



Common Sayings Exercise

1 Match the sayings with the situations (1- 6 with A – F; 7 – 12 with G – L).

Saying		Situation
1 Actions speak louder than words	..... A	Encouragement for someone who has received some bad news
2 Better to arrive late in this world than early in the next	..... B	People aren't what they say. They are what they do
3 Every cloud has a silver lining	..... C	If everybody helps, a big task can be completed easily
4 If at first you don't succeed, try, try and try again	..... D	A friend has failed their driving test
5 Look after your pennies and your pounds will look after themselves	..... E	The benefit of controlling how you spend your money
6 Many hands make light work	..... F	Someone is driving too fast
7 Money doesn't grow on trees	..... G	A friend has been insulted
8 (there's) No smoke without fire	..... H	Someone is scared of asking someone for a date
9 Nothing ventured, nothing gained	..... I	A lot of corruption rumours about a politician
10 Rome wasn't built in a day	..... J	Someone is trying to do a big job too quickly
11 Sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me	..... K	Having difficulties adapting to a new social group
12 When in Rome, do as the Romans do	..... L	A warning about spending money thoughtlessly

2 Write down some typical sayings in your language and explain them.

Saying	Explanation
1
2
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Answers

1 1B 2F 3A 4D 5E 6C 7L 8I 9H 10J 11G 12K

