

# Popular American Proverbs

**Absence makes the heart grow fonder.**

**Actions speaks louder than words.**

**A friend in need is a friend indeed.**

**All's fair in love and war.**

**Give someone an inch, they will take a mile.**

**All's well that ends well.**

**Honesty is the best policy.**

**Beggars can't be choosers.**

**If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.**

**Better late than never.**

**Better safe than sorry.**

**Blood is thicker than water.**

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**It takes two to tango.**

**Close, but no cigar.**

**Let bygones be bygones.**

**Crime doesn't pay.**

**Curiosity killed the cat.**

**Money is the root of all evil.**

**Don't count your chickens before they hatch.**

**Necessity is the mother of invention.**

**Don't put all your eggs in one basket.**

**The early bird gets the worm.**

**Nothing ventured, nothing gained.**

**Easy come, easy go.**

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**Early to bed, early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise.**

**Practice makes perfect.**

**Every [gray] cloud has a silver lining.**

**Seeing is believing.**

**Practice what you preach.**

**A watched pot never boils.**

**There's more than one way to skin a cat.**

**Where there's a will, there's a way.**

**The shoe is on the other foot.**

**You can't judge a book by its cover.**

**To kill two birds with one stone.**

**There are plenty of other fishes in the sea.**

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**Take it with a grain of salt.**

**Variety is the spice of life.**

**We'll cross that bridge when we come/get to it.**

**When it rains, it pours.**

**When the cat's away, the mice will play.**

**You can't teach an old dog new tricks.**

Thank you