

Proverbs Game: Pass out to everyone a proverb and a country, all mixed up. Be sure you have a country to match every proverb. A big clue will be the font is the same for the proverb and the country. When you find your match, see if you can figure out what your particular proverb means and why it fits that country or background. Have fun!

After mixing, finding your pairs, and discussion, have a few volunteer teams share their proverb and what they believe it means.

When two elephants fight it is the grass that gets trampled.

Africa/Caribbean

WRITE THE BAD THINGS THAT ARE DONE TO YOU IN THE SAND, BUT WRITE THE GOOD THINGS THAT HAPPEN TO YOU ON A PIECE OF MARBLE.

ARABIC

If you are planning for one year. grow rice. If you are planning for 20 years. grow trees. If you are planning for centuries. grow men.

Chinese

The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence.

British

Charity sees the need not the cause.

German

A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in.

Greek

A good laugh and a long sleep are the best cures in the doctor's book.

Irish

After the game, the king and pawn go into the same box.

Italian

ONE KIND WORD CAN WARM THREE WINTER MONTHS.

JAPANESE

If you want your dreams to come true, don't sleep.

Jewish

A child may have too much of his mother's blessing.

Scottish

**A MAN TOO BUSY TO TAKE CARE OF HIS HEALTH IS LIKE
A MECHANIC TOO BUSY TO TAKE CARE OF HIS TOOLS.**

SPANISH

God gives every bird his worm, but he does not throw it into the nest.

Swedish

Man is harder than iron, stronger than stone and more fragile than a rose.

Turkish

He that would be a leader must be a bridge.

Welsh

March comes in like a lion & goes out like a lamb

American

Don't let yesterday use up too much of today.

Cherokee Native American

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Popular Culture Proverb

I wished the buck stopped here, as I could use a few.

Popular Culture Proverb

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.

Biblical Proverb

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Biblical Proverb

THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM, AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE HOLY ONE IS UNDERSTANDING.

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