



Idioms, Adages & Proverbs

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Multiple Choice

Circle the best answer for each question.

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- B) Practicing regularly leads to improvement
- C) You must practice once to be perfect
- D) Perfection is impossible to achieve

2. After the storm destroyed their garden, Dad said, "Every cloud has a silver lining." What did he mean?

- A) Storm clouds contain silver
- B) The garden will grow back by itself
- C) Something positive can come from a bad situation
- D) Clouds always bring good weather afterward

3. Sam forgot his homework again. His teacher warned, "You are on thin ice." What does this idiom mean?

- A) The classroom floor is slippery
- B) Sam should go ice skating
- C) Sam is in a risky situation and may face consequences
- D) Sam needs to wear warmer clothes

4. Before the spelling bee, Mia's friend said, "Break a leg!" Why did her friend say this?

- A) She wanted Mia to get injured
- B) She was warning Mia to be careful
- C) She was wishing Mia good luck
- D) She thought the stage was dangerous

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the correct answer on each line.

1. "Don't judge a book by its cover" warns us not to judge by _____.
2. An idiom has a _____ meaning that differs from its literal words.
3. "Two wrongs don't make a right" is an adage meaning revenge does not create _____.
4. When someone "burns the midnight oil," they are working very _____.
5. "Where there's a will, there's a way" teaches that _____ helps overcome obstacles.

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5. "Where there's a will, there's a way" teaches that determination helps overcome obstacles.