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Adages and Proverbs: Learn and Practice

Explain wise old sayings

Read each question. Circle the best answer.

💡 Adages and Proverbs

- Adages and proverbs are short, well known sayings that give advice or share a truth.
- Think about the lesson behind the words, not just the words themselves.
- Look before you leap means think before you act.

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C. a short, well known saying with advice

D. a long poem

2 What does Actions speak louder than words mean?

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C. shouting is better

D. what you do shows more than what you say

3 What does Look before you leap mean?

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C. always stay home D. jump as high as you can

4 What does Two heads are better than one mean?

A. one person is enough

B. monsters have two heads

C. working together helps solve problems

D. always think twice

5 What does Don't count your chickens before they hatch mean?

A. always count carefully

B. don't count on things before they happen

C. chickens are hard to count

D. eggs hatch quickly

6 What does The early bird catches the worm mean?

A. be late on purpose

B. people who start early often succeed

C. wake up at night D. birds love worms

7 Which proverb fits? Jada worked a little every day and finished a big puzzle.

A. The early bird catches the worm

B. Look before you leap

C. Slow and steady wins the race

D. Don't cry over spilled milk

8 What does Practice makes perfect mean?

A. doing something often helps you improve

B. never make mistakes C. practice is boring

D. you must be perfect

✏️ Explain it! In your own words, write the rule for adages and proverbs and one example.

ANSWER KEY

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What people do shows who they are more than their promises.

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This saying reminds us to think first, then act.

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Two people sharing ideas can solve problems better.

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Not every egg hatches, so do not plan on something that has not happened yet.

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Getting an early start often gives you an advantage.

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Jada worked steadily, bit by bit, until she finished.

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The more you practice, the better you get!