

What do proverbs mean? The thing is, they are usually worded in a very vague manner. Don't worry though, I'm here to save the day and clarify things once and for all. Yep, decades or even centuries of borderline nonsense will be made clear by me alone. Hopefully. Wow, let's go!

The apple doesn't fall far from the tree

This one seems to make sense at first glance, even if its deeper meaning is ambiguous. However, if you de-rooted an apple tree, lifted it up high in the air with an airplane then knocked an apple off the tree, THEN the apple would fall far from the tree. Proverb debunked. To be fair though, I've never heard of that happening, so for now, the apple doesn't fall far from the tree.

A picture is worth a thousand words

Depends on the size of the picture and the quality of the writing, doesn't it? No debunking needed here, it's obviously wrong. Even if pictures were said to be roughly worth a thousand words, I'd have to disagree as my art isn't so good. I've drawn a good thumbs up though, I think!

Beggars can't be choosers

Homeless people have taste that is so bad, they literally can't choose at all? Wow. Haven't such people gone through enough? NOW you're saying they're not even remotely artistic! My Google search 'can homeless people draw?' didn't really get any results, suggesting Google has the same discriminating thoughts. :S

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush

Apparently a bird's life is devalued when I touch it. Saying such a phrase is an odd way of insulting someone, although I guess it is offensive that my hands are so unappealing.

Better safe than sorry.

I hate saying sorry, too.

Blood is thicker than water

I actually know the meaning of this one. It means the relationships you have with your family are the most important. Very wise. But please don't call my family 'thick'.

When in Rome, do as the Romans do

Italians are bossy.

Don't count your chickens before they hatch

I believe this phrase is a shortened version 'don't count your chickens before they hatch, or indeed after they hatch.' In other words, counting things is a waste of time.

Someone should have said 'don't count your chickens before they hatch' to those crazy Youtubers who count to a million. Maybe I'll post the proverb on the comment section of such videos, now.

(A day passes)

Ok, no one has any kind of clue what I'm on about.

Every cloud has a silver lining

I've been looking at clouds for a while now, and that simply isn't true. First up, clouds are white, secondly they don't have a lining, the edges just kind of fade to nothing. The person who came up with that phrase must have been on LSD. And the thought of a heavy metal floating? Hm.

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step

Cars? Trains? Planes? Do they step? If so, that must be covered up which is the strangest conspiracy theory of all time. And what have you got against people in wheelchairs? So disabled people can't journey for a thousand miles? This proverb is a passive aggressive way of calling disabled people lazy and it's not on.

Necessity is the mother of invention

So if I were to invent something, it would have a mother and its mother is something that's needed? THAT'S LSD talking. The phrase is probably from the same guy.

Two wrongs don't make a right

Punching someone in the face twice is still a crime. A huge relief to perhaps annoying citizens like me. Imagine if thefts, etc. would be allowed if they happened twice. THAT'S anarchy. Maybe before the phrase was coined, that's what happened, then someone finally saw reason and said 'enough is enough.' Sounds like what could happen in my screwy day stories!

The pen is mightier than the sword

Not if you have handwriting like me, it isn't. Rather than calling my writing bad, let's call it cryptic. The keyboard is mightier than the sword, though. It means written (and clear) words are more powerful than sword attacks. Sounds strange? Well, imagine telling a Viking he's stupid. He wouldn't be able to handle it, and he'd run away. Bellend. A very insightful phrase.

Birds of a feather flock together

Birds come from feathers? I thought they came from eggs. Who cares what the phrase means, I have feathers in my pillow! Imagine dozens of birds hatching from feathers as I sleep! Apparently it's only a matter of time, and when it does happen? Worst sleep of my life.

Rome wasn't built in a day

Not only are Italians bossy, you have to respect them too. Wow Rome wasn't built in a day? That's awesome! Tiring people.

Time waits for no one

Time is even more impatient and arrogant than Italians? That's ridiculous.

Too many cooks spoil the broth

... but it doesn't really matter as broth isn't that good anyway.

When there's smoke there's fire

That's the first thing you hear on a fireman's first day of training. Not particularly insightful but we all start somewhere.

If it ain't broke, don't fix it

What intellectual has ever said 'ain't'? If someone told you 'the universe began with a big bang and that it ain't been here forever', would you believe him? Maybe ignore this proverb, although it does sound logical.

You can't have your cake and eat it too

Less of a proverb and more the saying of a possessive baker.

So, what have we learnt? BE CLEAR! Can you imagine a judge saying to a criminal 'I will punish you with a sentence as long as the time it takes a large group of people to spoil a broth'? Argh! Or how about a nurse telling you 'you have as long to live as a bird that hatched from a feather'. Again, no. Now let's end on a bonus proverb: Beware of Greeks bearing gifts? Greeks are assholes, clearly. Don't trust them. But at least they're not bossy like Italians, bye!