



Idioms, Adages & Proverbs

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Grade: Grade 5

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Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

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3. "Look before you leap" teaches us to _____ before acting.
4. "Better late than never" means it is better to do something late than not do it at _____.

Part C: Short Answer

Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

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Rewrite: "Actions speak louder than words" means what you do matters more than what you say.

2. Fix the sentence: "A stitch in time saves nine" is about sewing clothes quickly.

Rewrite: "A stitch in time saves nine" means fixing a small problem early prevents bigger problems later.

3. Fix the sentence: "Don't judge a book by its cover" means always read the first chapter.

Rewrite: "Don't judge a book by its cover" means do not judge something or someone by outward appearance.

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. A short, traditional saying that gives advice or states a truth is called a proverb.
2. "Practice makes perfect" is an example of an adage.
3. "Look before you leap" teaches us to think before acting.
4. "Better late than never" means it is better to do something late than not do it at all.

Part C: Short Answer

Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

1. What is the difference between an adage and a proverb?

An adage is a widely accepted saying that states a general truth, while a proverb is a short saying that usually gives practical advice. They are very similar.

2. Pick one proverb and explain a situation where you would use it.

"Honesty is the best policy" could be used when a friend asks if you should admit to a mistake. It means telling the truth is always the wisest choice.
