪz ðə wɜːm/

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A stitch in time (saves nine)
/ə stɪtʃ ɪn taɪm (seɪvz naɪn)/

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Absence makes the heart grow fonder
/ˈæbsəns meɪks ðə hɑːt grəʊ ˈfʌndər/

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It's better to hold onto something you have than to risk it for something better that you might not get.

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A visual image can convey a complex idea more effectively than words.

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What you do is more important than what you say.

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Regular practice leads to improvement and mastery.

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There is something good in every bad situation.

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It's better to do something late than not do it at all.

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Being apart from someone makes you appreciate them more.

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Fixing a small problem now prevents a bigger one later.

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Those who act promptly get the best opportunities.

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ALL GOOD THINGS MUST
COME TO AN END



All good things must come
to an end
/ɔl gud θɪŋz mʌst kʌm tu ən end/

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All work and no play makes
Jack a dull boy
/ɔl wɜrk ænd noʊ pleɪ meɪks
dʒæk ə dʌl bɔɪ/

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An apple a day keeps the
doctor away
/æn 'æpəl ə deɪ ki:ps ðə 'daktər
ə 'weɪ/

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Better safe than sorry
/'betər seɪf ðæn 'sɔri/

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Blood is thicker than water
/blʌd ɪz 'θɪkər ðæn 'wɔtər/

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Charity begins at home
/'tʃerɪti bɪ'gɪnz æt hoʊm/

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Cleanliness is next to
godliness
/'klenlɪnɪs ɪz nekst tu 'gɔdlnɪs/

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Curiosity killed the cat
/,'kjʊrɪ'æstɪ kɪld ðə kæt/

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Good things come to those
who wait
/gʊd θɪŋz kʌm tu ðəʊz hu weɪt/

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Eating healthily can prevent illness.

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Working without rest makes a person boring and unhappy.

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Pleasurable experiences cannot last forever.

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You should take care of your family before helping others.

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Family relationships are stronger than others.

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It's better to take precautions than to regret not doing so.

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Patience is rewarded.

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Being too inquisitive can lead to trouble.

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Being clean is a virtue close to spiritual purity.

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Honesty is the best policy
/ˈɒnɪsti ɪz ðə bɛst ˈpɒləsi/

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If it ain't broke, don't fix it
/ɪf ɪt eɪnt brəʊk, daʊnt fɪks ɪt/

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If you can't beat them, join
them
/ɪf ju kænt bi:t ðɛm, dʒɔɪn ðɛm/

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Ignorance is bliss
/ɪgnərəns ɪz blɪs/

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Laughter is the best
medicine
/ˈlæftə ɪz ðə bɛst ˈmɛdɪsɪn/

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Let sleeping dogs lie
/lɛt ˈslɪpɪŋ dɔgz laɪ/

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Look before you leap
/lʊk bɪˈfɔr ju li:p/

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Necessity is the mother of
invention
/nɪˈsɛsɪti ɪz ðə ˈmʌðə ɒv
ɪnˈvɛnʃən/

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No man is an island
/nəʊ mæn ɪz ən ˈaɪlənd/

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If you can't overcome
opposition, it's better to
cooperate.

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Don't change something
that is working well.

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Being truthful is always the
best approach.

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Don't disturb a situation that
is currently calm.

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Humor can help heal
emotional pain.

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Not knowing something can
be more comfortable than
knowing the truth.

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Everyone needs help from
others; no one is
self-sufficient.

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Difficult situations inspire
creative solutions.

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Consider the consequences
before acting.

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Nothing ventured, nothing
gained
/ˈnʌθɪŋ ˈventʃəd, ˈnʌθɪŋ ɡeɪnd/

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One good turn deserves
another
/wʌn ɡʊd tɜːn dɪˈzɜːvz əˈnʌðər/

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Rome wasn't built in a day
/roum ˈwɒzənt bɪlt ɪn ə deɪ/

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Slow and steady wins the
race
/sləʊ ænd ˈstɛdi wɪnz ðə reɪs/

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The pen is mightier than the
sword
/ðə pɛn ɪz ˈmaɪtiər ðæn ðə sɔːd/

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Time is money
/taɪm ɪz ˈmʌni/

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Too many cooks spoil the
broth
/tu ˈmeni kʊks spɔɪl ðə brɒθ/

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Two heads are better than
one
/tu hedz ɑː ˈbetər ðæn wʌn/

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A chain is only as strong as
its weakest link
*/ə tʃeɪn ɪz ˈəʊnli æz strɒŋ æz ɪts
ˈwɪkiɪst lɪŋk/*

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Great achievements take
time.

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Kindness should be repaid
with kindness.

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You have to take risks to
achieve something.

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Time is valuable and should
not be wasted.

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Writing and ideas have
more power than violence.

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Consistent effort is more
effective than speed.

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A group is only as strong as
its weakest member.

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Collaboration leads to better
solutions.

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Too many people involved
can ruin a project.

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A leopard cannot change its
spots
/ə 'lepərd 'kænat tʃeɪndʒ its
spats/

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A penny saved is a penny
earned
/ə 'pɛni seɪvd ɪz ə 'pɛni ɜrnd/

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A rolling stone gathers no
moss
/ə 'roulɪŋ stəʊn 'gæðəz nou
mɔs/

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Adversity makes strange
bedfellows
/æd 'vɜrsɪti meɪks streɪndʒ
'bed ,feləʊz/

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All roads lead to Rome
/ɔl roʊdz lid tu roum/

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As you sow so shall you
reap
/æz ju sou sou ʃæl ju ri:p/

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Barking dogs seldom bite
/'bɑ:kɪŋ dɔgz 'seldəm baɪt/

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Beauty is in the eye of the
beholder
/'bjuti ɪz ɪn ði aɪ ʌv ðə
bi 'həʊldə/

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Empty vessels make the
most noise
/'ɛmpti 'vesəlz meɪk ðə moʊst
nɔɪz/

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A person who keeps moving
doesn't accumulate
responsibilities or
attachments.

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Saving money is as valuable
as earning it.

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People cannot change their
fundamental nature.

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Your actions determine your
consequences.

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Many different methods can
achieve the same goal.

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Difficult times cause unlikely
people to cooperate.

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People with little knowledge
talk the most.

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Beauty is subjective.

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People who make threats
rarely carry them out.

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Familiarity breeds contempt
/fəˌmɪliˈɛrɪti brɪdz kənˈtɛmpt/

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First impressions are the
most lasting
/fɜːst ɪmˈpreɪʒnz ɑː ðə maʊst
'læstɪŋ/

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Give credit where credit is
due
/gɪv 'krɛdɪt wɛr 'krɛdɪt ɪz du/

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Haste makes waste
/heɪst meɪks weɪst/

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If the shoe fits, wear it
/ɪf ðə ʃu fɪts, wɛr ɪt/

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Imitation is the sincerest
form of flattery
/ˌɪmɪˈteɪʃən ɪz ðə sɪnˈsɪrɪst fɔːm
ʌv 'flætəri/

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It never rains but it pours
/ɪt ˈnevər reɪnz bʌt ɪt pɔːz/

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Keep your friends close and
your enemies closer
/kɪp jɔː frɛndz kləʊs ənd jɔː
'ɛnəmɪz 'kləʊsə/

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Lightning never strikes twice
in the same place
/'laɪtnɪŋ ˈnevər straɪks tuwaɪs ɪn
ðə seɪm pleɪs/

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Acknowledge someone's contribution.

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The first time you meet someone shapes your long-term opinion.

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Knowing someone too well can lead to disrespect.

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Copying someone shows admiration.

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If a criticism applies to you, accept it.

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Rushing leads to mistakes and wasted effort.

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An unusual event is unlikely to happen again in the same way.

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Watch your enemies closely to anticipate their moves.

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Misfortunes often come together.

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Many hands make light work
/ˈmeni hændz meɪk laɪt wɜːk/

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Mighty oaks from little
acorns grow
/ˈmaɪti oʊks frɒm ˈlɪtl̩ ˈeɪkɔːnz
grəʊ/

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Misery loves company
/ˈmɪzəri lʌvz ˈkʌmpəni/

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Never look a gift horse in
the mouth
/ˈnevər lʊk ə ɡɪft hɔːs ɪn ðə
maʊθ/

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One man's trash is another
man's treasure
/wʌn mænz træʃ ɪz ə ˈnʌðər
mænz ˈtreʒər/

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Out of sight, out of mind
/aʊt ʌv saɪt, aʊt ʌv maɪnd/

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Patience is a virtue



Patience is a virtue
/ˈpeɪʃəns ɪz ə ˈvɜːrtʃuː/

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PREVENTION IS BETTER
THAN CURE



Prevention is better than
cure
/prɪˈvenʃən ɪz ˈbetər ðæn kjʊr/

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Seeing is believing
/ˈsiːɪŋ ɪz biˈliːvɪŋ/

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Unhappy people want others to be unhappy too.

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Great things can start from small beginnings.

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A task is easier with many people helping.

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When something is not visible, it is easily forgotten.

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What is worthless to one person may be valuable to another.

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Don't criticize a gift; accept it graciously.

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You need to see something to believe it exists or is true.

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It's better to stop a problem from happening than to fix it after it happens.

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Being patient is a good quality to have.

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Still waters run deep
/sti:l 'wɔ:təz rʌn di:p/

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Strike while the iron is hot
/straɪk waɪl ði 'aɪərn ɪz hɒt/

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The squeaky wheel gets the
grease
/ðə 'skwi:ki wi:l gets ðə gri:s/

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There's more than one way
to skin a cat
/ðeəz mɔ:r ðæn wʌn weɪ tu: skɪn
ə kæt/

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To err is human; to forgive,
divine
/tu: ɜ:r ɪz 'hju:mən; tu: fər'gɪv
dɪ'vaɪn/

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Truth is stranger than fiction
/tru:θ ɪz 'streɪndʒər ðæn 'fɪkʃən/

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Waste not, want not
/weɪst nɒt, wɒnt nɒt/

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Well begun is half done
/wel bɪ'ɡʌn ɪz hæf dʌn/

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A bad excuse is better than
none
/ə bæd ɪk'skju:s ɪz 'betər ðæn
nʌn/

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The person who complains
the loudest gets attention or
help.

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Take advantage of a good
opportunity immediately.

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Quiet people often have
deep thoughts or strong
feelings.

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Real life can be more
surprising than made-up
stories.

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Everyone makes mistakes,
but forgiving is a noble act.

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There are many ways to
achieve a goal.

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Even a poor excuse is better
than offering no explanation.

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Starting a task well makes it
easier to finish.

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If you don't waste things,
you won't be in need.

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A bad penny always turns
up
/ə bæd 'pɛni 'ɔ:lweɪz tʊ:rnz ʌp/

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A bad workman blames his
tools
/ə bæd 'wɜ:rkɪmən bleɪmz hɪz
tu:lz/

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A cat may look at a king
/ə kæt meɪ lʊk æt ə kɪŋ/

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A dog is a man's best friend
/ə dɔ:g ɪz ə mænz bɛst frɛnd/

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A drowning man will clutch
at a straw
/ə 'draʊnɪŋ mæn wɪl klʌtʃ æt ə
strɔ:z/

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A fool and his money are
soon parted
/ə fu:l ænd hɪz 'mʌni ɑ:r su:n
'pɑ:rtɪd/

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A friend in need (is a friend
indeed)
/ə frɛnd ɪn ni:d (ɪz ə frɛnd
ɪn'di:d)/

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A friend to everyone is a
friend to no one
/ə frɛnd tu: 'ɛvrɪ,wʌn ɪz ə frɛnd
tu: nʊw ʌn/

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A hungry man thinks of
bread
/ə 'hʌŋgrɪ mæn θɪŋks ʌv brɛd/

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Even a lowly person has the right to look at someone important.

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A poor performer blames their equipment instead of their own skill.

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Unwanted people or things tend to reappear.

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Foolish people spend money carelessly and lose it quickly.

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A desperate person will try anything to save themselves.

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Dogs are loyal and loving companions to humans.

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When you are in need, you focus on basic necessities.

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If you try to be friends with everyone, you may not have deep friendships.

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A true friend helps you when you are in trouble.

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A journey of a thousand
miles begins with a single
step
/ə 'dʒɜːrni ʌv ə 'θaʊzənd maɪlz
bɪ 'ɡɪnz wɪð ə 'sɪŋəl stɛp/

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A little learning is a
dangerous thing
/ə 'lɪtl 'lɜːrniŋ ɪz ə 'deɪndʒərəs
θɪŋ/

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A man can do what he wills
but he cannot will what he
wills
/ə mæn kæn duː wɒt hiː wɪlz bʌt
hiː 'kænɒt wɪl wɒt hiː wɪlz/

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A man with no pants fears
no pickpocket.
/ə mæn wɪð nou pænts fɪəz nou
'pɪk,pɒkɪt/

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A mill cannot grind with the
water that is past
/ə ml 'kænɒt graɪnd wɪð ðə
'wɔːtə ɔ̃æt ɪz pæst/

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A miss is as good as a mile
/ə mɪs ɪz æz ɡʊd æz ə maɪl/

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A new language is a new life
(Persian proverb)
/ə nuː 'læŋgwɪdʒ ɪz ə nuː laɪf/

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A rising tide lifts all boats
/ə 'raɪzɪŋ taɪd lɪfts ɔːl bəʊts/

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A ship in harbour is safe, but
that's not what a ship is for
/ə ʃɪp ɪn 'hɑːrbər ɪz seɪf, bʌt
ðæts nɒt wɒt ə ʃɪp ɪz fɔːr/

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You can choose your actions, but you cannot choose your desires.

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Knowing a little about something can make you overconfident and cause mistakes.

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Big tasks start with small actions.

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Failing by a little is the same as failing by a lot.

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You cannot use past opportunities; focus on the present.

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If you have nothing to lose, you have nothing to fear.

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Playing it safe prevents you from fulfilling your purpose.

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An overall improvement benefits everyone.

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Learning a new language opens up new experiences and perspectives.

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A stopped clock is right
twice a day
/ə stɒpt klɒk ɪz raɪt twaɪs ə deɪ/

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A tiger can't change its
stripes
/ə 'taɪgə kænt tʃeɪndʒ ɪts
straɪps/

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A watched man never plays
/ə wɒtʃt mən 'nɛvə pleɪz/

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A watched pot/kettle never
boils
/ə wɒtʃt pɒt/ 'kɛtl 'nɛvə bɔɪlz/

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Absolute power corrupts
absolutely (John
Dalberg-Acton, 1887)
/ 'æbsəlu:t 'paʊə kə 'rʌpts
'æbsəlu:tli/

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Accidents will happen (in the
best-regulated families)
/ 'æksɪdnts wɪl 'hæpən (ɪn ðə
best 'rɛgjə ,leɪtɪd 'fæməliz)/

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All good things come to him
who waits
/ɔ:l ɡʊd θɪŋz kʌm tu: hɪm hu:
weɪts/

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All hands on deck/to the
pump
/ɔ:l hændz ɒn dek/tu: ðə pʌmp/

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All is grist that comes to the
mill
/ɔ:l ɪz grɪst ðæt kʌmz tu: ðə mɪl/

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When someone is watched closely, they may not perform naturally.

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People cannot change their fundamental nature.

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Even a wrong or foolish person can be correct occasionally.

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Mistakes are inevitable, even in well-managed situations.

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Having unlimited power leads to corruption.

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Time feels longer when you wait impatiently.

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Everything can be used to your advantage.

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Everyone must help in an emergency.

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Patience is rewarded with good outcomes.

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All that glitters/glistens is not
gold
/ɔ:l ðæt 'glɪtərz/'glɪsənz ɪz nɒt
gould/

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All the world loves a lover
/ɔ:l ðə wɜ:rlð lʌvz ə 'lʌvə/

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All things come to those
who wait
/ɔ:l θɪŋz kʌm tu: ðəuz hu: weɪt/

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All things excellent are as
difficult as they are rare
(Spinoza)
/ɔ:l θɪŋz 'eksələnt ə:r æz
'dɪfɪkəlt æz ðeɪ ə:r rɛr/

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All things must pass
/ɔ:l θɪŋz mʌst pæs/

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All you need is love
/ɔ:l ju: ni:d ɪz lʌv/

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All is fair in love and war
/ɔ:l ɪz fer ɪn lʌv ænd wɔ:r/

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All is for the best in the best
of all possible worlds
/ɔ:l ɪz fɔ:r ðə best ɪn ðə best ʌv
ɔ:l 'pɒsəbəl wɜ:rlðz/

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All is well that ends well
/ɔ:l ɪz wəl ðæt endz wəl/

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Patience leads to achieving
what you want.

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People are generally happy
for those in love.

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Appearances can be
deceiving; not everything
valuable looks valuable.

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Love is the most important
thing in life.

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Nothing lasts forever;
difficult times will end.

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Excellent things are both
hard to achieve and
uncommon.

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If the outcome is good, the
problems along the way
don't matter.

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Everything happens for the
best in an ideal world (often
ironic).

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In love and conflict, any
tactic is acceptable.

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An army marches on its
stomach
/æ n 'ɑ: rmi 'mɑ: rʃɪ z ɒ n ɪ t s
'stɑ mək/

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An eye for an eye, a tooth
for a tooth
/æ n aɪ fɔ: r æ n aɪ , ə tu: θ fɔ: r ə
tu: θ/

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An eye for an eye makes
the whole world blind
(Mahatma Gandhi
(1869–1948), leader of the
Indian independence
movement)

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An Englishman's home is
his castle/A man's home is
his castle
/æ n 'ɪ ŋ glɪ smə n z hoʊ m ɪ z hɪ z
'kæ səl/

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Another day, another dollar
/ə 'nʌ ðər deɪ , ə 'nʌ ðər 'dɔ: lər/

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An honest man doesn't
need to remember much
/æ n 'ɒ nɪ st mæn 'dʌ zə n t ni: d tu:
rɪ 'membər mʌ tʃ/

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An ounce of prevention is
worth a pound of cure
/æ n aʊ n s ʌ v prɪ 'vɛ nʃ ə n ɪ z wɜ: r θ
ə paʊ n d ʌ v kjʊ r/

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Any port in a storm
/'eni pɔ: r t ɪ n ə stɔ: r m/

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Any publicity is good
publicity
/'eni plʌ b 'lɪ sɪ tɪ ɪ z gʊ d plʌ b 'lɪ sɪ tɪ/

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Revenge should be proportional to the harm done.

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A group needs proper food and supplies to function.

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Honest people don't have to keep track of lies.

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Each day brings more work and more pay; routine.

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A person's home is their private sanctuary.

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Even negative attention can be beneficial.

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In a crisis, any solution is acceptable.

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Preventing a problem is easier than fixing it later.

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April showers bring forth
May flowers
/ˈeɪprəl ˈʃaʊəz brɪŋ fɔːrθ meɪ
ˈflaʊərz/

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Anything worth doing is hard
/ˈeniθɪŋ wɜːrθ ˈduːɪŋ ɪz hɑːrd/

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As a tree bends, so shall it
grow
/æz ə triː bændz, sɔʊ ʃæl ɪt grəʊ/

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As queer as a three dollar
bill
/æz kwɪr æz ə θri ˈdɒlər bɪl/

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As the twig is bent, so is the
tree inclined
/æz ðə twɪɡ ɪz bent, sɔʊ ɪz ðə tri
ɪn ˈklaɪnd/

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As you make your bed, so
you must lie upon it
/æz ju meɪk jɔː bɛd, sɔʊ ju mʌst
laɪ ə ˈpʌn ɪt/

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Ask a silly question and you
will get a silly answer
/æsk ə ˈsɪli ˈkwɛstʃən ænd ju wɪl
get ə ˈsɪli ˈænsər/

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Ask my companion if I be a
thief
/æsk maɪ kəm ˈpænjən ɪf aɪ bi ə
θɪf/

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Ask no questions and hear
no lies
/æsk nou ˈkwɛstʃənz ænd hɪr
nou laɪz/

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Early influences shape a person's development.

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Valuable achievements require effort.

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Difficult times can lead to good outcomes.

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You must accept the consequences of your own actions.

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Early influences shape a person's character for life.

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Very strange or suspicious; obviously fake or counterfeit.

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If you don't ask, you won't be told something untrue (or unpleasant).

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A person's character is known by the company they keep.

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If you ask a foolish question, don't expect a serious reply.

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Attack is the best form of
defense
/ə'tæk ɪz ðə best fɔrm əv
dɪ'fens/

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At the end of my rope
/æt ði end əv maɪ roʊp/

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Bad news travels fast
/bæd nuz 'trævelz fæst/

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Bad money drives out good
/bæd 'mʌni draɪvz aʊt gʊd/

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Beauty is only skin deep
/'bjʊti ɪz 'oʊnli skɪn di:p/

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Before setting out on a
mission of vengeance, dig
two graves
/bɪ'fɔr 'setɪŋ aʊt ən ə 'mɪʃən əv
'vɛndʒəns, dɪg tu greɪvz/

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Beggars cannot be
choosers
/'bɛgərz 'kænət bi 'tʃuzərz/

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BEHIND EVERY GREAT MAN,
THERE IS A GREAT WOMAN



Behind every great man,
there is a great woman
/bɪ'haɪnd 'evəri greɪt mæn, ðɛr
ɪz ə greɪt 'wʊmən/

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Better to reign in hell than
serve in heaven (John
Milton, in Paradise Lost)
/'betər tu reɪn ɪn hel ðæn sɜrv ɪn
'heɪvən/

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Unpleasant information
spreads quickly.

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Having no more patience or
ability to cope.

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Taking aggressive action
can be the most effective
way to protect yourself.

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Revenge often harms the
avenger as much as the
target.

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Physical appearance is not
a measure of a person's true
worth.

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Inferior currency circulates
while good currency is
hoarded (Gresham's Law).

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It is preferable to be a
leader in a bad situation
than a follower in a good
one.

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Successful men often have
the support of a capable
woman.

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When you are in need, you
must accept whatever is
offered.

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Be yourself
/bi jɔr'self/

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Better the Devil you know
(than the Devil you do not)
/'bɛtər ðə 'dɛvəl ju nəʊ ðæn ðə
'dɛvəl ju du nɒt/

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Better to have loved and lost
than never to have loved at
all
/'bɛtər tu hæv lʌvd ænd lɒst
ðæn 'nɛvər tu hæv lʌvd æt ɔl/

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Better to light one candle
than to curse the darkness
/'bɛtər tu laɪt wʌn 'kændəl ðæn
tu kɜrs ðə 'dɑ:knəs/

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Better to remain silent and
be thought a fool than to
speak and remove all doubt
/'bɛtər tu ri'meɪn 'saɪlənt ænd
bi θɒt ə ful ðæn tu spɪk ænd
rɪ'mʊv ɔl daʊt/

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Better wear out than rust out
/'bɛtər wɛr aʊt ðæn rʌst aʊt/

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Beware of Greeks bearing
gifts (Trojan War, Virgil in
the _Aeneid_)
/bɪ'wɛr əv grɪks 'bɛrɪŋ ɡɪfts/

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Big fish eat little fish
/bɪɡ fɪʃ ɪt 'lɪtl̩ fɪʃ/

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Birds of a feather (flock
together)
/bɜrdz əv ə 'fɛðər flɒk tə'ɡɛðər/

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Experiencing love, even if it ends, is better than never loving.

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It is safer to deal with a known problem than a new, unknown one.

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Act naturally; don't pretend to be someone else.

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It is better to stay active and wear out than to become inactive and decay.

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It's wiser to say nothing than to say something foolish.

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It is more productive to take positive action than to complain.

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People with similar interests or characteristics tend to associate.

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The powerful prey on the weak.

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Be suspicious of gifts or favors from enemies.

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Born with a silver spoon in
one's mouth
/bɔrn wið ə 'silvə spun in wʌnz
maʊθ/

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Boys will be boys
/bɔɪz wi:l bi bɔɪz/

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Brevity is the soul of wit
(William Shakespeare)
/'bre:vɪti ɪz ðə soul əv wɪt/

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Business before pleasure
/'bɪznəs bi'fɔr 'pleʒər/

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Buy once, cry once
/baɪ wʌns, kraɪ wʌns/

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Buy cheap, buy twice
/baɪ tʃi:p, baɪ twaɪs/

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Caesar's wife must be
above suspicion
/'si:əz wʌɪf mʌst bi ə 'bʌv
sə'spɪʃən/

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Calm seas never made a
good sailor
/kɑm si:z 'nevər meɪd ə gud
'seɪlə/

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Careless talk costs lives
/'kɛrləs tɔk kɔsts laɪvz/

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Cleverness is best expressed concisely.

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Boys (or people) will act in a typically childish or rowdy way.

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Born into a wealthy, privileged family.

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Buying inexpensive items often leads to having to buy replacements.

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It's better to spend more on a high-quality item than to buy cheap and replace often.

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Work should be done before leisure activities.

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Loose lips can lead to serious harm, especially in wartime.

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Adversity builds strength and skill.

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People in prominent positions must avoid any appearance of wrongdoing.

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Cheats never prosper
/tʃi:ts 'nævə 'prɒspə/

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Cheese, wine, and friends
must be old to be good.
/tʃi:z, waɪn, ænd frendz mʌst bi
oʊld tu bi gʊd/

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Children should be seen
and not heard
/'tʃɪldrən ʃʊd bi sɪn ænd nɒt hɜ:d/

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Christmas comes but once a
year
/'krɪsməs kʌmz bʌt wʌns ə jɪr/

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Civility costs nothing and
buys everything (Mary
Wortley Montagu)
/sɪ 'vɪlɪti kɔ:sts 'nʌθɪŋ ænd baɪz
'ɛvrɪθɪŋ/

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Clothes don't make the man
/kloʊz daʊnt meɪk ðə mæn/

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Clothes make the man
/kloʊz meɪk ðə mæn/

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Coffee and love taste best
when hot (Ethiopian
proverb)
/'kɒfi ænd lʌv teɪst best wen hɒt/

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Cold hands, warm heart
/kəʊld hændz, wɜ:m hɑ:t/

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Children should be quiet
and not interrupt adults.

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Things (and relationships)
improve with age.

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Dishonest people do not
achieve lasting success.

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A person's character is not
judged by their clothing.

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Being polite is free and can
gain you much.

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It's okay to indulge
occasionally because the
occasion is rare.

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Someone with cold hands is
often affectionate.

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Freshness and passion are
best enjoyed immediately.

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People are judged by their
appearance and attire.

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Comparisons are odious
/kəm'pærisənz ar 'oʊdiəs/

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Count your blessings
/kaunt jɔr 'blɛsɪŋz/

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Courage is the measure of a
Man, Beauty is the measure
of a Woman
/'kʌrɪdʒ ɪz ðə 'meɪʒər əv ə mæn,
'bjuti ɪz ðə 'meɪʒər əv ə 'wʊmən/

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Cowards may die many
times before their death
/'kəʊərdz meɪ daɪ 'meni taɪmz
bɪ'fɔr ðeɪ dɛθ/

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Crime does not pay
/kraɪm dʌz nɒt peɪ/

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Cream rises to the top
/kri:m 'raɪzɪz tu ðə tɒp/

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Criss-cross, applesauce
/krɪs krɒs, 'æpəl'sɔ:s/

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Cross the stream where it is
shallowest
/krɒs ðə strɪm wɛr ɪt ɪz 'ʃæləʊɪst/

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Cut your coat according to
your cloth
/kʌt jɔr kəʊt ə'kɔ:dn̩ tu jɔr klɒθ/

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**Men are valued for bravery,
women for appearance
(traditional view).**

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**Be grateful for what you
have.**

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**Comparing people or things
is unpleasant and often
unfair.**

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**The best people or things
will eventually be
recognized.**

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**Criminal activity is not
profitable in the long run.**

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**Fearful people suffer the
agony of death repeatedly in
their minds.**

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**Live within your means;
adapt to your resources.**

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**Take the easiest or safest
path to achieve something.**

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**A phrase used to instruct
children to sit cross-legged.**

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Cut the head off the snake
(see Lernaean Hydra myth)
/kʌt ðə hɛd ɔf ðə sneɪk/

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Dead men tell no tales
/dɛd mɛn tɛl nou teɪlz/

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Denial is not a river in Egypt
/dɪˈnaɪəl ɪz nɒt ə ˈrɪvər ɪn
ˈɪdʒɪpt/

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Devil take the hindmost
/ˈdɛvəl teɪk ðə ˈhaɪndmɒst/

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Discretion is the better part
of valour
/dɪˈskreʃən ɪz ðə ˈbɛtər pɑrt əv
ˈvælər/

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Do as I say, not as I do
/du æz aɪ seɪ, nɒt æz aɪ du/

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Do as you would be done by
/du æz ju wʊd bi dʌn baɪ/

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Do not bite the hand that
feeds you
/du nɒt baɪt ðə hænd ðæt fɪdz
ju/

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Do not burn your bridges
behind you
/du nɒt bɜ:n jɔr ˈbrɪdʒɪz
bɪˈhaɪnd ju/

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Refusing to accept reality is not a geographical location; it's a psychological state.

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Killing someone ensures they cannot reveal secrets.

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Eliminate the leader to destroy an organization.

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Follow my advice, even if I don't follow it myself.

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It is better to be cautious than to take unnecessary risks.

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Everyone should look out for themselves; the slow or weak will suffer.

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Do not destroy relationships or options for the future.

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Do not harm or offend someone who supports you.

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Treat others as you wish to be treated (the Golden Rule).

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Do not carry coals to
Newcastle
/dov nat 'kæri koulz tə
'nu:kæəsəl/

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Do not cast your pearls
before swine
/dov nat kæst jər pɜ:lz bi 'fɔr
swain/

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Do not cry over spilled milk
/dov nat kraɪ 'ouvər spɪld mɪlk/

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Do not change horses in
midstream
/dov nat tʃeɪndʒ 'hɔ:sɪz ɪn
'mɪdstrɪm/

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Do not count your chickens
before they are hatched
/dov nat kaʊnt jər 'tʃɪkɪnz bi 'fɔr
ðeɪ ar hæʃt/

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Do not cross the bridge till
you come to it
/dov nat krɔs ðə brɪdʒ tɪl ju kʌm
tə ɪt/

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Do not cut off your nose to
spite your face
/dov nat kʌt ɒf jər nouz tə spart
jər feɪs/

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Do not dish it if you can't
take it
/dov nat dɪʃ ɪt ɪf ju kænt teɪk ɪt/

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Do not judge a book by its
cover
/dov nat dʒʌdʒ ə bu:k baɪ ɪts
'kʌvər/

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Do not be upset about something that has already happened and cannot be changed.

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Do not offer something valuable to someone who cannot appreciate it.

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Do not take something to a place where it is already plentiful.

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Do not worry about future problems before they arise.

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Do not assume success before it actually happens.

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Do not make major changes in the middle of a process.

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Do not judge someone or something based solely on appearance.

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Do not criticize others if you cannot handle criticism yourself.

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Do not act out of revenge in a way that harms yourself more.

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Do not keep a dog and bark
yourself
/dɒʊ nɑt kɪp ə dɒg ænd bɑ:k
jɔ: 'sɛlf/

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Do not let the bastards grind
you down
/dɒʊ nɑt lɛt ðə 'bæstərdz graɪnd
ju daʊn/

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Do not let the grass grow
beneath (one's) feet
/dɒʊ nɑt lɛt ðə græs grəʊ bɪ 'niθ
wʌnz fi:t/

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Do not look a gift horse in
the mouth
/dɒʊ nɑt lʊk ə gɪft hɔ:s ɪn ðə
maʊθ/

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Do not make a mountain out
of a mole hill
/dɒʊ nɑt meɪk ə 'maʊntɪn aʊt əv
ə moʊl hɪl/

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Do not meet troubles
half-way
/dɒʊ nɑt mi:t 'trʌbəlz hæf weɪ/

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Do not put all your eggs in
one basket
/dɒʊ nɑt pʊt ɔ:l jɔ: egz ɪn wʌn
'bæskɪt/

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Do not put the cart before
the horse
/dɒʊ nɑt pʊt ðə kɑ:t bɪ 'fɔ: ðə
hɔ:s/

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Do not put too many irons in
the fire
/dɒʊ nɑt pʊt tu: 'meni 'aɪənz ɪn
ðə faɪə/

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Do not delay; take action promptly.

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Do not allow difficult people or circumstances to defeat you.

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Do not do work that you have hired someone else to do.

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Do not worry about problems before they happen.

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Do not exaggerate a minor problem.

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Do not criticize a gift or find fault with something given freely.

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Do not take on too many tasks at once.

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Do not do things in the wrong order.

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Do not risk everything on a single venture.

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Do not put new wine into old
bottles
/dɒs nɑt pʊt nu waɪn 'ɪntu ɔʊld
'bɒtlz/

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Do not rock the boat
/dɒs nɑt rɒk ðə bɔʊt/

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Do not shut/lock the stable
door after the horse has
bolted
/dɒs nɑt ʃʌt/lɒk ðə 'steɪbəl dɔːr
'æftə ðə hɔːs hæz 'bɔʊltɪd/

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Do not spend it all in one
place
/dɒs nɑt spɛnd ɪt ɔl ɪn wʌn
pleɪs/

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Do not spoil the ship for a
ha'porth of tar
/dɒs nɑt spɔɪl ðə ʃɪp fɔː ə
'heɪpəθ əv tɑː/

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Do not throw pearls to swine
/dɒs nɑt θrəʊ pɜːlz tə swaɪn/

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Do not teach your
Grandmother to suck eggs
/dɒs nɑt tiːtʃ ɜːr 'grɑːndmʌðə tə
sʌk ɛgz/

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Do not throw the baby out
with the bathwater
/dɒs nɑt θrəʊ ðə 'beɪbɪ aʊt wɪð
ðə 'bæθwɔːtə/

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Do not try to walk before
you can crawl
/dɒs nɑt traɪ tə wɒk bɪ'fɔːr ju
kæn krɔʊl/

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**Do not take preventive
action after the damage is
done.**

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**Do not disturb a stable
situation.**

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**Do not try to force new
ideas into old systems.**

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**Same as 'cast pearls before
swine'.**

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**Do not ruin something
important by skimping on a
small detail.**

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**A humorous way to say
'don't waste all your money
at once.'**

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**Do not attempt advanced
tasks before mastering the
basics.**

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**Do not discard something
valuable while getting rid of
something undesirable.**

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**Do not give advice to
someone who is more
experienced.**

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Do not upset the apple-cart
/dɒʊ nɑt ʌp'set ði 'æpəl kɑ:t/

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Do not wash your dirty linen
in public
/dɒʊ nɑt wɑʃ jɔː 'dɜːti 'lɪnən ɪn
'pʌblɪk/

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Do not sympathize with
those who can not
empathize
/dɒʊ nɑt 'sɪmpəˌθaɪz wɪð ðəʊz
hʉ kæn nɑt 'ɛmpəˌθaɪz/

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Do unto others as you would
have them do unto you
(a.k.a. the Golden Rule)
/dʉ 'ʌntʉ 'ʌðəz æz ju wʉd hæv
ðɛm dʉ 'ʌntʉ ju/

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Doubt is the beginning, not
the end, of wisdom
/daʉt ɪz ðə bɪ'gɪnɪŋ nɑt ði ɛnd
əv 'wɪzðəm/

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Don't take any wooden
nickels
/dɒʉnt teɪk 'eni 'wʉdən 'nɪkəlz/

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Early to bed and early to
rise makes a man healthy,
wealthy and wise (Benjamin
Franklin (1706–1790),
polymath and Founding
Father of the United States)
/'ɜːli tə bɛd ænd 'ɜːli tə raɪz
meɪks ə mæn 'hɛlθi 'wɛlθi ænd
waɪz/

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Easier said than done
/'iːzɪə sɛd ðæn dʌn/

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East is east, and west is
west (and never the twain
shall meet)
/ɪst ɪz ɪst ænd wɛst ɪz wɛst ænd
'nɛvə ðə tweɪn ʃæl mɪt/

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**Do not feel sorry for people
who are unable to
understand others' feelings.**

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**Do not discuss private
matters in public.**

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**Do not disturb a stable plan
or situation.**

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**Be careful not to be
cheated.**

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**Questioning things leads to
knowledge.**

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**Treat others the way you
want to be treated.**

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**Two things are
fundamentally different and
cannot be reconciled.**

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**Something is easier to talk
about than to actually do.**

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**Going to bed early and
waking up early leads to
success.**

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East, west, home is best
/ɪst wɛst hoʊm ɪz best/

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Easy come, easy go
/'ɪzi kʌm 'ɪzi goʊ/

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Easy, times easy, is still
easy
/'ɪzi taɪmz 'ɪzi ɪz stɪl 'ɪzi/

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Early marriage, earlier
pregnant
/'ɜrli 'mɛrɪdʒ 'ɜrlɪər 'prɛgnənt/

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Eat breakfast like a king,
lunch like a prince and
dinner like a pauper
/ɪt 'brɛkfɛst laɪk ə kɪŋ lʌntʃ laɪk ə
prɪns ænd 'dɪnər laɪk ə 'pɔ:pər/

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Eat, drink and be merry, (for
tomorrow we die)
/ɪt drɪŋk ænd bi 'mɛri fɔr
tə 'mɔrɔʊ wi daɪ/

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Enough is as good as a
feast
/ɪ'naʊ ɪz æz gʊd æz ə fi:st/

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Even a worm will turn
/'i:vən ə wɜ:m wɪl tɜ:n/

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Even from a foe a man may
learn wisdom
/'i:vən frɒm ə fəʊ ə mæn mɛɪ
lɜ:n 'wɪzdəm/

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**Something simple remains
simple even when repeated.**

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**Something obtained easily
is also easily lost.**

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**No matter where you go,
home is the best place.**

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**Enjoy life now because
death is inevitable.**

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**Eat a large breakfast, a
moderate lunch, and a small
dinner for health.**

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**Getting married early often
leads to early pregnancy.**

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**You can learn something
valuable even from an
enemy.**

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**Even the meekest person
will retaliate if pushed too
far.**

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**Having enough is as
satisfying as having plenty.**

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Every dog has his day
/ 'ɛvri dɒg hæz hɪz deɪ/

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Every Jack has his Jill
/ 'ɛvri dʒæk hæz hɪz dʒɪl/

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Every little bit helps
/ 'ɛvri 'lɪtl bɪt helps/

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Every man for himself (and
the Devil take the hindmost)
/ 'ɛvri mæn fɔr hɪm 'self ænd ðə
'dɛvəl teɪk ðə 'haɪndmɔʊst/

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Every man has his price
/ 'ɛvri mæn hæz hɪz praɪs/

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Every picture tells a story
/ 'ɛvri 'pɪktʃə təlz ə 'stɔ:ri/

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Every stick has two ends
/ 'ɛvri stɪk hæz tu ɛndz/

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Everybody wants to go to
heaven but nobody wants to
die
/ 'ɛvri ,bɑ:di wʌnts tə ɡəʊ tə
'heɪvən bət 'nəʊ ,bɑ:di wʌnts tə
daɪ/

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Everyone has their price
/ 'ɛvri ,wʌn hæz ðeə praɪs/

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Even small contributions are useful.

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Everyone will find a suitable partner.

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Everyone will have a moment of success or good fortune.

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A picture can convey a lot of information.

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Everyone can be bribed or persuaded with the right offer.

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In a crisis, everyone looks out for themselves.

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Same as 'every man has his price'.

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People desire rewards but are unwilling to make sacrifices.

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Every situation has two sides or consequences.

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Everything comes to those
who wait
/ˈɛvri, θɪŋ kʌmz tə ðəʊz hu weɪt/

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Every tide has its ebb
/ˈɛvri taɪd hæz ɪts ɛb/

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Failing to plan is planning to
fail
*/ˈfeɪlɪŋ tə plæn ɪz ˈplæniŋ tə
feɪl/*

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Faint heart never won fair
lady
/feɪnt hart ˈnɛvər wʌn fɛr ˈleɪdi/

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Fair exchange is no robbery
/fɛr ɪks ˈtʃeɪndʒ ɪz noʊ ˈrɒbəri/

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Faith will move mountains
/feɪθ wɪl muv ˈmaʊntənz/

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Fall seven times, stand up
eight
fɔl ˈsɛvən taɪmz, stænd ʌp eɪt

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False friends are worse than
open enemies
*fɔls frɛndz ɑr wɜrs ðæn ˈoʊpən
ˈɛnə,mɪz*

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Fake it till you make it
fɛɪk ɪt tɪl ju meɪk ɪt

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Without planning, you are likely to fail.

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Every good situation will eventually decline.

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Patience is rewarded.

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Strong belief can achieve the impossible.

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A fair trade is not dishonest.

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Timidity will not achieve a desired goal.

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Act confident and capable even if you are not, and eventually you will become so.

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Betrayal by someone you trust is more harmful than having an obvious enemy.

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No matter how many times you fail, you must keep trying and never give up.

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Feed a cold, starve a fever
fið ə kəʊld, stɑrv ə 'fi:və

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Fight fire with fire
faɪt 'faɪə wɪð 'faɪə

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Fine feathers make fine
birds
faɪn 'feðərz meɪk faɪn bɜ:dz

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Finders keepers (losers
weepers)
'faɪndərz 'ki:pəz ('luzərz
'wi:pərz)

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Fine words butter no
parsnips
faɪn wɜ:dz 'bʌtə nou 'pɑ:snɪps

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First come, first served
fɜ:st kʌm, fɜ:st sɜ:vɪd

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First things first
fɜ:st θɪŋz fɜ:st

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Fish always rots from the
head downwards (The fish
rots from the head down)
fɪʃ 'ɔ:l weɪz rɒts frʌm ðə hɛd
'daʊnwɜ:dz (ðə fɪʃ rɒts frʌm ðə
hɛd daʊn)

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Fish and guests smell after
three days
fɪʃ ænd gɛsts smɛl 'æftə θri
deɪz

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Attractive clothing or appearance makes a person look good.

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Use the same methods as your opponent to counter them.

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Eat when you have a cold, but avoid food when you have a fever.

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Those who arrive first will be served or get the best choice.

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Kind words are not enough; actions are needed.

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If you find something, you have the right to keep it; the person who lost it must accept the loss.

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Visitors overstay their welcome if they stay too long.

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Corruption or problems start at the top of an organization.

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Important matters should be dealt with before others.

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Flattery will get you nowhere
'flætəri wɪl ɡet ju 'nəʊ,weɪ

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Fools rush in (where angels
fear to tread)
fu:lz rʌʃ ɪn (weɪ 'eɪndʒəlz fɪr tu
tred)

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For want of a nail the shoe
was lost; for want of a shoe
the horse was lost; and for
want of a horse the man
was lost
fɔr wʌnt əv ə neɪl ðə ʃu wʌz lɔst;
fɔr wʌnt əv ə ʃu ðə hɔrs wʌz lɔst;
ænd fɔr wʌnt əv ə hɔrs ðə mən
wʌz lɔst

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Forewarned is forearmed
fɔr'wɔrnd ɪz fɔr'ɑ:md

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Fortune favours the
bold/brave
'fɔ:tn̩ 'feɪvəz ðə bəʊld/breɪv

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Free is for me
fri ɪz fɔr mi

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From the sublime to the
ridiculous there is but a step
frʌm ðə sə'blaɪm tu ðə
rɪ'dɪkjələs ðer ɪz bʌt ə stɛp

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From its fruit the tree is
known
frʌm ɪts frut ðə tri ɪz nəʊn

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Genius is an infinite capacity
for taking pains
'dʒɪnjəs ɪz ən 'ɪnfɪnət
kə'pæsəti fɔr 'teɪkɪŋ peɪnz

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Small neglects can lead to major disasters.

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Inexperienced or foolish people act boldly in situations where wiser people are cautious.

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Insincere praise will not help you achieve your goal.

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People like getting things for free.

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Taking risks often leads to success.

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Advance warning gives you time to prepare.

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True genius comes from hard work and attention to detail.

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A person's character is judged by their actions.

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Something very noble can quickly become absurd.

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Give a dog a bad name and
hang him
gɪv ə dɒg ə bæd neɪm ænd hæŋ
hɪm

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Give a man a fish and you
feed him for a day. Teach a
man to fish and you feed
him for a lifetime
gɪv ə mæn ə fɪʃ ænd ju fɪd hɪm
fɔr ə deɪ. ti:tʃ ə mæn tu fɪʃ ænd ju
fɪd hɪm fɔr ə 'laɪf, taɪm

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Give a man rope enough
and he will hang himself
gɪv ə mæn rəʊp ɪ 'nʌf ænd hi wɪl
hæŋ hɪm 'self

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Give him an inch and he will
take a mile
gɪv hɪm ən ɪntʃ ænd hi wɪl teɪk
ə maɪl

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Give the devil his/her due
gɪv ðə 'deɪvl hɪz/hɜr du

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God helps those who help
themselves
gɒd helps ðəʊz hu help
ðəm 'selvz

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Good fences make good
neighbours
gʊd 'fensəz meɪk gʊd 'neɪbərz

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Good talk saves the food
gʊd tɔk seɪvz ðə fʊd

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Half a loaf is better than no
bread
hæf ə ləʊf ɪz 'betə ɔn nəʊ
brɛd

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If you give someone enough freedom, they will eventually ruin themselves.

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It is better to teach someone a skill than to provide temporary help.

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Once someone is unfairly labeled, they are condemned.

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You should make an effort to solve your own problems rather than relying on divine help.

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Acknowledge the good qualities in someone you dislike.

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If you give someone a little, they will demand much more.

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Something is better than nothing.

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Pleasant conversation makes a meal more enjoyable.

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Clear boundaries help maintain good relationships.

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Handsome is as handsome
does
'hænsəm ɪz æz 'hænsəm dɒz

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Hard cases make bad law
hard 'keɪsɪz meɪk bæd lɔ

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Hard work never did anyone
any harm
hard wɜ:k 'nɛvə dɪd 'eni,wʌn
'eni harm

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He that goes a-borrowing,
goes a-sorrowing
hi ðæt gouz ə-'bɒrɔʊɪŋ, gouz
ə-'sɒrɔʊɪŋ

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He who can, does; he who
cannot, teaches
hi hu kæn, dɒz; hi hu 'kænət,
'ti:tʃɪz

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He who hesitates is lost
hi hu 'hezɪ,tets ɪz lɒst

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He who laughs last laughs
longest
hi hu læfs læst læfs 'lɒŋgɪst

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He who lives by the sword,
dies by the sword
hi hu lɪvz baɪ ðə sɔ:d, daɪz baɪ
ðə sɔ:d

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He who loves the world as
his body may be entrusted
with the empire – Laozi,
Chinese philosopher (604
BC – c. 531 BC)
hi hu lʌvz ðə wɜ:ld æz hɪz 'bɒdi
meɪ bi ɪn'trʌstɪd wɪð ði 'empaɪə

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**Working hard is beneficial
and not harmful.**

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**Difficult or extreme cases
can lead to poor legal
precedents.**

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**A person's actions define
their attractiveness, not their
looks.**

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**If you delay, you may miss
an opportunity.**

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**Those who are skilled do
things; those who are not
skilled teach others.**

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**Borrowing money leads to
worry and sadness.**

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**A person who cares for the
world as they care for
themselves is fit to lead.**

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**If you use violence, you will
eventually suffer violence.**

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**The person who ultimately
succeeds has the final
satisfaction.**

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He who makes a beast out
of himself gets rid of the
pain of being a man
hi hu meɪks ə bɪst aʊt ʌv
hɪm 'self ɡets rɪd ʌv ðə peɪn ʌv
'bi:ɪŋ ə mən

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He who pays the piper calls
the tune
hi hu peɪz ðə 'paɪpər kɔ:lz ðə tu:n

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He who knows does not
speak. He who speaks does
not know – Laozi, Chinese
philosopher (604 BC – c.
531 BC)
hi hu nəʊz dɔ:lz nɔ:t spɪk. hi hu
spɪks dɔ:lz nɔ:t nəʊ

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He who sups with the Devil
should have a long spoon
hi hu sʌps wɪð ðə 'deɪvl ʃʊd
hæv ə lɔŋ spun

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Health is wealth
heɪlθ ɪz weɪlθ

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Hell hath no fury like a
woman scorned; Heav'n has
no Rage, like Love to Hatred
turn'd, Nor Hell a Fury, like a
Woman scorn'd – William
Congreve, _The Mourning
Bride_, Act III scene viii
hel hæθ nəʊ 'fjʊri laɪk ə 'wʊmən
skɔ:rnd; 'hævən hæz nəʊ reɪdʒ,
laɪk ʌv tu 'heɪtrɪd tɜ:rnd, nɔ:r hel ə
'fjʊri, laɪk ə 'wʊmən skɔ:rnd

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Hindsight is always
twenty-twenty
'haɪnd saɪt ɪz 'ɔ:l weɪz
'twenti- 'twenti

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History repeats itself
'hɪstəri rɪ'pɪts ɪt'self

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Home is where the heart is
həʊm ɪz wɛr ðə hɑ:t ɪz

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Wise people are quiet; those who talk a lot are often ignorant.

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The person who provides the money has control.

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By acting without reason or emotion, one avoids human suffering.

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A woman who has been rejected can be extremely angry and vengeful.

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Good health is more valuable than money.

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When dealing with dangerous people, keep a safe distance.

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Your home is the place you feel most love and belonging.

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Events tend to happen again in similar ways.

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It is easy to understand something clearly after it has happened.

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Hope for the best, and
prepare for the worst
hoʊp fɔr ðə bɛst, ænd prɪ'pɛr fɔr
ðə wɜrst

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Hope springs eternal
hoʊp sprɪŋz ɪ'tɜrnəl

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Horses for courses
'hɔrsɪz fɔr 'kɔrsɪz

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How long is a piece of
string?
haʊ lɔŋ ɪz ə pi:s ʌv strɪŋ

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Hunger never knows the
taste, sleep never knows the
comfort
'hʌŋgər 'nevər nəʊz ðə teɪst,
slɪp 'nevər nəʊz ðə 'kɒmfɜt

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Idle hands are the devil's
workshop
'aɪdəl hændz ɑr ðə 'dɛvəlz
'wɜrkˌʃɔp

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If anything can go wrong, it
will (Also referred to as
Murphy's law)
ɪf 'eniˌθɪŋ kæn ɡoʊ rɔŋ, ɪt wɪl

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If a job is worth doing, it is
worth doing well
ɪf ə dʒɒb ɪz wɜrθ 'duːŋ, ɪt ɪz
wɜrθ 'duːŋ wel

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If all you have is a hammer,
every problem looks like a
nail.
ɪf ɔl ju hæv ɪz ə 'hæmə, 'ɛvri
'prɒbləm lʊks laɪk ə neɪl

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Different people are suited to different things.

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People always remain hopeful, even in difficult times.

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Be optimistic but also ready for difficulties.

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When people have nothing to do, they may get into trouble.

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When you are truly hungry or tired, you don't care about quality.

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A question that has no definite answer.

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If you only have one skill, you tend to apply it to every situation.

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Any task worth undertaking should be done with care.

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Things will go wrong if there is any possibility.

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If at first you do not
succeed, try, try again
ɪf æt fɜːst ju du nɒt sək'sɪd, traɪ,
traɪ ə'ɡeɪn

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If God had meant us to fly,
he would have given us
wings
ɪf ɡɒd hæd mənt əs tu flaɪ, hi
wʊd hæv 'ɡɪvən əs wɪŋz

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If ifs and ands were pots
and pans, there would be no
work for tinkers
ɪf ɪfs ænd ændz wɜː pɒts ænd
pænz, ðɛr wʊd bi noʊ wɜːk fɔː
'tɪŋkəz

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If ifs and buts were candies
and nuts, we'd all have a
merry Christmas
ɪf ɪfs ænd bʌts wɜː 'kændɪz ænd
nʌts, wɪd əl hæv ə 'mɛrɪ
'krɪsməs

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If it were not for hope the
heart would break
ɪf ɪt wɜː nɒt fɔː hoʊp ðə hɑːt wʊd
breɪk

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If it were a snake, it would
have bit you
ɪf ɪt wɜː ə sneɪk, ɪt wʊd hæv bɪt
ju

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If the mountain will not come
to Mohammed, then
Mohammed must go to the
mountain
ɪf ðə 'maʊntən wɪl nɒt kʌm tə
moʊ'hæmɪd, ðɛn moʊ'hæmɪd
mʌst ɡoʊ tə ðə 'maʊntən

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If wealth is lost, nothing is
lost. If health is lost,
something is lost. If
character is lost, everything
is lost
ɪf weɪθ ɪz lɒst, 'nʌθɪŋ ɪz lɒst. ɪf
heɪθ ɪz lɒst, 'sʌmθɪŋ ɪz lɒst. ɪf
'kærɪktər ɪz lɒst, 'evrɪθɪŋ ɪz lɒst

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If wishes were horses,
beggars would ride
ɪf 'wɪʃɪz wɜː 'hɔːrsɪz, 'begəz
wʊd raɪd

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Wishing or speculating
about what might have been
is useless.

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Some things are not meant
for humans to do.

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Persevere and keep trying
until you succeed.

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Something obvious that you
failed to notice.

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Hope is essential to endure
hardship.

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Wishing or making excuses
does not change reality.

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Wishing alone does not
make things happen.

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Character is more important
than wealth or health.

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If something won't happen
on its own, you must take
action.

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If you're growing in age,
then you're nearing to
'graveyard.



If you're growing in age,
then you're nearing to the
graveyard
ɪf ju 'grəʊɪŋ ɪn eɪʒ, ðen ju
'nɪərɪŋ tə ðə 'grɛɪvjɑ:d

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If you can't be good, be
careful
ɪf ju kænt bi ɡʊd, bi 'kɛrfəl

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IF YOU CAN'T LIVE
LONGER, LIVE DEEPER



If you can't live longer, live
deeper
ɪf ju kænt liv 'lɒŋɡər, liv 'di:pər

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If you can't run with the
horses, get off the track
ɪf ju kænt rʌn wɪð ðə 'hɔ:sɪz, ɡet
ɔf ðə træk

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If you can't stand the heat,
get out of the kitchen
ɪf ju kænt stænd ðə hit, ɡet aʊt
ɔv ðə 'kɪtʃɪn

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If you give a mouse a
cookie, he'll always ask for a
glass of milk
ɪf ju ɡɪv ə maʊs ə 'kʊki, hi:l
'ɔlweɪz æsk fɔr ə ɡlæs əv mɪlk

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If you think that you know
everything, then you're a
Jack ass
ɪf ju θɪŋk ðæt ju nəʊ 'evriθɪŋ,
ðen ju ə dʒæk æs

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If you lie down with dogs,
you will get up with fleas
(James Sandford, _The
Garden of Pleasure_)
ɪf ju laɪ daʊn wɪð dɔ:ɡz, ju wɪl ɡet
ʌp wɪð flɪz

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If you pay peanuts, you get
monkeys
ɪf ju peɪ 'pi:nʌts, ju ɡet 'mʌŋkɪz

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**Make life meaningful rather
than just long.**

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**If you misbehave, at least
avoid getting caught or hurt.**

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**Aging reminds us of
mortality.**

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**One favor leads to another
request.**

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**If you can't handle pressure,
leave the situation.**

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**If you can't keep up, step
aside.**

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**Low pay attracts unskilled
workers.**

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**Bad company brings
trouble.**

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**Arrogance makes you look
foolish.**

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If you play with fire, you will
get burned
ɪf ju pleɪ wɪð faɪə, ju wɪl ɡet
bɜːnd

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If you steal from one author,
it is plagiarism; if you steal
from many, it is research
(Wilson Mizner
(1876–1933), American
writer and entrepreneur)
ɪf ju stɪl frəm wʌn ˈɔːθər, ɪt ɪz
ˈpleɪdʒə, rɪzəm; ɪf ju stɪl frəm
ˈmɛni, ɪt ɪz rɪˈsɜːtʃ

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If you want a thing done
well, do it yourself
ɪf ju wʌnt ə θɪŋ dʌn wəl, du ɪt
jɔːˈself

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If you have never seen the
bottom of the tree, you
cannot know how tall it
stands
ɪf ju hæv ˈnevər sɪn ðə ˈbɒtəm
əv ðə tri, ju ˈkænɒt nəʊ haʊ təl ɪt
stændz

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If you must dance with the
Devil, you might as well
know his favorite song (H.
Anthony Ribadeneira)
ɪf ju mʌst dæns wɪð ðə ˈdeɪvəl, ju
maɪt æz wəl nəʊ hɪz ˈfeɪvərɪt
sɔŋ

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If you've got it, flaunt it
ɪf juv ɡɒt ɪt, flɔʊnt ɪt

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In for a penny, in for a
pound
ɪn fɔː ə ˈpeni, ɪn fɔː ə paʊnd

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(March comes) in like a lion,
(and goes) out like a lamb
mɑːtʃ kʌmz ɪn laɪk ə ˈlaɪən, ænd
ɡoʊz aʊt laɪk ə læm

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In the kingdom of the blind,
the one eyed man is king
ɪn ðə ˈkɪŋdəm əv ðə blaɪnd, ðə
wʌn aɪd mæn ɪz kɪŋ

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To ensure quality, do it personally.

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Taking from many sources is seen as research, not theft.

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Taking risks leads to consequences.

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Show off your talents or assets.

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If you engage with evil, be prepared.

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Understanding the foundation is key to appreciating the whole.

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Among those with less ability, even a small advantage makes you superior.

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March weather starts harsh and ends mild.

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Once committed, see it through fully.

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In the midst of life,
we are in death.

In the midst of life, we are in
death
ɪn ðə mɪdst əv laɪf, wi ɑr ɪn deθ

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Into every life a little rain
must fall
'ɪntu 'evri laɪf ə 'lɪtəl reɪn mʌst
fɔl

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It's the little things
ɪts ðə 'lɪtəl θɪŋz

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It ain't over till/until it's over
ɪt eɪnt 'oʊvər tɪl ɪts 'oʊvər

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It ain't over till the fat lady
sings
ɪt eɪnt 'oʊvər tɪl ðə fæt 'leɪdi
sɪŋz

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It ain't what you don't know
that gets you into trouble.
It's what you know for sure
that just ain't so
ɪt eɪnt wɒt ju daʊnt nəʊ ðæt gets
ju 'ɪntu 'trʌbəl. ɪts wɒt ju nəʊ fɔr
ʃʊr ðæt dʒʌst eɪnt soʊ

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It goes without saying
ɪt ɡoʊz wi 'ðaʊt 'seɪɪŋ

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It is a small world
ɪt ɪz ə smɔl wɜrld

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It is all grist to the mill
ɪt ɪz ɔl grɪst tə ðə mɪl

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Small details matter most.

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Everyone experiences
hardship.

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Death can happen at any
time, even during life.

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False confidence in wrong
knowledge causes
problems.

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The outcome is uncertain
until the very end.

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Don't assume the outcome
until it's final.

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Everything can be used to
your advantage.

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People are connected in
surprising ways.

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Something is obvious and
doesn't need stating.

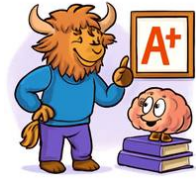
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It is an ill wind (that blows
no one any good)
It ɪz ən ɪl wɪnd ðæt bləʊz nəʊ
wʌn 'eni gʊd



It is best to be on the safe
side
It ɪz bɛst tə bi ɒn ðə seɪf saɪd



It is better to be smarter
than you appear than to
appear smarter than you are
It ɪz 'bɛtər tə bi 'smɑ:tər ðæn ju
ə'pɪr ðæn tə ə'pɪr 'smɑ:tər ðæn
ju ɑr



It is better to give than to
receive
It ɪz 'bɛtər tə gɪv ðæn tə rɪ'sɪv



It is better to cultivate a
Land with two Bulls, rather
working under Boss who
never gives Wage when
asked
It ɪz 'bɛtər tə 'kʌltɪveɪt ə lænd
wɪð tu bʊlz, 'ræðər 'wɜ:kɪŋ
'ʌndər bɒs hu 'nɛvər gɪvz weɪdʒ
wɛn æskt



It is better to travel hopefully
than to arrive
It ɪz 'bɛtər tə 'trævəl 'həʊpəfəli
ðæn tə ə'raɪv



It is easy to be wise after the
event
It ɪz 'ɪzi tə bi waɪz 'æftər ðɪ
ɪ'vent



It's Greek to me
Its grɪk tə mi



It is like juggling sand (Ian
Murray)
It ɪz laɪk 'dʒʌɡlɪŋ sænd

**True intelligence is better
than a false impression.**

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Better to be cautious.

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**Every bad situation benefits
someone.**

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**The anticipation is often
better than the outcome.**

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**Self-employment is better
than an unreliable employer.**

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**Giving brings more joy than
receiving.**

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A futile or impossible task.

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I don't understand it.

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Hindsight is 20/20.

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It is never too late
 it ɪz 'nɛvər tu leɪt



It is no use crying over spilt
 milk
 it ɪz noʊ jus 'kraɪɪŋ 'oʊvər spɪlt
 mɪlk



It is no use locking the
 stable door after the horse
 has bolted
 it ɪz noʊ jus 'lɒkɪŋ ðə 'steɪbəl
 dɔːr 'æftər ðə hɔːs hæz 'boʊltɪd



It is not enough to learn how
 to ride, you must also learn
 how to fall
 it ɪz nɒt ɪ 'nʌf tə lɜːn haʊ tə raɪd,
 ju mʌst 'ɔːlsəʊ lɜːn haʊ tə fɔːl



It is on
 it ɪz ɒn



It is the early bird that gets
 the worm
 it ɪz ði 'ɜːrli bɜːd ðæt gets ðə
 wɜːrm



It is the empty can that
 makes the most noise
 it ɪz ði 'ɛmpti kæn ðæt meɪks ðə
 moʊst nɔɪz



It is the squeaky wheel that
 gets the grease
 it ɪz ðə 'skwɪki wiːl ðæt gets ðə
 grɪs



It is what it is
 it ɪz wʌt ɪt ɪz

**Taking precautions after
damage is pointless.**

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**Don't dwell on past
mistakes.**

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**You can always start or
change.**

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**Being early gives
advantage.**

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**A challenge or event is
accepted or starting.**

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**Prepare for failure as well as
success.**

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Accept the situation as it is.

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Complaining gets attention.

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**Those with least substance
talk the most.**

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It needs a hundred lies to
cover a single lie
ɪt niːz ə ˈhʌndrəd laɪz tə ˈkʌvər
ə ˈsɪŋɡəl laɪ

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It takes a thief to catch a
thief
ɪt teɪks ə θɪf tə kætʃ ə θɪf

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It takes a whole village to
raise a child
ɪt teɪks ə hoʊl ˈvɪlɪdʒ tə reɪz ə
tʃaɪld

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It takes all sorts to make a
world
ɪt teɪks ɔl sɔrts tə meɪk ə wɜːld

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It takes one to know one
ɪt teɪks wʌn tə nəʊ wʌn

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It takes two to tango
ɪt teɪks tu tə ˈtæŋɡəʊ

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I'm going to have to give you
the pink slip
aɪm ˈɡoʊɪŋ tə hæv tə gɪv ju ðə
pɪŋk slɪp

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It will come back and haunt
you
ɪt wɪl kʌm bæk ənd haʊnt ju

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It will be the same a
hundred years hence
ɪt wɪl bi ðə seɪm ə ˈhʌndrəd jɪrz
hens

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Community is essential for a child's upbringing.

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Someone with similar experience can catch a wrongdoer.

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Lying leads to more lies.

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Both parties are responsible for a situation.

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You recognize similar traits in others.

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Diversity is necessary.

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Current worries won't matter in the long run.

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Past actions will cause future problems.

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You are fired.

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Islands depend on reeds,
just as reeds depend on
islands (Myanmar proverbs)

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Jack of all trades, master of
none/one/some
/dʒæk əv ɔ:l treɪdz, 'mæstər əv
nʌn/wʌn/sʌm/

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Judge not, that ye be not
judged
/dʒʌdʒ nɒt, ðæt ji: bi: nɒt
dʒʌdʒd/

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Keep your chin up
/ki:p jɔ:r tʃɪn ʌp/

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Keep your powder dry
(Valentine Blacker, 1834
from _Oliver's Advice_)
/ki:p jɔ:r 'paʊdər draɪ/

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Kill the chicken to scare the
monkey
/kɪl ðə 'tʃɪkɪn tə sker ðə 'mʌŋki/

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Kill the goose that lays the
golden egg(s)
/kɪl ðə gu:s ðæt leɪz ðə 'gouldən
ɛg(z)/

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Kill two birds with one stone.
/kɪl tu: bɜ:rdz wɪð wʌn stoun/

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Kindness in words creates
confidence. Kindness in
thinking creates
profoundness. Kindness in
giving creates love (Laozi,
Chinese philosopher, 604
BC – c. 531 BC)

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Do not criticize others,
because you will be
criticized in the same way.

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A person who has many
skills but is not an expert in
any one; sometimes used
positively to mean versatile.

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Everything and everyone is
interconnected and mutually
dependent.

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Punish someone as a
warning to others.

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Be prepared and ready for
action.

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Stay positive and confident
in a difficult situation.

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Kindness expressed in
different ways leads to
confidence, depth, and love.

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Achieve two goals with a
single action.

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Destroy a valuable resource
out of greed or
short-sightedness.

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Knock on (or touch) wood
/nɑk ən (ɔr tʌtʃ) wʊd/

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Know which side (one's)
bread is buttered (on)
/nəʊ wɪtʃ saɪd (wʌnz) brɛd ɪz
'bʌtəd (ən)/

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Knowledge is power, guard
it well
/'nɒlɪdʒ ɪz 'paʊə, gɑrd ɪt wɛl/

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A language is a dialect with
an army and navy
/ə 'læŋgwɪdʒ ɪz ə 'daɪə, lɛkt wɪð
ən 'ɑrmi ænd 'neɪvi/

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The last drop makes the cup
run over
/ðə læst drɒp meɪks ðə kʌp rʌn
'oʊvə/

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Laugh before breakfast, cry
before supper
/læf bɪ'fɔr 'brɛkfəst, kraɪ bɪ'fɔr
'sʌpə/

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Laugh and the world laughs
with you, weep and you
weep alone
/læf ænd ðə wɜ:rlɪd læfs wɪð ju:,
wi:p ænd ju: wi:p ə'ləʊn/

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Late lunch makes day go
faster
/leɪt lʌntʃ meɪks deɪ gou 'fæstə/

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Learn a language, and you
will avoid a war (Arab
proverb)
/lɜ:rn ə 'læŋgwɪdʒ, ænd ju: wɪl
ə'vɔɪd ə wɔ:r/

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Knowledge gives power, so protect it carefully.

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Know where one's advantage lies and act accordingly.

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An expression to avoid tempting fate after a boast or prediction of good luck.

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Excessive joy early in the day may be followed by sorrow later.

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A small addition can cause a situation to become overwhelming.

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The distinction between a language and a dialect is political, based on power and military might.

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Communication through language learning prevents conflict.

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Having lunch later can make the workday seem shorter.

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People enjoy sharing happiness but avoid sharing sorrow.

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Least said, soonest mended
/li:st sæd, 'su:nɪst 'mɛndɪd/

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Less is more
/lɛs ɪz mɔ:r/

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Let bygones be bygones
/lɛt 'baɪ,gɒnz bi 'baɪ,gɒnz/

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Let not the sun go down on
your wrath
/lɛt nɒt ðə sʌn ɡəʊ daʊn ɒn jɔ:r
ræθ/

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Let sleeping Aussies lie
/lɛt 'sli:pɪŋ 'ɔ:zɪz laɪ/

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Let the buyer beware
/lɛt ðə 'baɪə bɪ'weə/

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Let the cat out of the bag
/lɛt ðə kæt aʊt əv ðə bæɡ/

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Let the dead bury the dead
(N.T.)
/lɛt ðə dɛd 'berɪ ðə dɛd/

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Let the punishment fit the
crime
/lɛt ðə 'pʌnɪʃmənt fɪt ðə kraɪm/

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Forgive past offenses and
move on.

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Simplicity and minimalism
are often more effective.

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Saying less about a problem
helps resolve it quickly.

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The buyer is responsible for
checking the quality of
goods before purchase.

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Do not disturb a situation
that is currently calm
(variant of 'let sleeping dogs
lie').

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Resolve anger before the
day ends.

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Penalties should be
proportional to the offense.

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Focus on the future and let
the past be forgotten.

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Reveal a secret
unintentionally.

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Let well alone
/lɛt wɛl ə'loʊn/

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Let your hair down
/lɛt jɔ:r hɛr daʊn/

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Lie back and think of
England
/laɪ bæk ænd θɪŋk əv 'ɪŋɡlənd/

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Life begins at forty
/laɪf bɪ'ɡɪnz æt 'fɔ:rti/

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Life is too short not to do
something that matters.
/laɪf ɪz tu: ʃɔ:rt nɒt tə du:
'sʌmθɪŋ ðæt 'mætərz/

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Life is not all beer and
skittles
/laɪf ɪz nɒt ɔ:l bɪr ænd 'skɪtlz/

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Life is what you make it
/laɪf ɪz wɒt ju: meɪk ɪt/

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Like father, like son



Like father, like son
/laɪk 'fɑ:ðər, laɪk sʌn/

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Like white on rice
/laɪk waɪt ɒn raɪs/

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Endure a duty or unpleasant situation passively (historically about marital sex).

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Relax and behave informally.

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Do not interfere with something that is already satisfactory.

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Life is not just fun and pleasure; it has difficulties.

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Don't waste time on trivial pursuits; pursue meaningful goals.

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Middle age is a time of new opportunities and vitality.

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Very close or attentive; inseparable.

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Sons often resemble their fathers in behavior or character.

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Your attitude and actions determine your life's quality.

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Little pitchers have big ears
/ˈlɪtəl ˈpɪtʃərz hæv bɪɡ ɪrz/

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Little strokes fell great oaks
/ˈlɪtəl stroʊks fɛl greɪt oʊks/

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Little things please little
minds
/ˈlɪtəl θɪŋz pliːz ˈlɪtəl maɪndz/

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Live and let live
/lɪv ænd lɛt lɪv/

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Live each day as if it were
your last and one day you
will surely be right
/lɪv iːtʃ deɪ əz ɪf ɪt wɜːr jɔːr læst
ænd wʌn deɪ juː wɪl ˈʃʊrli biː raɪt/

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Live for today, for tomorrow
never comes
/lɪv fɔːr təˈdeɪ, fɔːr təˈmɔːrɒ
ˈnevər kʌmz/

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Live to fight another day
(This saying comes from an
English proverbial rhyme,
"He who fights and runs
away, may live to fight
another day")
/lɪv tə faɪt əˈnʌðər deɪ/

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Loose lips sink ships
/luːs lɪps sɪŋk ʃɪps/

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Love is blind – _The Two
Gentlemen of Verona_, Act
II, Scene 1
/lʌv ɪz blaɪnd/

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Trivial things amuse people
with simple tastes.

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Persistent small efforts can
achieve great results.

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Children often hear and
understand more than
adults think.

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Focus on the present
because the future is
uncertain.

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Seize the day because
eventually you will die.

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Be tolerant of others'
differences.

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Love makes people
overlook flaws.

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Careless talk can cause
disaster.

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Retreat now to preserve
strength for future battles.

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Love of money is the root of
all evil
/lʌv əv 'mʌni ɪz ðə ru:t əv ɔ:l
'i:vəl/

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Love makes the world go
around
/lʌv meɪks ðə wɜ:ld ɡoʊ
ə'raʊnd/

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Love will find a way
/lʌv wɪl faɪnd ə weɪ/

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Make hay while the sun
shines
/meɪk heɪ waɪl ðə sʌn ʃaɪnz/

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Make love not war
/meɪk lʌv nɒt wɔ:r/

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Man does not live by bread
alone
/mæn dʌz nɒt lɪv baɪ brɛd
ə'loun/

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Man proposes, heaven
disposes
/mæn prə'pəʊzɪz, 'heɪvən
dɪ'spəʊzɪz/

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Man thinks, God laughs
/mæn θɪŋks, ɡɒd læfs/

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Manners maketh man
/'mænəz 'meɪkɪθ mæn/

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Love overcomes obstacles.

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Love is the driving force of
life.

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Greed for money leads to
wrongdoing.

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People need spiritual or
emotional nourishment, not
just material goods.

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Promote peace and love
instead of conflict.

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Take advantage of favorable
conditions.

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Good manners define a
person's character.

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Human plans are often
futile; a higher power has
the last laugh.

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People make plans, but fate
determines outcomes.

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Many a little makes a mickle
/ˈmeni ə ˈlɪtl meɪks ə ˈmɪkəl/

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Many a mickle makes a
muckle
/ˈmeni ə ˈmɪkəl meɪks ə ˈmʌkəl/

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Many a true word is spoken
in jest
/ˈmeni ə truː wɜːrd ɪz ˈspʊkən
ɪn dʒɛst/

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March comes in like a lion
and goes out like a lamb
/mɑːrtʃ kʌmz ɪn laɪk ə ˈlaɪən
ænd ɡoʊz aʊt laɪk ə læm/

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Marriages are made in
heaven
/ˈmæɪrɪdʒɪz ɑːr meɪd ɪn ˈheɪvən/

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Marry in haste, repent at
leisure
/ˈmæri ɪn heɪst, rɪˈpɛnt æt
ˈliːʒər/

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Memory is the treasure of
the mind
/ˈmeməri ɪz ðə ˈtreʒər əv ðə
maɪnd/

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Men are blind in their own
cause – Heywood Broun
(1888–1939), American
journalist
/mɛn ɑr blaɪnd ɪn ðɛr oʊn kɔz/

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Men get spoiled by staying,
women get spoiled by
wandering
/mɛn ɡɛt spɔɪld baɪ ˈsteɪɪŋ,
ˈwɪmɪn ɡɛt spɔɪld baɪ
ˈwɑndərɪŋ/

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Jokes often contain hidden truths.

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Same as 'many a little makes a mickle' (often used humorously).

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Small amounts accumulate into a large amount.

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Rushing into marriage leads to long-term regret.

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Soulmates are destined by fate.

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March weather often starts harsh and ends mild.

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Men become lazy if they stay home too much, women become discontent if they travel too much.

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People are often unable to see faults in their own arguments or actions.

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Memory is a valuable mental asset.

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Might is right
/maɪt ɪz raɪt/

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Might makes right
/maɪt meɪks raɪt/

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Milking the bull
/'mɪlkiŋ ðə bul/

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Moderation in all things
/,məd̩ə'reɪʃən ɪn əl θɪŋz/

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Monday's child is fair of face,
Tuesday's child is full of grace,
Wednesday's child is full of woe,
Thursday's child has far to go, Friday's
child is loving and giving, Saturday's
child works hard for its living, and a
child that is born on the Sabbath day is
fair and wise and good and gay
/'mʌndeɪz tʃaɪld ɪz fɛə əv feɪs, 'tu:zdeɪz tʃaɪld ɪz
fʊl əv greɪs, 'wenzdeɪz tʃaɪld ɪz fʊl əv wəʊ,
'θɜ:zdeɪz tʃaɪld hæz fɑː tu goʊ, 'fraɪdeɪz tʃaɪld
ɪz 'lʌvɪŋ ənd 'gɪvɪŋ, 'sætədeɪz tʃaɪld wɜːks
hɑːd fɔː ɪts 'lɪvɪŋ, ənd ə tʃaɪld ðæt ɪz bɔːn ən
ðə 'sæbəθ deɪ ɪz fɛə ənd waɪz ənd gud ənd
geɪ/

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**Money does not grow on
trees**
/'mʌni dʌz nɒt grəʊ ən triːz/

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**Money earned by deceit,
goes by deceit**
/'mʌni ɜːnd baɪ dɪ'sɪt, goʊz baɪ
dɪ'sɪt/

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Money is not everything
/'mʌni ɪz nɒt 'evriθɪŋ/

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**Money demands care, you
abuse it and it disappears –
Rashida Costa**
/'mʌni dɪ'mændz kɛə, ju ə'bjuz ɪt
ənd ɪt ,dɪsə'pɪəz/

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Trying to get something
from a source that cannot
provide it.

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Power justifies any action.

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Those who are powerful can
do what they want.

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Money is limited and not
easily obtained.

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A nursery rhyme attributing
personality traits to the day
of birth.

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Avoid extremes; practice
balance.

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Money must be handled
wisely or it will be lost.

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There are more important
things than wealth.

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Dishonestly gained money
is soon lost dishonestly.

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Money makes the world go
around
/ˈmʌni meɪks ðə wɜːld ɡoʊ
əˈraʊnd/

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Money talks
/ˈmʌni tɔːks/

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Money makes many things,
but also makes devil dance
/ˈmʌni meɪks ˈmeni θɪŋz, bʌt
ˈɔːlsəʊ meɪks ˈdɛvəl dæns/

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More haste, less speed
/mɔː heɪst, lɛs spiːd/

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Mud sticks
/mʌd stɪks/

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Music has charms to soothe
the savage breast
/ˈmjuːzɪk hæz tʃɑːmz tu suːð ðə
ˈsævɪdʒ brɛst/

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Nature abhors a vacuum
/ˈneɪtʃər æb ˈhɔːz ə ˈvækjuəm/

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Nature does not do anything
in vain
/ˈneɪtʃər dɒz nɒt du ˈeniθɪŋ ɪn
veɪn/

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Needs must when the devil
drives
/niːdz mʌst wɛn ðə ˈdɛvəl draɪvz/

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Money can cause both good
and evil.

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Wealth gives influence and
power.

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Money is essential for
modern life and drives
society.

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Music can calm even the
most agitated person.

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Accusations or slander can
permanently damage
reputation.

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Rushing leads to mistakes
and slower progress.

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Sometimes you must do
something unpleasant
because you have no
choice.

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Everything in nature has a
purpose.

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Empty spaces tend to be
filled.

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NEVER CAST A CLOUT
UNTIL MAY BE OUT



Never cast a clout until May
be out
/ 'nɛvər kæst ə klaut ən 'tɪl meɪ bi
aʊt/

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Never give advice unless
asked
/ 'nɛvər gɪv æd 'vaɪs ən 'lɛs æskt/

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Never give a sucker an even
break
/ 'nɛvər gɪv ə 'sʌkər ən 'i:vən
breɪk/

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Never judge a book by its
cover
/ 'nɛvər dʒʌdʒ ə bʊk baɪ its
'kʌvər/

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Never let the sun go down
on your anger
/ 'nɛvər lɛt ðə sʌn ɡəʊ daʊn ən
jɔr 'æŋɡər/

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Never let the truth get in the
way of a good story
/ 'nɛvər lɛt ðə truθ ɡɛt ɪn ðə weɪ
ɛv ə ɡʊd 'stɔ:ri/

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Never put off until tomorrow
what you can do today
/ 'nɛvər put ɒf ən 'tɪl tə 'mɔ:ru wʌt
ju kæn du tə 'deɪ/

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Never reveal a man's wage,
and woman's age
/ 'nɛvər rɪ 'vi:l ə mænz weɪdʒ,
ænd 'wʊmənʒ eɪdʒ/

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Never speak ill of the dead
/ 'nɛvər spi:k ɪl əv ðə dɛd/

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Take advantage of gullible people.

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Unsolicited advice is often unwelcome.

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Don't remove winter clothes until May ends.

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A good story is more important than accuracy.

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Resolve anger before the day ends.

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Don't judge based on appearance.

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Show respect for the deceased.

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Don't ask about salary or age.

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Don't procrastinate.

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Never say die
/ˈnevər seɪ daɪ/

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Never say never
/ˈnevər seɪ ˈnevər/

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Never tell tales out of school
/ˈnevər təl teɪlz aʊt əv sku:l/

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Never too old to learn
/ˈnevər tu ould tu lɜ:n/

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Nine tailors make a man,
/naɪn ˈteɪlərz meɪk ə mæn/

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No friends but the mountains
/nəʊ frɛndz bʌt ðə ˈmaʊntənz/

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No guts, no glory
/nəʊ gʌts, nəʊ ˈglɔ:ri/

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No man can serve two masters
/nəʊ mæn kæn sɜ:v tu ˈmæstərz/

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No names, no pack-drill
/nəʊ neɪmz, nəʊ pæk drɪl/

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**Don't gossip or reveal
secrets.**

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Don't rule out possibilities.

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Never give up hope.

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**Nature is a reliable
companion.**

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**A well-dressed man is made
by many tailors.**

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Learning is lifelong.

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**If no one is named, no
punishment follows.**

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**You cannot serve two
opposing interests.**

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Risk is needed for reward.

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No news is good news
/nɒʊ nuz ɪz ɡʊd nuz/

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No one can make you feel
inferior without your consent
/nɒʊ wʌn kæn meɪk ju fi:l ɪn'fɪəriə
wɪ'ðəʊt jɔr kən'sent/

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No pain, no gain
/nɒʊ peɪn, nɒʊ geɪn/

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No rest for the wicked
/nɒʊ rɛst fɔr ðə 'wɪkɪd/

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Not all those who wander
are lost – "All that is gold
does not glitter" J.R.R.
Tolkien
/nɒt ɔl ðəʊz hu 'wɒndə r lɒst/

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Nothing is certain but death
and taxes
/'nʌθɪŋ ɪz 'sɜrtən bʌt dɛθ ænd
'tæksɪz/

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Nothing succeeds like
success
/'nʌθɪŋ sək'sɪdz laɪk sək'sɛs/

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Oil and water do not mix
/ɔɪl ænd 'wɒtə du nɒt mɪks/

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Of course my horse
/əv kɔrs maɪ hɔrs/

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Effort is required for achievement.

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Your self-worth is under your control.

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Lack of news means nothing bad happened.

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Death and taxes are inevitable.

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Wandering doesn't mean being lost; appearances can be deceiving.

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Bad people are always busy or troubled.

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An expression of enthusiastic agreement.

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Two incompatible things cannot be combined.

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Success attracts more success.

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Old sins cast long shadows.
/oʊld sɪnz kæst lɔŋ 'ʃædɔʊz/

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Old soldiers never die, (they simply/just fade away).
From a Great War soldiers' song; the phrase was most notably referred to by U.S. General Douglas MacArthur (1880–1964) in his farewell address to the Congress.
/oʊld 'soʊldʒərz 'nɛvər daɪ, ðeɪ 'sɪmplɪ feɪd ə 'weɪ/

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Once a(n) _, always a(n) _
/wʌns ə, 'ɔlweɪz ə/

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Once bitten, twice shy
/wʌns 'bɪtən, twaɪs ʃaɪ/

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One half of the world does not know how the other half lives
/wʌn hæf əv ðə wɜːld dʌz nɒt nəʊ haʊ ði 'lðər hæf lɪvz/

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One hand washes the other
/wʌn hænd 'wɒʃɪz ði 'lðər/

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One kind word can warm three winter months
/wʌn kaɪnd wɜːd kæn wɜːm θri 'wɪntər mʌnθs/

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One man's meat is another man's poison
/wʌn mænz mɪt ɪz ə 'nʌðər mænz 'pɔɪzən/

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One man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter
/wʌn mænz 'tɛrərɪst ɪz ə 'nʌðər mænz 'frɪdəm 'fɑɪtər/

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A person's essential nature
doesn't change.

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Veterans are never
forgotten, they just gradually
disappear.

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Past wrongdoings have
lasting consequences.

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Mutual cooperation benefits
both.

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People are unaware of
others' different
circumstances.

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A bad experience makes
you cautious.

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Perspective determines
labeling.

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What one likes, another
dislikes.

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Kindness has a lasting
positive effect.

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One might as well be
hanged for a sheep as a
lamb
/wʌn maɪt æz wɛl bi hæŋd fɔr ə
ʃɪp æz ə læm/

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One might as well throw
water into the sea as to do a
kindness to rogues
/wʌn maɪt æz wɛl θrəʊ 'wɔ:tər
'ɪntu ðə si æz tu du ə 'kaɪndnəs
tu rəʊgz/

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One law for the rich and
another for the poor
/wʌn lɔ fɔr ðə rɪʃ ænd ə 'nʌðər
fɔr ðə pʊr/

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One who hates gifts shall
live

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Opportunity does not knock
until you build a door

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One swallow does not make
a summer

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One who believes in Sword,
dies by the Sword

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One who speaks only one
language is one person, but
one who speaks two
languages is two people.
Turkish Proverb

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One year's seeding makes
seven years weeding

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Justice is applied unfairly
based on wealth.

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Helping dishonest people is
futile.

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If the punishment is the
same, commit the greater
crime.

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A single positive sign does
not mean a situation is
completely good or certain.

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Opportunities come only
after you prepare and create
the conditions for them.

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A person who dislikes
receiving gifts will live a long
life.

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A single mistake or bad
decision can cause
long-term problems.

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Learning another language
gives you a new perspective
and identity.

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Those who rely on violence
will ultimately be destroyed
by violence.

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Only fools and horses work

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Open confession is good for the soul.

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Opportunity never knocks twice at any man's door

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Other times,
other manners



Other times other manners.

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Out of the frying pan and into the fire

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Out of the mouths of babes (and sucklings)

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Parsley seed goes nine times to the Devil

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Pearls of wisdom

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Penny wise and pound foolish

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A unique opportunity rarely comes again; seize it when it appears.

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Admitting your mistakes honestly brings relief and moral cleansing.

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Working hard is for fools and animals; clever people avoid unnecessary labor.

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Young children sometimes say surprisingly wise or truthful things.

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Escaping one bad situation only to end up in a worse one.

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Customs and behaviors change over time; what was acceptable before may not be now.

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Being careful with small amounts of money but wasteful with large amounts.

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Valuable pieces of advice or insightful comments.

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Parsley seeds take a long time to germinate, as if they visit the devil repeatedly.

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People who live in glass houses should not throw stones

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Physician, heal thyself

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Play stupid games, win stupid prizes

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Possession is nine-tenths of the law

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Power corrupts; absolute power corrupts absolutely

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Practice what you preach

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Preaching to the choir

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Pride comes/goes before a fall

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Procrastination is the thief of time

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Engaging in foolish or risky behavior leads to negative consequences.

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Before criticizing others, fix your own problems first.

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Don't criticize others if you have similar flaws yourself.

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Act according to the advice you give others.

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Having power makes people corrupt, and unlimited power makes them completely corrupt.

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Being in physical possession of something gives a strong legal advantage.

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Delaying tasks wastes time and causes stress.

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Being too proud or arrogant often leads to failure or humiliation.

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Trying to convince people who already agree with you.

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Putting the cart before the horse

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Put your best foot forward

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Put your money where your mouth is

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Rain does not fall on one roof alone.

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Reason is the slave of passion

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Red sky at night, shepherd's delight; red sky in the morning, shepherd's warning

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Repetition is the mother of learning

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Respect is not given, it is earned.

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Revenge is a dish best served cold

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**Back up your words with
action or financial
commitment.**

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**Make a good first
impression by showing your
best qualities.**

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**Doing things in the wrong
order; prioritizing the less
important before the
essential.**

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**A red sunset indicates good
weather next day; a red
sunrise warns of bad
weather.**

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**Emotions often override
logical thinking.**

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**Troubles and misfortunes
happen to everyone, not just
one person.**

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**Revenge is more satisfying
when delayed and carried
out calmly.**

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**You must act in a way that
deserves respect; it is not
automatic.**

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**Repeating something helps
you learn and remember it.**

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Revenge is sweet

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Right or wrong, my country

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Risk it for the biscuit

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Rules for thee, not for me.

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Rules were made to be broken

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See a pin and pick it up, all the day you will have good luck; See a pin and let it lay, bad luck you will have all day

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See no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil

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Seek and ye shall find

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Set a thief to catch a thief

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Take a chance to get a reward.

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Loyalty to one's country regardless of its actions.

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Getting back at someone who wronged you feels satisfying.

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A superstition: picking up a pin brings good luck; ignoring it brings bad luck.

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Rules are not absolute; sometimes breaking them is acceptable or necessary.

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Hypocritical application of rules where the speaker exempts themselves.

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Use someone with similar skills or background to catch a wrongdoer.

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If you look for something diligently, you will find it.

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Ignore wrongdoing by not seeing, hearing, or talking about it.

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Shiny are the distant hills

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Shrouds have no pockets

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(Speech is silver but)
Silence is golden

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Sit crooked and talk straight

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Slow is smooth, smooth is fast

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Slowly but surely

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Snake in the grass

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Softly, softly, catchee
monkey

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Some are more equal than
others

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Sometimes it's better to say
nothing than to speak.

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You can't take material
possessions with you after
death.

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Things far away seem more
attractive than what you
have nearby.

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Making steady progress
even if it's slow.

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Taking deliberate, careful
action leads to efficiency
and speed in the long run.

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Even if you are in a difficult
position, speak honestly and
fairly.

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Despite claims of equality,
some people have more
privileges.

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Proceed gently and patiently
to achieve a goal.

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A deceitful or treacherous
person who seems
harmless.

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Spare the rod and spoil the child

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Speak as you find

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Speak of the devil and he shall/is sure/will appear

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Speak softly and carry a big stick

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Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me

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Stupid is as stupid does

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Success has many fathers, while failure is an orphan

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(A) swarm in May is worth a load of hay; a swarm in June is worth a silver spoon; but a swarm in July is not worth a fly

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Sucks to suck

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When you talk about someone, they often show up unexpectedly.

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Give your honest opinion based on your own experience.

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Without discipline, a child will become unruly.

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A person is judged by their actions, not their appearance or words.

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Physical attacks can hurt, but insults should not affect you emotionally.

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Be diplomatic but have strong power or resources as a backup.

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A blunt expression of sympathy or mockery for someone's misfortune due to their own fault.

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The timing of a bee swarm indicates its value: early swarms are more valuable for honey production.

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Many people claim credit for success, but no one wants to take responsibility for failure.

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Take care of the pennies,
and the pounds will take
care of themselves
/teɪk keə əv ðə 'pɛniz, ænd ðə
paʊndz wɪl teɪk keə əv
ðəm 'selvz/

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Talk is cheap
/tɔk ɪz tʃi:p/

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Talk of Angels, and hear the
flutter of their wings
/tɔk əv 'eɪndʒəlz, ænd hɪə ðə
'flʌtər əv ðeɪ wɪŋz/

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Tell me who your friends
are, and I'll tell you who you
are
/tɛl mi hu jɔr frɛndz ɑr, ænd aɪl
tɛl mi hu ju ɑr/

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Tell the truth and shame the
Devil (Shakespeare, _Henry
IV_)
/tɛl ðə truθ ænd ʃeɪm ðə 'dɛvəl/

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The age of miracles is past
/ði eɪdʒ əv 'mɪrəklɪz ɪz pæst/

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The apple does not
fall/never falls far from the
tree
/ði 'æpəl dʌz nɒt fɔl/'nevər fɔlz
fɑr frəm ðə tri/

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The best condiments are
authentic flavors
/ðə bɛst 'kɒndɪmənts ɑr
ɔ'θɛntɪk 'fleɪvərz/

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The best defense is a good
offense
/ðə bɛst dɪ'fɛns ɪz ə gud ə'fɛns/

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When you speak of someone, they often appear soon after.

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It's easy to say you'll do something, but actions are more important than words.

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If you look after small amounts of money, the larger amounts will accumulate naturally.

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Extraordinary events no longer happen; we must rely on ordinary means.

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Speaking honestly will defeat evil or embarrassment.

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A person's character can be judged by the company they keep.

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Attacking or being proactive is more effective than merely defending.

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Natural, genuine tastes are superior to artificial ones.

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Children often resemble their parents in character or behavior.

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The best-laid plans of mice
and men often go awry
/ðə bɛst-leɪd plænz əv maɪs
ænd mɛn 'ɔfən goʊ ə 'raɪ/

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THE BEST THINGS
IN LIFE ARE FREE



The best things in life are
free
/ðə bɛst θɪŋz ɪn laɪf ɑr fri/

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The bigger they are, the
harder they fall
/ðə 'bɪgə θeɪ ɑr, ðə 'hɑrdə θeɪ
fɔl/

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The boy is the father of the
man
/ðə bɔɪ ɪz ðə 'fɑðər əv ðə mæn/

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The bread never falls but on
its buttered side
/ðə brɛd 'nɛvər fɔlz bʌt ɒn ɪts
'bʌtərd saɪd/

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The cobbler always wears
the worst shoes
/ðə 'kɒblər 'ɔlwɛɪz wɛrz ðə
wɜrst ʃu:z/

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The comeback is greater
than the setback
/ðə 'kʌmbæk ɪz 'greɪtər ðən ðə
'setbæk/

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The course of true love
never did run smooth
/ðə kɔrs əv tru lʌv 'nɛvər dɪd rʌn
smuð/

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The customer is always right
/ðə 'kʌstəmər ɪz 'ɔlwɛɪz raɪt/

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Powerful or successful people suffer more when they fail.

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The most valuable experiences, like love and friendship, don't cost money.

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Even careful plans can fail due to unforeseen circumstances.

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Professionals often neglect their own needs while serving others.

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Misfortune always seems to strike in the worst possible way.

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Childhood experiences shape the adult you become.

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In business, you should always agree with the customer to keep them happy.

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Romantic relationships always face difficulties.

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Recovering from failure is more impressive than never failing.

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The darkest hour is just
before the dawn
/ðə 'dɑ:kɪst aʊər ɪz dʒʌst bɪ 'fɔː
ðə dɔːn/

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The Devil finds work for idle
hands to do
/ðə 'dɛvəl faɪndz wɜːk fɔː 'aɪdəl
hændz tu du/

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The Devil looks after his
own
/ðə 'dɛvəl lʊks 'æftər hɪz oʊn/

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The die is cast
/ðə daɪ ɪz kæst/

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The end justifies the means
/ði ɛnd 'dʒʌstɪfaɪz ðə miːnz/

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The enemy of my enemy
is my friend
/ði 'ɛnəmi əv maɪ 'ɛnəmi ɪz maɪ
frɛnd/

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The exception which proves
the rule
/ði ɪk'sɛpʃən wɪtʃ pruːvz ðə rul/

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The female of the species is
more deadly than the male
/ðə 'fɪmeɪl əv ðə 'spiːʃɪz ɪz mɔː
'dɛdli ðən ðə meɪl/

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The good die young
/ðə gʊd daɪ jʌŋ/

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Bad people often seem to have undeserved good luck.

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People who are bored or lazy are more likely to get into trouble.

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Things often seem worst just before they improve.

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Two parties can become allies if they share a common enemy.

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A good outcome excuses any methods used to achieve it.

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A decision has been made and cannot be changed; the outcome is inevitable.

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Kind or virtuous people often die early.

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Women can be more dangerous or aggressive than men.

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An unusual case tests and confirms the general rule.

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The grass is always greener
(on the other side) (of the
fence)
/ðə græs ɪz 'ɔlweɪz 'grɪnə (ən
ði 'lðər saɪd) (əv ðə fens)/

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The hand that rocks the
cradle rules the world
/ðə hænd ðæt rɒks ðə 'kreɪdəl
rulz ðə wɜːld/

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The husband is always the
last to know
/ðə 'hʌzbənd ɪz 'ɔlweɪz ðə læst
tu nəʊ/

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The innocent seldom find an
uncomfortable pillow –
William Cowper, English
poet
/ði 'ɪnəsənt 'seldəm faɪnd ən
ʌn 'kʌmfərtəbəl 'pɪləʊ/

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The labourer is worthy of his
hire
/ðə 'leɪbərə ɪz 'wɜːði əv hɪz
haɪr/

yakyacker.com



It is the last straw that
breaks the camel's back
/ɪt ɪz ðə læst strɔ ðæt breɪks ðə
'kæməlz bæk/

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The law is an ass (from
English writer Charles
Dickens' novel _Oliver
Twist_)
/ðə lɔ ɪz ən æs/

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The leopard does not
change his spots
/ðə 'leɪpərd dʌz nɒt tʃeɪndʒ hɪz
spɒts/

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The left hand doesn't know
what the right hand is doing
/ðə left hænd 'dʌznt nəʊ wɒt ðə
raɪt hænd ɪz 'duɪŋ/

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**A spouse is often unaware
of their partner's secrets or
affairs.**

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**Mothers have great
influence over future
generations.**

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**Other people's situations
always seem better than
your own.**

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**A small problem that follows
many others causes a final
breakdown.**

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**Workers deserve to be paid
fairly for their work.**

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**People with a clear
conscience sleep well.**

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**Lack of communication
within an organization or
between people.**

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**People cannot change their
fundamental nature.**

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**The legal system can be
stupid or unjust.**

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The light is on but nobody is home
 /ðə laɪt ɪz ən bʌt 'nɒʊbadi ɪz haʊm/

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The longest day must have an end
 /ðə 'lɒŋgɪst deɪ mʌst hæv ən ɛnd/

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The longest journey starts with a single step
 /ðə 'lɒŋgɪst 'dʒɜːni stɑːts wɪð ə 'sɪŋɡəl stɛp/

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The Moon is made of green cheese
 /ðə mʌn ɪz meɪd əv grɪn tʃiːz/

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The more the merrier
 /ðə mɔː ðə 'mɛrɪər/

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The more things change, the more they stay the same
 /ðə mɔː θɪŋz tʃeɪndʒ, ðə mɔː ðeɪ steɪ ðə seɪm/

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The nail that sticks out gets hammered down
 /ðə neɪl ðæt stɪks aʊt gets 'hæmərd daʊn/

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The only way to understand a woman is to love her
 /ðə 'əʊnli weɪ tu ˌʌndər'stænd ə 'wʊmən ɪz tu lʌv hɜːr/

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The old wooden spoon beats me down
 /ðə ɔʊld 'wʊdən spʊn biːts mi daʊn/

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Big achievements begin with small actions.

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Even the most difficult situations eventually pass.

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Someone is physically present but mentally absent or unintelligent.

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Despite apparent changes, underlying realities remain unchanged.

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The more people there are, the more enjoyable the event.

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A ridiculous or impossible claim.

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A traditional punishment or hardship wears one out.

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Love is necessary to truly comprehend a woman's nature.

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People who stand out or are different are often criticized or suppressed.

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The only way to find a friend
is to be one
/ði 'əʊnli wei tu faɪnd ə frɛnd ɪz
tu bi wʌn/

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The pot calling the kettle
black
/ðə pɒt 'kɔ:lɪŋ ðə 'kɛtəl blæk/

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The proof of the pudding is
in the eating
/ðə pruf əv ðə 'puɪdɪŋ ɪz ɪn ði
'i:tɪŋ/

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The rich get richer and the
poor get poorer
/ðə rɪtʃ get 'rɪtʃər ænd ðə puər get
'puərə/

yakyacker.com



The road to Hell is paved
with good intentions
/ðə rəʊd tu hɛl ɪz peɪvd wɪð gʊd
ɪn'tenʃnz/

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The shoemaker's son
always goes barefoot
/ðə 'ʃu:meɪkəz sʌn 'ɔ:lweɪz gəʊz
'beɪfʊt/

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The squeaky wheel gets the
oil
/ðə 'skwɪki wil gets ði ɔɪl/

yakyacker.com



The streets are paved with
gold
/ðə strɪts ɑr peɪvd wɪθ gəʊld/

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The truth will set you free
/ðə truθ wɪl set ju fri/

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The true value of something is shown by practical experience.

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Criticizing someone for a fault you also have.

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To have friends, you must be friendly and supportive yourself.

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People often neglect their own needs while serving others.

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Good intentions don't guarantee good outcomes; inaction can lead to failure.

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Wealth tends to accumulate for the wealthy while the poor become more impoverished.

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Being honest, even if difficult, brings liberation from guilt or problems.

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A place (often a city) is believed to offer easy wealth and opportunity.

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The most vocal or problematic person gets attention or help.

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The way to a man's heart is
through his stomach
/ðə weɪ tu ə mænz hɑ:t ɪz θru
hɪz 'stʌmək/

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The work praises the man.
/ðə wɜ:k 'preɪzɪz ðə mæn/

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There ain't no such thing as
a free lunch
/ðer eɪnt noʊ sʌtʃ θɪŋ æz ə fri
lʌntʃ/

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There are more ways of
killing a cat than choking it
with cream
/ðer ɑ:mɔ: weɪz əv 'kɪlɪŋ ə kæt
ðən 'tʃoʊkɪŋ ɪt wɪθ kɪm/

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There are none so blind as
those who will not see –
attributed variously to
Edmund Burke or George
Santayana
/ðer ɑ: nʌn soʊ blaɪnd æz ðoʊz
hu wɪl nɒt si/

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There are two sides to every
question
/ðer ɑ: tu saɪdz tu 'evri
'kwɛstʃən/

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There but for the grace of
God go I
/ðer bʌt fɔ: ðə greɪs əv gɒd goʊ
aɪ/

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There is an exception to
every rule
/ðer ɪz ən ɪk'sɛpʃən tu 'evəri rul/

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There are always more fish
in the sea
/ðer ɑ: 'ɔ:lweɪz mɔ: fɪʃ ɪn ðə si/

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Nothing is truly free;
everything has a cost.

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A person's work reflects
their character and skill.

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Cooking delicious food is a
way to win a man's
affection.

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Every issue has multiple
perspectives.

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People who refuse to accept
the truth are the most
ignorant.

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There are many ways to
achieve a goal, not just one
obvious method.

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After a romantic breakup,
there are many other
potential partners available.

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No rule applies in all cases;
there is always at least one
instance where it does not
hold.

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I could have suffered the
same misfortune as
someone else if not for luck
or divine mercy.

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There is honour among
thieves
/ðer ɪz 'ənər ə 'mʌŋ θi:vz/

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There is many a good tune
played on an old fiddle
/ðer ɪz 'meni ə gud tun pleɪd ən
ən ould 'fɪdl̩/

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There's many a slip 'twixt
the cup and the lip
/ðerz 'meni ə slɪp twɪkst ðə kʌp
ənd ðə lɪp/

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There is no accounting for
tastes
/ðer ɪz nou ə 'kaʊntɪŋ fɔr teɪstz/

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There is no fool like an old
fool
/ðer ɪz nou ful laɪk ən ould ful/

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There is no I in team
/ðer ɪz nou aɪ ɪn ti:m/

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There's no need to wear a
hair shirt
/ðerz nou nid tu wer ə hɛr ʃɜ:t/

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There is no place like home
/ðer ɪz nou pleɪs laɪk hoʊm/

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There is no shame in not
knowing; the shame lies in
not finding out.
/ðer ɪz nou ʃeɪm ɪn nat 'nəʊɪŋ;
ðə ʃeɪm laɪz ɪn nat 'faɪndɪŋ aʊt/

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Even when success seems certain, something can still go wrong at the last moment.

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Older people can still perform well or be valuable.

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Even criminals have a code of conduct and loyalty to each other.

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Teamwork requires putting the group's success ahead of individual glory.

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An older person acting foolishly is worse because they should know better.

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People's preferences are subjective and cannot be explained or judged.

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It's okay to be ignorant, but it's wrong to stay ignorant when you could learn.

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Home is the most comfortable and best place to be.

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You don't have to punish yourself or feel guilty unnecessarily.

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There is no smoke without
fire/Where there is smoke,
there is fire
/ðer ɪz nou smouk wi' ðaʊt faɪər/

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There is no such thing as a
free lunch
/ðer ɪz nou sʌtʃ θɪŋ æz ə fri lʌntʃ/

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There is no such thing as
bad publicity
/ðer ɪz nou sʌtʃ θɪŋ æz bæd
pʌb'lisiti/

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There is no time like the
present
/ðer ɪz nou taɪm laɪk ðə
'prezənt/

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There are none so deaf as
those who will not hear
/ðer ar nʌn sou def æz ðouz hu
wɪl nɒt hɪr/

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There's nowt so queer as
folk
/ðerz naʊt sou kwɪr æz fouk/

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There is one born every
minute
/ðer ɪz wʌn bɔrn 'evəri 'mɪnɪt/

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There is safety in numbers
(Proverbs 11:14)
/ðer ɪz 'seɪfti ɪn 'nʌmbərz/

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They that sow the wind shall
reap the whirlwind
/ðei ðæt sou ðə wɪnd ʃæl ri:p ðə
'wɜrlwɪnd/

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Any media attention, even negative, can increase fame or sales.

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Nothing is truly free; everything has a hidden cost.

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Rumors usually have some basis in truth.

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People are strange and unpredictable.

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People who refuse to listen are the hardest to reach.

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Now is the best time to do something; don't delay.

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Small harmful actions can lead to severe consequences.

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Being in a group reduces risk.

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There are many gullible people ready to be deceived.

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Third time is a charm
/θɜrd taɪm ɪz ə tʃɑ:m/

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Those who do not learn
from history are doomed to
repeat it – George
Santayana
/ðoʊz hu du nɒt lɜ:n frəm
'hɪstəri ɑr du:md tu rɪ'pi:t ɪt/

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Those who live in glass
houses should not throw
stones
/ðoʊz hu lɪv ɪn glæs 'haʊzɪz ʃʊd
nɒt θroʊ stəʊnz/

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Those who know many
languages live as many
lives as the languages they
know (Czech proverb)
/ðoʊz hu nəʊ 'meni 'læŋgwɪdʒɪz
lɪv æz 'meni laɪvz æz ðə
'læŋgwɪdʒɪz ðeɪ nəʊ/

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Those who sleep with dogs
will rise with fleas (James
Sandford, _The Garden of
Pleasure_)
/ðoʊz hu slɪp wɪð dɔ:gz wɪl raɪz
wɪð flɪz/

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Time and tide wait for no
man
/taɪm ənd taɪd weɪt fɔr nəʊ
mæn/

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Time flies
/taɪm flaɪz/

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Time goes by slowly when
you are living intensely
/taɪm goʊz baɪ 'sləʊli wɛn ju ɑr
'lɪvɪŋ ɪn'tɛnsli/

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Time is a great healer
/taɪm ɪz ə greɪt 'hɪlə/

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Don't criticize others if you have similar flaws.

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Ignoring past mistakes leads to making them again.

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The third attempt is likely to succeed after two failures.

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Time passes without waiting for anyone; don't delay.

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Associating with bad people will bring you trouble.

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Learning a language gives you access to a new culture and perspective.

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Emotional pain lessens over time.

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When you are fully engaged in life, each moment feels longer.

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Time passes quickly, especially when you're enjoying yourself.

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Time is wasted without
purpose
/taɪm ɪz 'weɪstɪd wɪ 'ðaʊt
'pɜːpəs/

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(Only) time will tell
/'oʊnli taɪm wɪl tel/

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To be worn out is to be
renewed – Laozi, Chinese
philosopher (604 BC – c.
531 BC)
/tu bi wɔrn aʊt ɪz tu bi rɪ'nud/

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To each his own
/tu ɪtʃ hɪz oʊn/

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To learn a language is to
have one more window from
which to look at the world
(Chinese proverb)
/tu lɜːn ə 'læŋgwɪdʒ ɪz tu hæv
wʌn mɔː 'wɪndəʊ frəm wɪtʃ tu
lʊk æt ðə wɜːld/

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To the victor go the spoils
/tu ðə 'vɪktə ɡoʊ ðə spɔɪlz/

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To travel hopefully is a
better thing than to arrive
/tu 'trævəl 'hoʊpfəli ɪz ə 'betə
θɪŋ ðæn tu ə'raɪv/

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Tomorrow is another day
/tə'mɔːrəʊ ɪz ə'nʌðə deɪ/

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Tomorrow never comes
/tə'mɔːrəʊ 'nɛvə kʌmz/

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Exhaustion can lead to a
fresh start or renewal.

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The outcome will be known
in the future.

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Spending time without a
goal is wasteful.

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The winner gets all the
rewards.

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Learning a language gives
you a new perspective on
life.

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Everyone has their own
preferences; it's fine to
differ.

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If you keep putting things
off, they never get done.

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There is always hope for a
fresh start tomorrow.

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The anticipation of a journey
is often more enjoyable than
the destination.

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Too little, too late
/tu 'lɪtl̩, tu leɪt/

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Too much rain makes a
flood
/tu mʌtʃ reɪn meɪks ə flʌd/

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Trust, but verify
/trʌst, bʌt 'verɪfaɪ/

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Truth is more valuable if it
takes you a few years to find
it – often attributed to
French author Jules Renard
/truθ ɪz mɔː 'væljuəbəl ɪf ɪt teɪks
ju ə fju jɪrz tu faɪnd ɪt/

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(The) truth will out
/ðə truθ wɪl aʊt/

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Turn your face toward the
sun and the shadows fall
behind you
/tɜːn jɔː feɪs tə 'wɔːd ðə sʌn ənd
ðə 'ʃædəʊz fɔːl bɪ 'haɪnd ju/

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Two birds with one stone
/tu bɜːdz wɪð wʌn stəʊn/

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Two can play at that game
/tu kæn pleɪ æt ðæt geɪm/

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Two is company, but three
is a crowd
/tu ɪz 'kʌmpəni, bʌt θri ɪz ə
kraʊd/

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Have trust but also confirm facts independently.

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Excess of anything can be harmful.

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An effort is insufficient and comes after the deadline.

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Focus on the positive and the negative will be behind you.

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The truth will eventually be revealed.

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Knowledge gained through effort is more appreciated.

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A pair enjoys intimacy, but a third person spoils it.

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I can retaliate with the same tactic.

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Achieve two goals with a single action.

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Two wrongs (do not) make a right
/tu rɔŋz du nɒt meɪk ə raɪt/

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Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown
/ʌn 'izi laɪz ðə hɛd ðæt wɛrɪz ə kraʊn/

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United we stand, divided we fall
/ju 'naɪtɪd wi stænd, dɪ 'vaɪdɪd wi fɔl/

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Until the lions have their historians, tales of the hunt shall always glorify the hunter (African Proverb)
/ən 'tɪl ðə 'laɪənz hæv ðɜr hɪ 'stɔ:riənz, teɪlz əv ðə hʌnt jæl 'ɔ:lweɪz 'glɔ:rɪfaɪ ðə 'hʌntə/

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Use it or lose it
/ju:z ɪt ɔr lu:z ɪt/

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Ugly is as ugly does
/'ʌgli ɪz æz 'ʌgli dʌz/

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Up a creek without a paddle
/ʌp ə kri:k wɪ 'ðəʊt ə 'pædəl/

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United we bargain; divided we beg
/ju 'naɪtɪd wi 'bɑ:ɡɪn; dɪ 'vaɪdɪd wi beɡ/

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Unity is strength

Unity is strength
/'ju:nɪti ɪz streŋkθ/

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Together we are strong;
apart we are vulnerable.

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Leaders have heavy
responsibilities and worries.

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Revenge or repeating a
wrong does not fix the
original wrong.

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A person's character, not
appearance, defines
ugliness.

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If you don't practice a skill,
you'll lose it.

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History is written by the
victors; the losers'
perspective is ignored.

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Being together makes you
stronger.

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Collective action gives
power; disunity leads to
weakness.

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In a difficult situation with no
way out.

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Variety is the spice of life.
William Cowper, English poet
/və'raɪəti ɪz ðə spaɪs əv laɪf/

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Virtue is its own reward
/'vɜːtʃu ɪz ɪts oʊn rɪ'wɔːd/

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Walls have ears
/wɔːlz hæv ɪəz/

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Walnuts and pears you plant
for your heirs
/'wɔːlnʌts ænd peəz juː plænt fɔːr
jɔːr ɪəz/

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What does not kill me
makes me stronger
/wɒt dɒz nɒt kɪl miː meɪks miː
'strɒŋə/

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Well done is better than well
said
/wɛl dʌn ɪz 'betə ɔːn wɛl seɪd/

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WHAT CANNOT BE CURED MUST BE ENDURED

What cannot be cured must
be endured
/wɒt 'kænɒt biː kʃʊəd mʌst biː
ɪn 'dʒʊəd/

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What goes around, comes
around
/wɒt ɡəʊz ə'raʊnd, kʌmz
ə'raʊnd/

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What goes up must come
down
/wɒt ɡəʊz ʌp mʌst kʌm daʊn/

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Be careful what you say;
someone might be listening
secretly.

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Doing good is satisfying in
itself, without external
reward.

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New experiences make life
interesting.

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Actions speak louder than
words; it's better to
accomplish something than
to just talk about it.

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Difficult experiences build
character and resilience.

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Plant trees that take a long
time to grow so that your
children or grandchildren will
benefit.

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Everything that rises will
eventually fall, often used
for stock markets or
success.

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The consequences of your
actions will eventually come
back to you, whether good
or bad.

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If a problem cannot be fixed,
you have to accept it and
bear it patiently.

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What you lose on the
swings you gain on the
roundabouts
/wʌt ju: lu:z ɒn ðə swɪŋz ju: geɪn
ɒn ðə 'raʊndəbaʊts/

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What is sauce for the goose
is sauce for the gander
/wʌt ɪz sɔ:s fɔ:r ðə gu:s ɪz sɔ:s
fɔ:r ðə 'gændər/

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What is the worst that can
happen?
/wʌt ɪz ðə wɜ:rst ðæt kæn
'hæpən/

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What the eye does not see
(the heart does not grieve
over)
/wʌt ði aɪ dʌz nɒt si: ðə hɑ:t dʌz
nɒt gri:v 'oʊvər/

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When in Rome, (do as the
Romans do). St. Ambrose,
347 AD
/wɛn ɪn roʊm, du: æz ðə
'roʊmənz du:./

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Whatever floats your boat
/wʌt 'evər fləʊts jɔ:r bəʊt/

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When it rains it pours
/wɛn ɪt reɪnz ɪt pɔ:rz/

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When life gives you lemons,
make lemonade
/wɛn laɪf gɪvz ju: 'lemənz, meɪk
'lemə'neɪd/

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When the cat is away, the
mice will play
/wɛn ðə kæt ɪz ə'weɪ, ðə maɪs
wɪl pleɪ/

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A rhetorical question to encourage taking a risk by considering the worst possible outcome.

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What is acceptable for one person should be acceptable for another; equal treatment.

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Losses in one area are balanced by gains in another; overall, things even out.

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Do whatever makes you happy or works for you; an expression of tolerance.

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When visiting a foreign place, follow the local customs and behavior.

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If you are unaware of a problem, you won't be upset by it.

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When the person in charge is absent, people will misbehave or take advantage.

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Turn a negative situation into a positive one.

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When something bad happens, many bad things happen at once.

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When the going gets tough,
the tough get going
/wɛn ðə 'gouɪŋ gets tʌf, ðə tʌf
get 'gouɪŋ/

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When the oak is before the
ash, then you will only get a
splash; when the ash is
before the oak, then you
may expect a soak
/wɛn ði ouk ɪz bi'fɔ:r ði æʃ, ðɛn
ju: wɪl 'ounli get ə splæʃ; wɛn ði
æʃ ɪz bi'fɔ:r ði ouk, ðɛn ju: meɪ
ɪk'spekt ə souk/

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When you have seen one,
you have seen them all
/wɛn ju: hæv si:n wʌn, ju: hæv
si:n ðem ɔ:l/

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When you're in a hole, stop
digging
/wɛn ju: ɪn ə hoʊl, stɒp 'dɪɡɪŋ/

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What is learnt in the cradle
lasts to the tombs
/wʌt ɪz lɜ:rnt ɪn ðə 'kreɪdəl læsts
tu: ðə tu:mz/

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What the eye does not see,
the heart does not grieve
over
/wʌt ði aɪ dʌz nɒt si:, ðə hɑ:rt
dʌz nɒt gri:v 'əʊvər/

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Where there is a will there is
a way
/wɛr ðɛr ɪz ə wɪl ðɛr ɪz ə weɪ/

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Where there is muck there
is brass
/wɛr ðɛr ɪz mʌk ðɛr ɪz bræs/

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Where there is life there is
hope
/wɛr ðɛr ɪz laɪf ðɛr ɪz hoʊp/

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Things of the same type are so similar that seeing one is enough to know what the others are like.

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A weather proverb: if oak leaves appear before ash, the summer will be dry; if ash appears first, it will be wet.

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Strong people take action when faced with difficulties.

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If you are unaware of a problem, you won't be upset by it.

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Lessons learned early in life stay with you forever.

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If you are in a bad situation, don't make it worse by continuing the same actions.

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As long as someone is alive, there is a chance for improvement or recovery.

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Dirty or unpleasant work often brings money.

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If you are determined enough, you will find a way to achieve your goal.

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Whether you think you can,
or you think you can't, you're
right
/ˈweðər juː θɪŋk juː kæn, ɔːr juː
θɪŋk juː kænt, jʊr raɪt/

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While there is life there is
hope
/waɪ ðeɪ ɪz laɪf ðeɪ ɪz hoʊp/

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Who will bell the cat?
/huː wɪl bɛl ðə kæt/

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Whom the Gods love die
young
/huːm ðə ɡɑːdz lʌv daɪ jʌŋ/

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Why keep a dog and bark
yourself?
/waɪ kiːp ə dɔːɡ ænd bɑːrk
jɔːrˈself/

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With great power comes
great responsibility (often
attributed to Marvel Comics
superhero Spider-Man)
/wɪθ greɪt ˈpaʊər kʌmz greɪt
rɪˌspɒnsəˈbɪlɪti/

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Woe to the vanquished
/wəʊ tuː ðə ˈvæŋkwɪʃt/

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Woman is the root of both
good and evil
/ˈwʊmən ɪz ðə ruːt ɒv ɡʊð ɡʊd
ænd ˈiːvl/

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Wonders will never cease
/ˈwʌndəz wɪl ˈnevər siːs/

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Who will take on a dangerous or risky task for the common good?

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As long as someone is alive, there is a chance for improvement or recovery.

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Your mindset determines your success; believing you can or cannot will make it true.

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Those who have power must use it wisely and be accountable for their actions.

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If you have someone to do a task for you, don't do it yourself.

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Good people often die young, implying that the gods take them early because they are favored.

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An expression of surprise at something unexpected, often ironic.

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Women can be the source of both positive and negative outcomes.

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The losers in a conflict suffer harsh consequences.

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Work expands so as to fill
the time available
/wɜ:rk ɪk 'spændz sou æz tu: fɪl
ðə taɪm ə 'veɪləbəl/

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Worrying never did anyone
any good
/'wɜ:riŋ 'nevər dɪd 'eni,wʌn 'eni
gʊd/

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You are never too old to
learn
/ju: ɑ:r 'nevər tu: ould tu: lɜ:n/

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You are what you eat
/ju: ɑ:r wʌt ju: i:t/

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You can have too much of a
good thing
/ju: kæn hæv tu: mʌtʃ ʌv ə gʊd
θɪŋ/

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You can lead a horse to
water, but you cannot make
it drink
/ju: kæn li:d ə hɔ:rs tu: 'wɔ:tər,
bʌt ju: 'kænɒt meɪk ɪt drɪŋk/

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You can never/never can tell
/ju: kæn 'nevər/'nevər kæn tɛl/

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You cannot always get what
you want
/ju: 'kænɒt 'ɔ:lweɪz get wʌt ju:
wɒnt/

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You cannot burn a candle at
both ends.
/ju: 'kænɒt bɜ:rn ə 'kændəl æt
bəʊθ endz/

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Learning is possible at any age.

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Worrying is pointless and doesn't solve problems.

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If you have more time to do a task, you will tend to use all of it, even if the task doesn't require it.

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You can provide opportunities, but you cannot force someone to take them.

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Even pleasant things can become harmful or unpleasant in excess.

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Your health and well-being are directly affected by the food you consume.

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You cannot work too hard without rest; you will exhaust yourself.

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Life doesn't always give you what you desire; accept disappointment.

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The future is uncertain; anything can happen.

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You cannot have your cake
and eat it too
/ju: 'kænpɒt hæv jɔ: r keɪk ænd i:t
ɪt tu: /

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You cannot get blood out of
a stone
/ju: 'kænpɒt ɡet blʌd aʊt ʌv ə
stəʊn /

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You cannot make a silk
purse from a sow's ear
/ju: 'kænpɒt meɪk ə sɪlk pɜ:rs
frʌm ə saʊz ɪr /

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You cannot make an
omelette without breaking
eggs
/ju: 'kænpɒt meɪk ən 'ɒmlɪt
wɪ 'ðəʊt 'breɪkɪŋ ɛɡz /

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You cannot make bricks
without straw
/ju: 'kænpɒt meɪk brɪks wɪ 'ðəʊt
strɔ: /

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You cannot push a rope
/ju: 'kænpɒt pʊʃ ə roʊp /

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You cannot run with the
hare and hunt with the
hounds
/ju: 'kænpɒt rʌn wɪð ðə heɪr ænd
haʊnt wɪð ðə haʊndz /

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(You cannot) teach an old
dog new tricks
/ju: 'kænpɒt ti:tʃ ən ould dɔ:ɡ nu:
trɪks /

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You cannot unscramble
eggs
/ju: 'kænpɒt ʌn 'skræmbəl ɛɡz /

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You cannot turn something of poor quality into something fine.

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You cannot get something from someone who has none to give.

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You cannot have two incompatible things at the same time; you must choose.

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You cannot force something that is not designed to be forced; some things require a different approach.

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You cannot do a job without the necessary materials.

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To achieve something, you must accept some damage or sacrifice.

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Once something is done, it cannot be undone.

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It is difficult to change someone's habits or teach them something new, especially when they are older.

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You cannot support both sides of a conflict; you must choose one.

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You cannot win them all
/ju: 'kænrɒt wɪn ðəm ɔ:l/

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You catch more flies with
honey than with vinegar
/ju: kætʃ mɔ:r flaɪz wɪð 'hʌni
ðæn wɪð 'vɪnɪgər/

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You either die a hero or live
long enough to see yourself
become the villain
/ju: 'aɪðər daɪ ə 'hɪrəʊ ɔ:r lɪv
lɔ:ŋ ɪ 'nʌf tu: si: ʃɔ:r'self bɪ'kʌm
ðə 'vɪlənr/

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You pay your dime and you
takes your chances
/ju: peɪ ʃɔ:r daɪm ænd ju: teɪks
ʃɔ:r 'tʃænsɪz/

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You pay your money and
you take your choice
/ju: peɪ ʃɔ:r 'mʌni ænd ju: teɪk
ʃɔ:r tʃɔɪs/

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Youth is wasted on the
young
/ju:θ ɪz 'weɪstɪd ɒn ðə jʌŋ/

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You may/might as well be
hanged/hung for a sheep as
(for) a lamb
/ju: meɪ/maɪt əz wəl bi:
hæŋd/hʌŋ fɔ:r ə ʃi:p əz fɔ:r ə
læm/

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You must have rocks in your
head
/ju: mʌst hæv rɒks ɪn ʃɔ:r hɛd/

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You scratch my back and I
will scratch yours
/ju: skrætʃ maɪ bæk ænd aɪ wɪl
skrætʃ jɔ:rz/

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If you stay in power or life long enough, you may eventually do something that makes you seem bad.

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Being kind and polite is more effective than being harsh or rude.

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You cannot succeed every time; accept failure as part of life.

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Young people do not appreciate their youth and energy, which older people would value.

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You have the freedom to choose, but you must accept the consequences.

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When you spend money or take a risk, you accept the uncertain outcome.

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If you do a favor for me, I will do a favor for you; mutual back-scratching.

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You are foolish or crazy.

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If the punishment is the same for a small crime as for a big one, you might as well commit the bigger one.

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Your future is created by
what you do today, not
tomorrow
/jɔr 'fju:tʃər ɪz kri'eɪtɪd baɪ wɒt ju
du: tə'deɪ nɒt tə'mɔrɔʊ/

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You only live once.
/ju 'oʊnli lɪv wʌns/

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You'll never get if you never
go
/ju 'nɛvər ɡɛt ɪf ju 'nɛvər ɡoʊ/

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You're never fully dressed
without a smile
/jɔr 'nɛvər 'fʊli drɛst wɪ'ðaʊt ə
smaɪl/

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You've got to separate the
wheat from the chaff
/juv ɡɒt tu 'sɛpəreɪt ðə wɪt frɒm
ðə tʃæf/

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You've made your bed and
you must lie in/on it
/juv meɪd jɔr bɛd ænd ju mʌst
laɪ ɪn/ɒn ɪt/

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Zeal without knowledge is
fire without light
/zɪl wɪ'ðaʊt 'nɒlɪdʒ ɪz 'faɪər
wɪ'ðaʊt laɪt/

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(A) Zebra, is it black or
could it be white?
/ə 'zɪbrə ɪz ɪt blæk ɔr kʊd ɪt bi
waɪt/

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You won't achieve anything unless you take action or take a chance.

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Life is short, so take risks and enjoy experiences because you won't get a second chance.

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The actions you take now determine your future; procrastination leads to missed opportunities.

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You must accept the consequences of your own actions or decisions.

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You must distinguish what is valuable or useful from what is worthless.

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A smile is the most important accessory; it makes you approachable and attractive.

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A question about perspective or ambiguity; things are not always as they seem.

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Enthusiasm without understanding or skill is useless or even harmful.

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