ENGLISH VOCABULARY TESTS

Half-Said Proverbs Quiz: When in Rome, Every Cloud

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1. "When in Rome..." What is the unsaid half?
A) do as the Romans do
B) Rome wasn't built in a day
C) all roads lead there
D) see the Pope

2. You are talking about Ana when she walks into the room. What do you say?
A) When in Rome! **B)** Speak of the devil!
C) Every cloud! **D)** Needs must!

3. Complete the full proverb: The early bird catches the ___.
A) fish **B)** seed **C)** worm **D)** mouse

4. Eight people tried to plan one meeting and it was chaos. Which proverb fits best?
A) Birds of a feather... **B)** A bird in the hand...
C) Great minds... **D)** Too many cooks...

5. They're both lazy and they both skip meetings: birds of a ___. And when they suggested the same pub at the same moment, they laughed: "Great ___!"
A) feather ... minds **B)** feather ... brains
C) flock ... minds **D)** nest ... heads

6. Which is the British form of this proverb?
A) If the shoe fits... **B)** If the cap fits...
C) If the hat fits... **D)** If the coat fits...

7. "When the going gets tough..." How does it end?
A) the weak go home **B)** keep calm
C) the tough get going **D)** it's an ill wind

8. Match the proverbs. (a) My flight was cancelled, so I got an extra day at the beach. (b) The storm closed every road, but the village shop sold all its bread.
A) (a) It's an ill wind... (b) Every cloud...
B) (a) Too many cooks... (b) Needs must...
C) (a) Every cloud... (b) Great minds...
D) (a) Every cloud... (b) It's an ill wind...

9. The interview went well, but I'm not ___ my chickens yet.
A) counting **B)** eating
C) feeding **D)** hatching

10. "A bird in the hand..." means:
A) early people succeed
B) what you have now is better than something bigger you might get
C) similar people stay together
D) you should follow local customs

11. He criticised my spelling, but his emails are full of mistakes. ___
A) The early bird...
B) Great minds...
C) People who live in glass houses...
D) When in Rome...

12. I gave him all the information he needed, but he still didn't apply. ___
A) Every cloud...
B) Speak of the devil...
C) Better the devil you know...
D) You can lead a horse to water...

13. "The proof of the pudding..." What is the unsaid half?
A) is in the eating **B)** is in the recipe
C) is in the oven **D)** is in the cook

14. I don't love my bank, but I won't switch. Better the devil ___.
A) you knew **B)** you know
C) you see **D)** you meet

15. There are no buses, so I'll have to walk home in the rain. Oh well. ___
A) Great minds! **B)** Speak of the devil!
C) Needs must. **D)** Birds of a feather.

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