

# CONTRADICTORY WISDOMS?

1. a. *Absence makes the heart grow fonder.*  
b. *Familiarity breeds contempt.*
2. a. *A penny saved is a penny earned.*  
b. *You can't take it with you.*  
c. *Pennywise, pound foolish.*
3. a. *Stupidity is doing the same thing over and over, expecting a different result.*  
b. *If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.*
4. a. *You can't tell a book by its cover.*  
b. *Where there's smoke, there's fire.*
5. a. *Better safe than sorry.*  
b. *Nothing ventured, nothing gained.*
6. a. *He who hesitates is lost.*  
b. *Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.*
7. a. *Two heads are better than one.*  
b. *Too many cooks in the kitchen spoil the broth.*
8. a. *A stitch in time saves nine.*  
b. *Haste makes waste.*
9. a. *Seek and ye shall find.*  
b. *Curiosity killed the cat.*
10. a. *Birds of a feather flock together.*  
b. *Opposites attract.*
11. a. *You're never too old to learn.*  
b. *You can't teach an old dog new tricks.*
12. a. *Hitch your wagon to a star.*  
b. *Don't bite off more than you can chew.*
13. a. *Look before you leap.*  
b. *Strike while the iron is hot.*
14. a. *The best things in life are free.*  
b. *There's no such thing as a free lunch.*
15. a. *The pen is mightier than the sword.*  
b. *Actions speak louder than words.*  
c. *Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me.*
16. a. *Don't judge a book by its cover.*  
b. *The clothes make the man.*
17. a. *Slow and steady wins the race.*  
b. *Time waits for no man.*

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