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English Proverbs and Their Meanings Quiz: 16 Common Sayings

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1. Where there's a ___, there's a way.
A) wish **B)** will **C)** want **D)** road

2. We painted the hall in an hour because eight of us helped. Many hands make ___ work.
A) easy **B)** quick **C)** short **D)** light

3. The tickets go on sale at nine. Strike while the ___ is hot: the early ___ catches the worm.
A) iron ... bird **B)** fire ... bird
C) iron ... riser **D)** sun ... bird

4. Don't buy the first house you see. Look before you ___.
A) jump **B)** run **C)** leap **D)** look

5. My parents spent a month apart, and now they're happier than ever. Absence makes the heart grow ___.
A) warmer **B)** bigger
C) stronger **D)** fonder

6. When Tom moved schools, he stopped calling his old friends. Out of ___, out of mind.
A) view **B)** sight **C)** eye **D)** town

7. My sister thinks my job is more exciting than hers, and I think hers is better. The grass is always ___ on the other side.
A) greener **B)** taller **C)** softer **D)** nicer

8. He criticised the company that gives him free trainers. Don't ___ the hand that feeds you.
A) hit **B)** eat **C)** bite **D)** shake

9. Mum has used a laptop for years, but she still prints every email. Old habits die ___.
A) hard **B)** hardly **C)** slowly **D)** late

10. "Grandpa, try the voice assistant!" "No, you can't teach an old dog new ___."
A) games **B)** tricks **C)** words **D)** jokes

11. First I lost my job, and then my flat flooded. It never rains but it ___.
A) storms **B)** falls **C)** pours **D)** drops

12. Everyone says the manager is lying. There's no smoke ___ fire.
A) with **B)** from **C)** under **D)** without

13. The cake is ruined, but it's no use crying over spilt ___. And the party isn't certain yet, so don't count your ___ before they hatch.
A) water ... chickens **B)** milk ... chickens
C) milk ... eggs **D)** tears ... chickens

14. Don't mention their old argument: let sleeping ___ lie. And yes, the sofa is small, but beggars can't be ___.
A) dogs ... choosers **B)** cats ... choosers
C) dogs ... choosy **D)** dogs ... chosen

15. You want to save money and buy a new car every year? You can't have your ___ and eat it.
A) bread **B)** pie **C)** cake **D)** biscuit

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