

Speaking and Listening – Discussion

Proverbs – Advice for Life 2

Read the different problems below and match each one to advice given in a verse from **Proverbs**. Check any new vocabulary. Write out each verse in your notebook, then discuss each situation with a partner or small group. What would **you** do in each situation? How helpful do you think the advice from Proverbs would be today?

1. My son left school last year but **refuses** to get a job. He just **lays about** at home all day playing video games and watching **telly**.

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2. We haven't **got on with** the people next door since they built their extension, which **blocked out** most of our light. **It's a pity**, because we used to spend a lot of time together.

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3. My parents are always **advising** me on what to do, which course to apply for, which **uni**, what job I need to get... It may be that they have some good points but I hate them **interfering**. It's my life!

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4. My friend is starting to get a reputation as a **gossip**. She talks about everybody behind their back. I'm even starting to think that she's **tittle-tattling** about me too!

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5. My family hasn't got a lot of money, but we're happy and love each other **to bits**. I can't help worrying that I should try and get a bigger income – maybe even **head off** to work in a bigger city – but I know it would hurt my family.

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6. My pals keep **leading me astray**. I know I shouldn't **hang out** with them. My cousin says I can go and study with him and his **buddies** after school, but I know I'll have more fun with my mates.

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7. What can I do to stop **speaking out of turn**? I'm always **putting my foot in it**. It's like I can't think before I speak.

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8. My brother is **engaged** to a **foul-mouthed** and equally **foul-tempered** woman. I've told him to **think twice** about getting married to her, but he insists that he loves her.

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9. I **got the sack** from my job recently, while my neighbour has a great career. They're always going on expensive holidays and can afford to upgrade their car every year. I drive an **old banger**.

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10. My dad always **thinks he knows best** – about everything! He never listens to anyone, so he often gets **in a mess**; like when he tried to fix our heating recently. I offered to **call out** a qualified plumber, but he just laughed at me.

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