

Adages

An **adage** is a short traditional saying that expresses a general truth.

It is a common observation that is believed to be true because of its long use.

Examples:

A stitch in time saves nine

meaning: Repair something before the damage gets worse.

Two wrongs don't make a right

meaning: If someone does something bad to you, you shouldn't try and get even or take revenge, because it will only make things worse.

Don't judge a book by its cover

meaning: Don't prejudge the worth or value of something on outward appearances alone or how something seems. Make decisions based on facts.

Two heads are better than one

meaning: Two minds working together are more likely to solve a problem than one mind working alone.

Many hands make light work

meaning: A big task becomes easier if many people help.

Never look a gift horse in the mouth

Don't be ungrateful, or treat someone badly if they have given you a gift.

