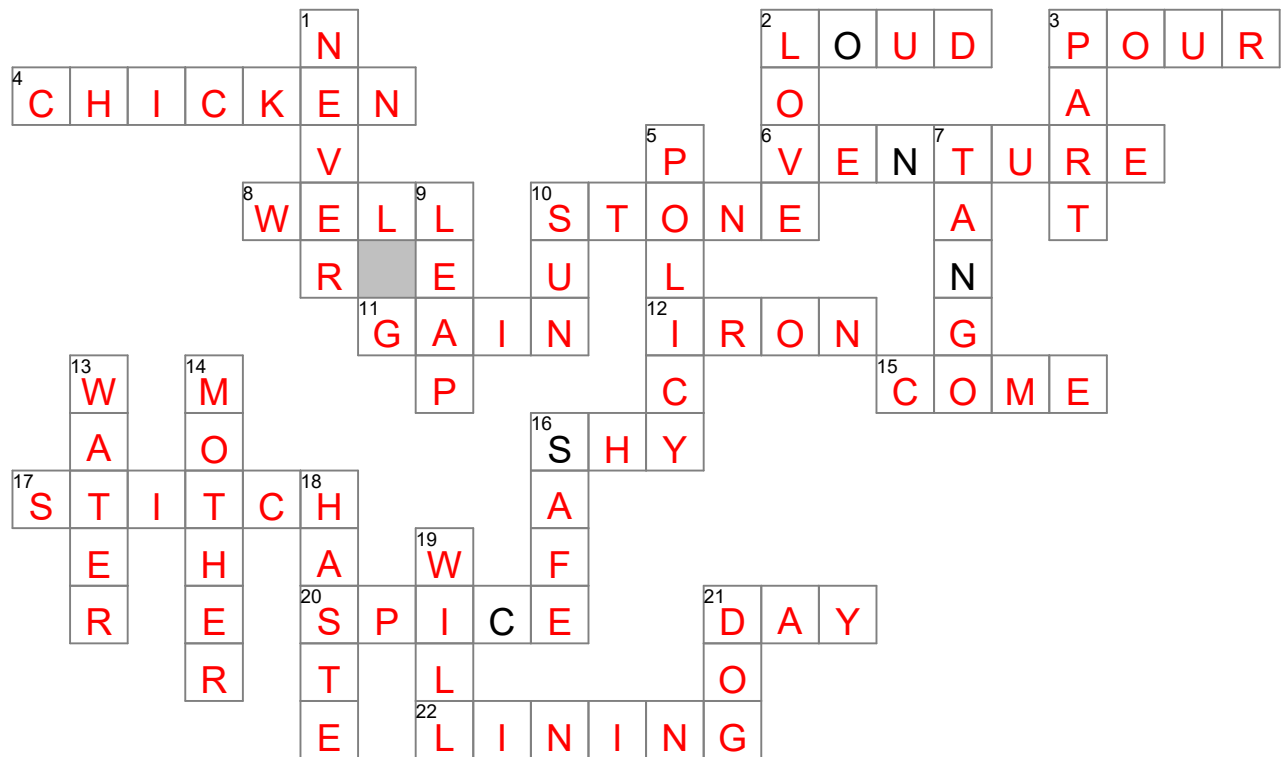


Idiomatic Expressions | Proverbs

A. Using the Across and Down clues, write the correct words in the numbered grid below.



ACROSS

- Actions speak _____er than words. (We judge a person by what he or she does rather than by what that person says he or she will do)
- It never rains but it _____. (problems always happen together)
- Don't count your _____s before they are hatched. (Never be too optimistic about something; don't believe or expect that victory or success is certain until it actually happens)
- Nothing _____d, nothing gained. (you need to take risks to achieve something)
- All's _____ that ends _____. (When something difficult ends happily or satisfactorily, there is no need to complain or be disappointed about the trouble it may have caused)
- A rolling _____ gathers no moss. (someone who is constantly changing his or her job or moving from place to place will never become rich or successful)
- No pain no _____. (there must be some suffering in order to succeed)
- Strike while the _____ is hot. (choose the right moment to act—the time when you are most likely to succeed; take advantage of a sudden opportunity)
- First _____, first served. (the first to arrive will get something)

DOWN

- Better late than _____. (it is better to do something after a delay rather than not do it at all)
- All's fair in _____ and war! (all behavior is acceptable in extreme situations, especially in romantic situations and competitions)
- A fool and his money are soon _____ed. (a foolish person spends his or her money without thought and is soon penniless. It is also very easy to persuade a foolish person to spend his or her money on worthless and unnecessary things)
- Honesty is the best _____. (it is better to be honest than to try to deceive people)
- It takes two to _____. (two people are equally responsible)
- Look before you _____. (Never act hastily. Consider carefully what you are going to do before you do it)
- Make hay while the _____ shines. (Always try to take advantage of favorable circumstances. Also, have a good time while one can)
- Still _____s run deep. (someone who is quiet and says very little often hides deep feelings or a lot of knowledge on a subject)
- Necessity is the _____ of invention. (if people really need to do something, they will find a way to do it)
- Better _____ than sorry. (it is better not to take risks, even if it seems boring or hard work)

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16. Once bitten twice _____. (If you have been cheated or deceived on one occasion by someone or something, you will be very careful when you meet that person or thing again)
17. A _____ in time saves nine. (By acting quickly at an early stage, you may be able to prevent serious trouble in the future)
20. Variety is the _____ of life. (change makes life interesting)
21. Rome was not built in a _____. (it takes a long time to do important things properly)
22. Every cloud has a silver _____. (there is something good in every bad situation)
18. More _____ less speed. (when you try to do something in a hurry, there is a tendency to make careless mistakes and, consequently, to take even longer to do the particular task than if you had not tried to hurry in the first place)
19. Where there's a _____, there's a way. (if we really want to achieve something, we can)
21. Let sleeping _____s lie. (don't do anything or say anything that will stir up unnecessary trouble; don't look for trouble on purpose)

B. Choose the best option the completes the sentences below:

1. b Let sleeping _____s lie. (don't do anything or say anything that will stir up unnecessary trouble; don't look for trouble on purpose)
a.stone b.dog c.mother d.gain
2. c Look before you _____. (Never act hastily. Consider carefully what you are going to do before you do it)
a.never b.dog c.leap d.shy
3. c A _____ in time saves nine. (By acting quickly at an early stage, you may be able to prevent serious trouble in the future)
a.well b.safe c.stitch d.venture
4. d Once bitten twice _____. (If you have been cheated or deceived on one occasion by someone or something, you will be very careful when you meet that person or thing again)
a.never b.stitch c.safe d.shy
5. b Make hay while the _____ shines. (Always try to take advantage of favorable circumstances. Also, have a good time while one can)
a.tango b.sun c.haste d.gain
6. a Actions speak _____er than words. (We judge a person by what he or she does rather than by what that person says he or she will do)
a.loud b.leap c.well d.dog
7. b Better late than _____. (it is better to do something after a delay rather than not do it at all)
a.water b.never c.dog d.chicken
8. d Still _____s run deep. (someone who is quiet and says very little often hides deep feelings or a lot of knowledge on a subject)
a.haste b.iron c.chicken d.water
9. d Strike while the _____ is hot. (choose the right moment to act—the time when you are most likely to succeed; take advantage of a sudden opportunity)
a.stitch b.haste c.day d.iron
10. c Necessity is the _____ of invention. (if people really need to do something, they will find a way to do it)
a.shy b.come c.mother d.lining
11. b Nothing _____d, nothing gained. (you need to take risks to achieve something)
a.iron b.venture c.sun d.gain
12. d All's fair in _____ and war! (all behavior is acceptable in extreme situations, especially in romantic situations and competitions)
a.leap b.policy c.well d.love
13. c Where there's a _____, there's a way. (if we really want to achieve something, we can)
a.safe b.policy c.will d.day

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14. **b** A rolling _____ gathers no moss. (someone who is constantly changing his or her job or moving from place to place will never become rich or successful)
a.sun b.stone c.never d.lining
15. **d** All's _____ that ends _____. (When something difficult ends happily or satisfactorily, there is no need to complain or be disappointed about the trouble it may have caused)
a.stone b.haste c.chicken d.well
16. **c** Every cloud has a silver _____. (there is something good in every bad situation)
a.leap b.love c.lining d.iron
17. **a** A fool and his money are soon _____ed. (a foolish person spends his or her money without thought and is soon penniless. It is also very easy to persuade a foolish person to spend his or her money on worthless and unnecessary things)
a.part b.will c.stone d.never
18. **d** Rome was not built in a _____. (it takes a long time to do important things properly)
a.venture b.sun c.chicken d.day
19. **a** No pain no _____. (there must be some suffering in order to succeed)
a.gain b.mother c.part d.never
20. **d** Honesty is the best _____. (it is better to be honest than to try to deceive people)
a.come b.loud c.tango d.policy
21. **b** It takes two to _____. (two people are equally responsible)
a.come b.tango c.spice d.venture
22. **a** Variety is the _____ of life. (change makes life interesting)
a.spice b.haste c.love d.gain
23. **b** It never rains but it _____s. (problems always happen together)
a.sun b.pour c.gain d.shy
24. **b** Better _____ than sorry. (it is better not to take risks, even if it seems boring or hard work)
a.spice b.safe c.mother d.sun
25. **c** More _____ less speed. (when you try to do something in a hurry, there is a tendency to make careless mistakes and, consequently, to take even longer to do the particular task than if you had not tried to hurry in the first place)
a.tango b.pour c.haste d.policy
26. **a** First _____, first served. (the first to arrive will get something)
a.come b.stitch c.venture d.iron
27. **c** Don't count your _____s before they are hatched. (Never be too optimistic about something; don't believe or expect that victory or success is certain until it actually happens)
a.iron b.dog c.chicken d.stone