

Comparative and superlative in proverbs

Look at the proverbs below and find at least one which:

- is similar to a proverb in your own language
- seems true and useful
- seems untrue and/ or useless
- is the opposite of another proverb or is the opposite to your own advice

- A chain is only as strong as its weakest link.
- A dog is a man's best friend.
- Actions speak louder than words.
- Better late than never.
- Better safe than sorry.
- Better the Devil you know than the Devil you don't.
- Blood is thicker than water.
- Half a loaf is better than none.
- He who laughs last laughs longest.
- Honesty is the best policy.
- Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.
- It is better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all.
- It's better to give than to receive.
- Laughter is the best medicine.
- Least said, soonest mended.
- Prevention is better than cure.
- Revenge is a dish (which is) best served cold.
- The best form of defence is offence.
- The best things in life are free.
- The bigger the better.
- The bigger they are, the harder they fall.
- The darkest hour is just before the dawn.
- The grass is always greener on the other side.
- The longest journey starts with a single step.
- The pen is mightier than sword.
- The rich get richer and the poor get poorer.
- Truth is stranger than fiction.
- Two heads are better than one.
- What doesn't kill you, makes you stronger.

Ask about any you don't understand, discussing how true or not they are each time. Then look at the next page.

Mixed comparatives and superlatives for open cloze and brainstorming proverbs

best	better	darkest	greener	harder	longest
louder	mightier	richer	sincerest	soonest	stranger
stronger	thicker	weakest			

Comparative and superlative in proverbs open cloze

First with no help, try to fill the gaps below with one comparative or superlative adjective.

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Use the mixed words on the first page to help.

Try to remember proverbs with each of the words in the mixed words list on the first page, without looking at this page.