



# Proverbs and Sayings

Ben Franklin was famous for the sayings that he included in *Poor Richard's Almanack*. Some of them are listed here. Read each saying and write what you think is the meaning in your own words. The first one is done for you.

1. "Three may keep a secret if two of them are dead." Secrets are hard to keep.
2. "Nothing is certain but death and taxes." \_\_\_\_\_
3. "God heals, and the doctor takes the fees." \_\_\_\_\_
4. "Lost time is never found again." \_\_\_\_\_
5. "Fish and visitors smell in three days." \_\_\_\_\_
6. "The greatest talkers are the least doers." \_\_\_\_\_
7. "He that lieth down with dogs shall rise up with fleas." \_\_\_\_\_
8. "A lie stands on one leg, the truth on two." \_\_\_\_\_
9. "Keep your eyes wide open before marriage, half shut afterwards." \_\_\_\_\_
10. "God helps them that help themselves." \_\_\_\_\_
11. "What you would seem to be, be really." \_\_\_\_\_
12. "No gains without pains." \_\_\_\_\_

## Recognizing Proverbs

Try to complete these proverbs.

- "An apple a day keeps \_\_\_\_\_"
- "Early to bed, early to rise, \_\_\_\_\_"
- "Practice makes \_\_\_\_\_"

## Complete Your Own Proverbs

Complete these proverbs based on your own experiences with life.

- "A miss is as good as a \_\_\_\_\_"
- "Too many cooks \_\_\_\_\_"
- "Beauty is only \_\_\_\_\_"
- "He who opens a school door \_\_\_\_\_"