

proverb1. [ˈprɒvɜːb] *n*

1. пословица

to become /to pass into/ a proverb- войти в пословицу; стать притчей во языцех
to be a proverb and a byword - ≅ быть притчей во языцех

2. *pl* игра в пословицы

3. олицетворение (чего-л. дурного)

he is a proverb for ignorance - он олицетворение невежества

4. *библ.* притча

(Book of) Proverbs - Книга притчей Соломоновых

◇ to a proverb - предельно, в высшей степени (в отрицательном смысле)

he is ignorant to a proverb - он круглый невежда, его невежество стало притчей во языцех /вошло в поговорку/

2. [ˈprɒvɜːb] *v редк.*

1. войти в пословицу; стать поговоркой

2. говорить, писать афористично притчами

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

prov-erb [ˈprɒvɜːb ˈprɒvɜːbs] *BrE* [ˈprɒvɜːb] *NAmE* [ˈprɑːvɜːb] *noun*

a well-known phrase or sentence that gives advice or says sth that is generally true, for example 'Waste not, want not'.

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French *proverbe* from Latin *proverbium* from *pro-* 'put forth' + *verbum* 'word'.

Example Bank:

- As the old proverb has it: 'A stitch in time saves nine'.
- As a Chinese proverb has it: 'The fish will be the last to discover the water.'
- a dictionary of proverbs

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: *proverbe* from Latin *proverbium* from *verbum* 'word']

a short well-known statement that gives advice or expresses something that is generally true. 'A penny saved is a penny earned' is an example of a proverb. ⇒ **saying**

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- **phrase** a group of words that have a particular meaning when used together, or which someone uses on a particular occasion: What was the phrase he used to describe her? | I've never heard of the phrase before. | The President often used the phrase 'War on terror'.
- **expression** a fixed phrase which is used in a language and has a particular meaning: a colloquial expression (=an informal expression used in everyday spoken language) | The old-fashioned expression 'in the family way' means pregnant. | a common English expression | I was absolutely knackered, if you'll pardon the expression (=used when you think someone might be offended by the words you have used).
- **idiom** a group of words that has a special meaning which you cannot guess from the meanings of each separate word: 'Under the weather' is an idiom which means 'ill'.
- **cliché** a phrase that is boring and no longer original because people use it a lot: The phrase 'at the end of the day' has become a real cliché. | There is some truth in the old cliché that time is a great healer.
- **saying/proverb** a well-known phrase that gives advice about life: Do you know the saying 'A problem shared is a problem halved'? | There is an old Chinese proverb which states 'A journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step'.
- **slogan** a short phrase that is easy to remember, especially one that is used in advertising: advertising slogans | Protesters were shouting anti-government slogans.
- **motto** a phrase that expresses a person's or organization's beliefs and aims: The school motto was 'Truth and Honour'.

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