

## Proverbs

Proverbs are short traditional folk sayings and are one of the most widespread folklore genres among the Tajik people. A proverb (from Latin: proverbium) is a simple and concrete saying, popularly known and repeated, that expresses a truth based on common sense or experience. They can often be metaphorical and those that describe a basic rule of conduct may also be called as a maxim.

Proverbs reflect the historical reality and are resulted on the specific real-life social- cultural and moral experiences owning their own contexts.

For example:

The sun cannot be hidden under ones shirt.

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The tree branch full of fruit bends.

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Water cannot roll away the heavy rock.

Primary function of the proverbs is evidence proving someone point of view. People usually quote proverbs in their speech as a witness to their own reflections or words giving them historical grounds and proof.

Proverbs in education and training of the youth play important role thus many writers and scholars have also set proverbs and educational sayings.

For example:

Wrong goods never reach the right destination.

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If you sit with the moon you become like moon, if you sit with the cauldron you become like soot.

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Cow who does not give milk has a loud voice.

Some people use proverbs in their talks as a stylistic device to make their speech look elegant. Often the right use of the proverbs makes what has been said stronger and pleasant. In such manner some people can communicate much of their own thoughts and philosophies through the proverbs implying that what they say has historical grounds.

Proverbs are also metaphorical device and only in the context of the conversation or a written piece the complete meaning of them are found.

