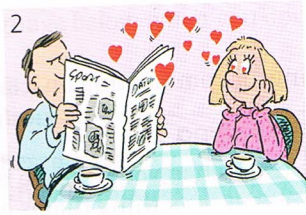
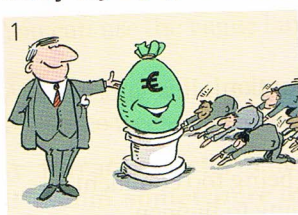


B Practice makes perfect

Many sayings give advice, or say something that is generally true.



Example	Meaning
<i>He tends to get what he wants because money talks¹.</i>	If you have a lot of money, you will have more power and influence than other people.
<i>He treats her very badly but she doesn't realize; love is blind² in her case.</i>	When you love somebody, you cannot see their faults.
<i>Don't worry – lightning never strikes twice (in the same place)³.</i>	An unusual or unpleasant event won't happen in the same place or to the same person twice.
<i>Don't say anything at the moment: let sleeping dogs lie⁴.</i>	Avoid mentioning a particularly difficult subject which may cause trouble.
<i>She spends hours at the piano, but practice makes perfect.</i>	If you do sth repeatedly, you will become very good at it.
<i>I haven't heard from my son for weeks, but usually no news is good news.</i>	If you haven't had any news, then it's probable that nothing has gone wrong and things are fine.
<i>It seems cruel to do it, but in this case the end justifies the means.</i>	Bad or unfair methods of doing sth are acceptable if the results of the action are good or positive.
<i>You mustn't do that: two wrongs don't make a right.</i>	If sb does sth bad to you, that is not a reason to do sth bad to them.
<i>Let's do this together: two heads are better than one.</i>	Two people can achieve more than one person working alone.
<i>He thinks blood is thicker than water.</i>	Family relationships are stronger than any other.
<i>He can say what he likes, but actions speak louder than words.</i>	What a person actually does is more important than what they say they will do.
<i>He believes in an eye for an eye (and a tooth for a tooth).</i>	Used to say that you should punish somebody by doing to them what they have done to you.
<i>Don't forget that charity begins at home.</i>	You should help and care for your own family first before you start helping others.
<i>She may be very attractive, but beauty is only skin-deep.</i>	How someone looks is less important than their character.
<i>They finally turned up at 8.30, but better late than never.</i>	It is better to arrive late or achieve sth late, than not arrive or achieve anything at all.
<i>The mountain road is dangerous so go slowly – better safe than sorry.</i>	It is better to be careful than to take a risk or act too quickly and later regret it.
<i>Live and let live – that's my motto.</i>	Accept other people's opinions and ways of life, even if they are different from your own. A motto is a phrase which expresses the beliefs of a person or organization.
<i>Enjoy yourself: you're only young once.</i>	Young people should enjoy themselves because in later life they will have more to worry about.
<i>In my view prevention is better than cure.</i>	It is better to stop something bad from happening than try to deal with it after it has happened.

4 Look at the sayings on page 166. Write down two which are connected with each of these topics.

- 1 family:
- 2 relationships:
- 3 morality:
- 4 tolerance:
- 5 progress:

5 Write down six sayings using words from the box.

cure actions love better than louder than blood words water
 lightning charity at home never is prevention blind strikes
 is begins twice speak thicker than is

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6 Complete these sayings.

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 Better late than | 7 No news is |
| 2 Better safe than | 8 The end |
| 3 You're only young | 9 Two wrongs |
| 4 Let sleeping dogs | 10 Lightning never |
| 5 Practice makes | 11 Prevention is better |
| 6 Two heads are | 12 An eye |

7 Use a suitable saying to respond to each of these situations.

- I came down slowly – I didn't want to fall over. Better safe than sorry!
- 1 He works on his English for three hours every day.
 - 2 Shall we work on this problem together?
 - 3 When she finishes university she wants to travel round Europe.
 - 4 I would always go to my family for help before asking friends.
 - 5 He went to hospital over three hours ago, but we haven't heard anything.
 - 6 Why does he get a seat first just because he owns lots of companies?
 - 7 If he takes my exercise book, I'll take his dictionary.
 - 8 They finally got here, but they missed the first part.
 - 9 We don't share the same opinions on things, but I just accept it.
 - 10 It's a very sensitive subject with Amélie. Should I say something?
 - 11 She doesn't seem to see her husband's faults.
 - 12 After what he did to me, I'll get my revenge.

8 ABOUT YOU Which sayings on page 166 do you think are generally true or represent good advice? Write your answers or ask another student.

9 ABOUT YOUR LANGUAGE How would you translate these sayings into your own language? Do you have equivalent sayings? Write a translation, or talk to another student who speaks your language.