

V.3. Expanding a Proverb

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their meaning. (Metaphors are comparisons made between two dissimilar things without using the words 8like9 or 8as9 to show that one of them has some quality of the other).

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time. To expand a proverb, you will have to explain its meaning and elaborate on its significance by using reasoning and giving examples from real life to convey its truth and wisdom clearly to the reader. A good paragraph written for expansion must have 1) unity of thought; (2) order; (3) coherence; (4) variety and (5) Expansion.

Some guidelines for expansion of proverbs:

- In the first instance, read the given proverb. Think about the proverb and understand its meaning, significance and implications.
- Think of one or two examples from real life, from books you have read and films you have watched or from other sources.
- Arrange your thoughts in the logical sequence and write the piece, using simple language and keeping to the usually allowed one-page limit.
- Make the opening and conclusion interesting and impressive.

Some examples of Expansion of Proverbs:

1. All that glitters is not gold.
2. Make hay while the Sun shines
3. Honesty is the best policy
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1. All that glitters are not gold

In life we meet a lot of people and come across numerous things. Many people appear to be extremely warm and friendly initially. However, in most cases as we get to know them, we find out that they are not that nice. Their actual personality is hidden behind the fake mask they wear to build relationships for their personal gain.

Similarly, we see several attractive things in the market. We feel the urge to purchase them and bring them home as they seem irresistible. However, when we begin to use them, we often realize that it only looks good at the surface level and is not very useful or is low quality. The famous saying, 'all that glitters is not gold' implies just the same.

As per this saying, we must not trust anyone easily. We must take our time to learn about a person before we establish a deep bond with them. Likewise, we must not purchase anything big only because it looks good. We must assess it, check its quality and utility and only then we must go for it. This also holds true for job and business opportunities and almost everything in life. Many things appear to be good from a distance but they are not actually good for u