

Adages and Proverbs

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Sayings that teach us something or give advice are called **proverbs**. Sayings that express a general truth or wisdom are called **adages**. Adages are usually more direct, while proverbs often use rhyme, rhythm or imagery to make them memorable. Sometimes a saying can be both an adage and a proverb.

1. What do these proverbs mean?
2. Can you think of a real life example?

Time waits for no one.

Experience is the best teacher.

Actions speak louder than words.

Honesty is the best policy.

Comparing Adages and Proverbs - are these statements true or false?

- Proverbs usually teach a lesson. ___
- Proverbs always mean exactly what the words say. ___
- Many proverbs use rhythm or rhyme. ___
- Adages express a general truth or piece of wisdom. ___
- Adages usually use direct language. ___
- All adages rhyme. ___
- Proverbs and adages are both types of wise sayings. ___
- Proverbs and adages can sometimes overlap. ___
- Adages usually use more imagery and figurative language than proverbs. ___



Write a Short Paragraph

Describe a situation where "Practice makes perfect" was true for you.
