

Speaking and Listening – Discussion

Proverbs – Advice for Life 1

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 sister is an **over-achiever**, which would be fine apart from the fact that she never stops **going on** about all her accomplishments.

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2. My cousin's family doesn't have a lot of **spare cash**, and last week I heard him boasting that he was going to **nick** a pair of trainers.

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3. My sister is taking her dogs to a show next week, and she's **convinced** they're going to win. I just hope she isn't going to be too **disappointed** if they don't.

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4. My best friend works **all hours**. He's obsessed with **making money** and has little or no free time for me or his family.

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5. My older sister wears far too much makeup when we go out, and spends **ages** getting ready. She worries **way too much** about how she looks and what people think of her.

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6. How can I be sure that what I'm doing is **worthwhile** – that I'm not just **wasting my time** with this project?

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7. My parents have **fallen out** with my uncle's family and refuse to speak to them, saying they **can't stand** them. It's really sad because we used to have some great times together.

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8. My brother's kids **run riot** at home and are always **getting into trouble** at school. He doesn't believe in disciplining them and says they are just **being themselves**.

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9. My older brother refuses to get a job and just **lounges around** at home all day **staring into space**. He says he is doing research for his **debut** novel.

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10. I feel **rather** hurt by the way my colleague has been treating me recently. I'd like to **give her a piece of my mind**, but I honestly feel that might **do more harm than good**.