




English  
Proverbs



Here are some English  
proverbs to learn or  
revise.

Do you know any  
of them?

Can you guess them?

"to choose between two equally bad alternatives in a serious dilemma"



between the devil and the deep blue  
sea

"a friend who helps when one is in trouble is a real friend"



a friend in need is a friend indeed

"a person who does not get what he wants or needs is a frustrated person and will be easily provoked to rage"



a hungry man is an angry man

"those people who have little knowledge usually talk the most and make the greatest fuss"



empty vessels make the most noise

"a person's age is immaterial - it is only when he thinks and feels that he is ageing that he actually becomes old"



a man is as old as he feels

"to succeed in life one must have the courage to pursue what one wants"



faint heart never won fair lady





"those who make loud threats seldom  
carry them out"



barking dogs seldom bite

"people of the same sort of character  
or belief always  
go together."



birds of a feather  
flock together

"everyone will get a period of success  
or satisfaction  
during his lifetime"



every dog has its day

"when an event is not decided on or planned earlier it will never take place"



any time means no time

"a bad or evil occurrence"



it's an ill wind that blows nobody any  
good

“an act done repeatedly and often enough will sooner or later become a habit or second nature”



habit is second nature

"a person who does his best is the one who will get the greatest satisfaction in the end"



he who laughs best laughs last



“those people who talk a lot and are always teaching others usually do not do much work”



great talkers are little doers

"it's never too late to correct one's  
mistakes or faults"



it's never too late to mend

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