



**Proverbs bluff**

*Make up false definitions in the gaps in the proverb or proverbs that you are given, read out all three options, then see if your partner can guess the right definition.*

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A miss is as good as a mile

- a) If you fail at something, it doesn't matter how close you were to succeeding
  - b)
  - c)
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One swallow does not a summer make

- a)
  - b) You should wait a while before thinking the bad times are over
  - c)
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The squeaking wheel gets the oil

- a)
  - b)
  - c) It is people who complain who get the attention, not the people who most need the help
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Barking dogs seldom bite

- a) If someone is threatening you, they will probably do nothing
  - b)
  - c)
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Don't look a gift horse in the mouth

- a)
  - b) Don't think too long about something that is obviously a great opportunity
  - c)
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It takes two to tango

- a)
  - b)
  - c) When two people are accusing the other side of leading them into bad ways, both sides are almost always to blame
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The devil finds work for idle hands

- a) People, especially children, who have nothing to do end up doing bad things
- b)
- c)

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Don't put all your eggs in one basket

- a) Always have a plan B
- b)
- c)

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Don't count your chickens until they hatch

- a)
- b) Wait to make sure that something really is successful before celebrating
- c)

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Empty vessels make most noise

- a)
- b)
- c) The people who think least are the ones who speak loudest

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More haste, less speed

- a) The more you hurry, the longer it takes you to finish something properly
- b)
- c)

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The more you get, the more you want

- a)
- b)
- c) Buying things just makes you want more things and so makes you less satisfied