

《与智慧有关的习语》

英语中与智慧有关的习语十分普遍，了解它们对于提高我们的英语水平很有帮助。下面就是一些常见的相关习语。

1. An ounce of

prevention is worth a pound of

cure.

直译为“一盎司的预防胜过一英镑的治疗”。其意思就是从一开始就细心准备，考虑周全的话，就不会失败。这句话十分地道，形象。下面有一个例子：

A:

Don't you think you should deal with this problem now?

B: I will do something

about it tomorrow.

A: An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of

cure.

2. Appearances are

deceiving.

这则典故出自伊索寓言中《老鼠与狮子》中的教训，告诫人们外表是欺骗人的东西。同样这句话也可以说成“Looks are

deceiving.” 下面是一个例子：

A: How's Alice doing? Are you going to fire her?

B:

Appearances are deceiving. She's the best assistant I have.

A: Really? I

didn't think she could do anything.

3. Brevity is the soul of

wit.

这是莎翁名著《哈姆雷特》中的人物尼斯的著名台词，意思是“简洁是智慧的精髓。”这句话对人说话，写作等都有重要的启迪。

A: I'm

supposed to give a speech today. Do you have any advice?

B: Just remember,

brevity is the soul of wit.

4. Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice,

shame on

me.

按照字面意思来看，这句话是说一次被骗是骗者的羞耻；两次被骗是受骗者的羞耻。其实是在告诫人们要善于吸取教训，引以为戒，否则一再受到损失就是自己的问题。下面给大家一个例子：

A:

I did a stupid thing. I lent John some money.

B: Again? This is the third

time.

A: I know. Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on

me.

5. Rules are made to be broken.

这句话源自1953年Arthur C. Clarke的

Expedition to Earth中的话告诫人们要摆脱思想的束缚敢于创新和挑战。

A: Let ' s order a pizza for

meeting.

B: But there ' s a rule against eating in the office.

A: Rules are

made to be broken.

6. The best thing comes in small

packages.

这是用于送礼物的说法，意思是放在小箱子里的礼物总是珍贵的。有时也可以说“ Precious diamonds come in small

packages. ”

A: What did George give you?

B: I don ' t know, but this package

is so tiny.

A: The best thing comes in small

packages.

当然这只是有关智慧的习语的一部分，平时学习中我们可以多加积累，不仅对提高英语水平有帮助，而且可以帮助我们深入了解英语国家的文化。

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