

Introduction

1. Which country would you move to if your hometown was destroyed by war?
2. Imagine you've just arrived in that country. Describe your feelings in **five words**.
3. How would the locals feel about you? Describe their attitude towards you in **five words**.

Listening & Reading

Listen to **Martin's song** and complete the lyrics.

A stitch in time saves _____ (1).

How long we wait until another dies.

Too many chiefs and not enough _____ (2).

Get your gear ready, stop spreading pestilence.

Like people say, beauty is only skin _____ (3).

What makes you tick? What makes you lead?

Too many cooks spoil the _____ (4).

Let us unite to put a stop

to fear, to hate, to all this misery.

Just take a look at humans' history.

One good turn deserves _____ (5).

Put yourself in their shoes. Everyone matters.

Still waters run _____ (6), bring life to flowers.

Step out of your comfort zone. Take care of others.

No-one is an island. Better late than _____ (7).

Yes, we can make this world more peaceful than ever.

Too many cooks spoil the _____ (4).

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Language

A **proverb** is a simple and concrete saying, popularly known and repeated, that expresses a truth based on common sense or experience. Proverbs are often metaphorical. They are sometimes borrowed from similar languages and cultures. ([Wikipedia](#))

Match each proverb from the song with its definition and then check your answers on the next page. When you are done you can discuss the questions that follow.

1.	A stitch in time saves nine.	A.	If someone does you a favour, you should do a favour for that person in return.
2.	Too many chiefs and not enough Indians.	B.	Doing something late is better than not doing it at all.
3.	Beauty is only skin deep.	C.	Too many people want to be the leader, and not enough people are willing to follow to do the detail work.
4.	Too many cooks spoil the broth.	D.	Too many persons involved in managing an activity can ruin it.
5.	One good turn deserves another.	E.	Quiet people are often very thoughtful.
6.	Still waters run deep.	F.	It is better to solve problems immediately, because if you wait and deal with them later, things will get worse.
7.	Better late than never.	G.	Something that you say which means a person's character is more important than their appearance.

1. Do you have the same or similar proverbs in your language?
2. Which proverb from the song do you like most and why?
3. What is the song about? Can you give it a name?
4. How can we best learn and remember proverbs?

(1F) A stitch in time saves nine

It is better to solve problems immediately, because if you wait and deal with them later, things will get worse.

Let's fix the roof before that hole gets bigger. A stitch in time saves nine.

(2C) Too many chiefs and not enough Indians

Too many people want to be the leader, and not enough people are willing to follow to do the detail work.

We'll never finish this project if everyone keeps trying to give orders. There are too many chiefs and not enough Indians.

(3G) Beauty is only skin deep

Something that you say which means a person's character is more important than their appearance.

She may not be conventionally pretty but you know what they say, beauty's only skin deep.

(4D) Too many cooks spoil the broth

Too many persons involved in managing an activity can ruin it.

Without a conductor, every player had an idea for how the music should go - too many cooks spoil the broth.

(5A) One good turn deserves another

If someone does you a favour, you should do a favour for that person in return.

Jill: Thanks for the ride. Jane: It's the least I can do after you helped me wash the car last week. One good turn deserves another.

(6E) Still waters run deep

Quiet people are often very thoughtful.

Jill: I get the impression that Nathan is not very smart. He never says anything. Jane: Don't be so sure. Still waters run deep, you know.

(7B) Better late than never

Doing something late is better than not doing it at all.

I'm sorry I'm late to the party. Better late than never, right?

Source: The Free Dictionary