

# PROVERBS AND RIDDLES

ENGLISH LITERATURE X



3.9. menafsirkan fungsi sosial, struktur teks, dan unsur kebahasaan teks khusus dalam bentuk proverb dan riddle, dengan memberi dan meminta informasi terkait kehidupan remaja sesuai dengan konteks penggunaannya

4.9 menyusun teks interaksi transaksional lisan dan tulis yang melibatkan tindakan menangkap makna secara kontekstual terkait fungsi sosial, struktur teks, dan unsur kebahasaan teks khusus proverb dan riddle terkait kehidupan remaja

- **Learning objective**
- **In this chapter, you will learn about some proverbs and riddles. Practicing by writing and speaking is needed to enhance your understanding on their social function and structure.**

## BEFORE LEARNING

You are probably familiar with these words:

**Proverb** and **Riddle**.

Can you explain those words? Give some examples!

## WHILST LEARNING

*Now, let's learn more about Proverb and Riddle by doing the exercises below!*

### ACTIVITY ONE

Match the proverbs to their meaning on the right column!

1. A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.
2. An empty vessel makes much noise.
3. Easy come, easy go.
4. Fall seven times, stand eight.
5. Good things come to those who wait.
6. Hope for the best, prepare for the worst.
7. It's never too late to mend.
8. Laughter is the best medicine.
9. Lightning never strikes twice in the same place.
10. Like a fish out of water.
11. Money doesn't grow on trees.
12. Pen is mightier than sword.
13. Practice what you preach.
14. The grass is greener on the other side of the fence.
15. There is no time like the present.
16. When in Rome, do as the Romans do.
17. Where one door shuts, another opens.
18. You can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar.
19. You can't win them all.
20. You should know which way the wind is blowing.

- Be willing to recover from any failure.
- Big things always begin from the small ones.
- Confusion often happens when we are in the new situation.
- Your behavior should be the same as what you say.
- A person will always have another chance when the previous is closed.
- A stupid person talks quite a lot.
- Adapting to the custom of a place where we visit is important.
- Anticipating what will happen is beneficial.
- Getting something without any efforts means losing it easily.
- There is always a chance to fix the wrong doing.
- Failure will sometimes come to us.
- Reward always comes to who is patient.
- Writing is more powerful than force.
- Persuading people with nice words is more influential than with harsh ones.
- We should be either optimistic or ready for bad thing to happen.
- Never lose this time and fill it always with the best you can do.
- Spend your money wisely.
- People never feel satisfied with their own and think others' is always better.
- Laughing can make us feel better and help the healing process.
- A person won't get the same bad thing twice.

## ACTIVITY TWO

Use the proverbs above to complete the dialogue!

**Journalist:** Firstly, I want to congratulate you for being the winner of this contest.

**Winner:** Thank you very much.

**Journalist:** You have got three prestigious awards. I want to know your opinion about people's thought that (...) due to winning a contest that is considered as an instant fame.

**Winner:** I thought it was right. However, after what I have been through, I totally disagree with them. Besides, maintaining popularity is more difficult than reaching it.

**Journalist:** (...). Did you experience this?

**Winner:** Yes, of course. Even I (...)

**Journalist:** I see. (...). Ok. The next question is how do you cope with the bullying on social media?

**Winner:** Hmm..., (...), isn't it? Well, fortunately, I have prepared myself for that, so it doesn't influence my life at all. I just want to go on my big dream. Sometimes, I can't stand laughing at the silly comments. (...) They quite entertain me and make me learn types of people and their perspective.

**Journalist:** Wow..., it's amazing seeing the young man like you who can control emotion, while I often hear a motivator gives good motivation, yet they show their great rage when commented negatively in social media.

**Winner:** Yeah, (...)

**Journalist:** May I have another question?

**Winner:** Take your time.

**Journalist:** Thank you. You become wealthy now. I often see that someone who became popular and made a lot of money in a young age ended their life in poverty. How can it be?

**Winner:** yea... Honestly, I don't know exactly how it can be, but I just think that (...) We should be smart in managing the money we get today. And one more thing that I want to remind is that we should enjoy whatever we do. If we chase the money, it will run. Therefore, working is not for money, but for giving the best for others and money will follow. This will avoid depression too as there are more and more people getting stressed due to their job.

**Journalist:** I agree. Depression comes from the thought that (...)

**Winner:** True, the desire to have more and more is natural actually, but it will depend on how we manage it. It can destroy or develop us.

**Journalist:** It's extremely nice to talk to you. Thank you for the time. May the best be with you!

**Winner:** Thank you for the wish.

## ACTIVITY THREE

**Match the riddles to their meaning!**

1. A home of wood in a wooded place, but built not by hand. High above the earthen ground, it holds its pale blue gems. What is it?
2. Three or four, I can stab through or rule the seas. You know my cousins. What am I?
3. What can be swallowed, but can swallow you?
4. What word of five letters has only one left when two letters are removed?
5. You can tumble in it, Roll in it, Burn it, Animals eat it, Used to cover floors, Still used beyond stall doors, Freshen whatever it is placed on, Absorb whatever is poured into it. What is it?
6. What kind of cup doesn't hold water?
7. Two bodies with ribs, exposed.
8. Precious stones in a pack of cards.
9. When young, I am sweet in the sun. When middle-aged, I make you gay. When old, I am valued more than ever.
10. He has one and a person has two, a citizen has three and a human being has four, a personality has five and an inhabitant of earth has six. What am I?
11. What is it that leaps and runs and yet, has no feet?
12. I love to dance and twist and prance, I shake my tail, as away I sail, wingless I fly into the sky. What am I?
13. A child playing on the beach had  $6\frac{1}{6}$  sand piles in one place and  $3\frac{1}{3}$  in another. If he put them together, how many sand piles would he have?
14. What starts with a P, ends with an E and has a million letters in it?
15. I have no wings but I fly, I have no teeth but I bite. What am I?
16. A blue house has blue bricks; a yellow house has a yellow bricks. What is a green house made of?
17. What type of dress can never be worn?
18. What has one eye but cannot see?
19. If I have it, I don't share it. If I share it, I don't have it. What is it?
20. More precious than gold, but cannot be bought, Can never be sold, only earned if it's sought, If it is broken it can still be mended, At birth it can't start nor by death is it ended.



**A cupcake,  
syllables,  
nest,  
A ball,  
Friendship,  
fork,  
One big file,  
A bullet,  
ladder,  
pride,  
A secret,  
hay,  
Address,  
wine,  
A needle,  
Glass,  
diamonds,  
Post-office,  
kite,  
a stone**

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## ACTIVITY FOUR

*LET'S PLAY A GAME WITH  
RIDDLES. PREPARE ONE  
RIDDLE, THEN ASK YOUR  
FRIEND TO GUESS IT!*

## CLOSING

**To review this chapter, answer the questions below!**

- 1. What is Proverb?**
- 2. What is the social function of Proverbs?**
- 3. What is a Riddle?**
- 4. What is the social function of Riddles?**

