

Proverb Worksheets / Quiz: **Paraphrases**

INSTRUCTIONS: Match the restatements with the original proverbs. Write the proverb numbers or the proverbs themselves.

CARD DECK 1: PROVERBS 1-45 (PARAPHRASES)

1. People who ask first get what they want before others do.
(*Sample Answer: Proverb 7: First come, first served.*)
2. We have an emotional attachment to the place where we live or grew up.
3. Change makes life interesting. Without differences, life has less "flavor."
4. It's better to have a little of something than nothing at all.
5. Don't hurt the people that provide for you.
6. Offspring have the same characteristics as their parents.
7. If you really want something, you'll find a way to get it.
8. Without paying, you can't be selective about what you get.
9. A true friend helps out someone that really needs it.
10. If you do something too quickly, it will not turn out well.
11. In some situations, a third person just gets in the way.
12. Good looks are superficial. They don't indicate inner qualities.
13. Lead your own life, and let others do the same.
14. If you call someone a name, aren't you just like that person?

15. If a lot of people try to work together on the same thing, the outcome will be of low quality.
16. If you get to know something or someone too well, you will dislike that thing or person.
17. If something applies to you, recognize and accept it.
18. Don't criticize someone if you are guilty of the same thing.
19. From a bad situation to an even worse one.
20. It's impossible to both consume and keep the same thing. If you give something away or use it up, you no longer have it.
21. Hurt and pain tend to decrease as time passes.
22. A thing or person that comes last is not less important than those that came earlier.
23. Don't procrastinate. If there's time, do it now!
24. Even if you arrive late, it's better than not coming at all.
25. What you have today may soon disappear.
26. Enjoy yourself while you can. The "climate" may soon change.
27. If an issue has been settled, leave it alone. Don't bring up subjects of controversy if you don't have to.
28. Very nosy people get into trouble.
29. Fulfill two purposes with the same action.
30. To achieve a goal before others, get an early start.
31. He sounds worse than he actually behaves.
32. What you already have is worth more than what you'd like to have.

33. Some people are too old to change. They can't learn new behaviors.
34. People of similar backgrounds, personalities, and characters tend to get together.
35. Don't rejoice about what you *may* get. Wait until you actually have it.
36. When the people in charge are gone, those they supervise will enjoy themselves.
37. You can *try* to get someone to do something, but you can't *force* that person to do it.
38. Don't blow things out of proportion. Keep small matters small.
39. If you put things off until tomorrow, you may never get a chance to do them—because it is always “today.”
40. If we view it with our own eyes, it must be real—but only then.
41. Don't reject a whole thing or idea just because you can't accept a part of it.
42. What we do shows character more than what we say.
43. If someone is gone, we forget about that person.
44. Either follow through on your words or stop talking about it.
45. It's easier to talk about doing something than to do it.