



Idioms, Adages & Proverbs

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Multiple Choice

Circle the best answer for each question.

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- A) "Look before you leap" and "He who hesitates is lost"
- B) "Practice makes perfect" and "No pain, no gain"
- C) "Break a leg" and "Spill the beans"
- D) "Hold your horses" and "A watched pot never boils"

2. Jordan's grandma always says, "The apple doesn't fall far from the tree." She means that Jordan —

- A) should pick apples from the ground
- B) resembles his parents in behavior or personality
- C) needs to plant more apple trees
- D) lives too close to an orchard

3. Which of these is an adage rather than an idiom?

- A) Let the cat out of the bag
- B) Butterflies in my stomach
- C) Honesty is the best policy
- D) Kick the bucket

4. Lily tried to fix a leaky faucet by herself and made it worse. Her neighbor said, "Too many cooks spoil the broth" when more people tried to help. What does this proverb mean here?

- A) Only professional cooks should fix faucets
- B) Too many people involved can make a task harder, not easier
- C) Broth should not be cooked near a leaky faucet
- D) Lily should learn how to cook broth first

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the correct answer on each line.

1. "He who hesitates is lost" means waiting too long can cause you to miss an _____.
2. "The apple doesn't fall far from the tree" is an adage about children being _____ to their parents.
3. "Too many cooks spoil the broth" warns that too many helpers can cause _____.
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5. An idiom differs from a proverb because an idiom does not give advice or state a general truth.