

Words of Conviction Answer Key

Sample Responses

You reap what you sow.

Example response: Life rewards effort and punishes carelessness. Students who study hard see the results in their grades, just as neglectful habits lead to poor outcomes. The proverb reminds us that choices have consequences, making it a timeless truth about responsibility and self-control.

(Any thoughtful, persuasive paragraph clearly explaining a proverb's truth can earn full credit.)

Teacher's Guide

- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Allow struggling students to use sentence starters such as "This proverb means..." or "For example..." to guide structure.
 - Encourage advanced students to incorporate rhetorical devices like parallelism or analogies.
 - Offer the option of oral presentations for students with strong speaking skills.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Host a "Proverb Debate" where pairs argue for and against the same saying.
 - Create a classroom "Wall of Wisdom" featuring each student's chosen proverb and best quote from their paragraph.
 - Allow students to pick a proverb and connect it to a trending topic or modern social issue.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Ask students to research the origins or cultural variations of their proverb.
 - Have them rewrite the proverb in modern slang or as a tweet, then explain its new form.
 - Encourage creative writing by having students build a short story or poem inspired by their chosen proverb.