

Layers of Wisdom Answer Key

Sample Figurative Meanings

1. Don't depend on just one plan or opportunity; have backups.
2. You can offer help or guidance, but people must choose to act themselves.
3. Waiting for something makes it feel longer-patience is key.
4. Don't hurt or betray those who support you.
5. Those who complain or speak up often get attention or help first.
6. Adapt to the customs and behaviors of the place or people you're around.
7. Achieving something worthwhile often requires effort or sacrifice.
8. Words and ideas can be more powerful than violence.
9. Don't assume success before it actually happens.
10. You can't have two conflicting things at once; choices have consequences.

Teacher's Guide

- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - For emerging learners, discuss each proverb aloud before writing to build comprehension of figurative language.
 - Offer sentence frames such as "This proverb means that..." to support structured responses.
 - Challenge advanced students to identify modern equivalents or related idioms.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Have students illustrate the *literal* meaning versus the *figurative* meaning of one proverb.
 - Encourage learners to find non-English proverbs with similar meanings and compare interpretations.
 - Ask students to write short narratives that show the message of one proverb in action.