



THE MEANING AND USAGE OF FAMILY RELATED QUOTES IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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ABSTRACT

This article is devoted to proverbs in English which are about family and its value, as well as the use of their meanings is given on the basis of examples. There are equivalents of some quotes are also given. English is a very rich language and has always been in the spotlight with its diverse idioms. Especially, proverbs about the importance and place of the family in particular intrigued me.

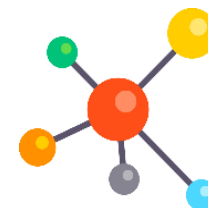
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INTRODUCTION

Folk proverbs, which emerged as a unique phenomenon of language, philosophy and artistic creation, are a concise form of folklore and a genre with a deep meaning. Such layers of art, each of which

can demonstrate the beauty of our language, the subtlety of our speech, the depth of our intellect and thinking with astonishing power, are a unique mirror of the centuries-old life experiences and way of life of



every nation. In this artistic mirror, his attitude to life, nature, man, family and society, socio-political, spiritual-enlightenment, moral-aesthetic and philosophical views, in short, he and his self are fully reflected.

Proverbs are found in all world languages and cultures and they are "often borrowed from other languages and cultures" (Hernadi & Steen,1999: 11; Fair,2000: 5) That is why proverbs are so widely used and have been used and are being used for centuries in live speech and interpersonal communication, in artistic, historical and scientific works, and in political and journalistic literature. Over the years, between the epochs, new ones have been created, and the range of meanings of the old ones - those that exist in living communication and language - has expanded or narrowed. Even a certain part of them has been forgotten. Because such a huge folklore heritage of the English people, from a folklore point of view, was almost not collected and studied until the following centuries. We should not conclude from this that folk proverbs are completely out of the focus of writers, poets and historians of the past. Proverbs are indispensable techniques of language and communication (Hernadi & steen, 1999:8) state that:

proverbs enhance the efficacy of human cognitions, emotions, and volitions by helping to streamline the mental and communicative processes through which beliefs, feelings and desires are articulated and shared in a species largely dependent for its continued survival on socially sanctioned individual decisions. Proverbs are needed to give us brief, memorable, intuitively convincing and socially sanctioned guidelines

Family is one of the most important concepts in our lives. The family is the priceless treasure not only of one country, but of all mankind. Because the survival and continuity of humanity is from the family! After all, the most important and urgent task of the family, in the language of spirituality, is the sacred task - to connect the chain of humanity with healthy and intelligent generations! This is an honorable task for all nations, all states, all peoples.

Every day we spend time with our loved ones, sharing our problems. From time immemorial, our ancestors have used various proverbs and wise sayings about the family. Smith, (1926, as quoted in Brooks 1981: 15), states that:

the subject matter of idiom is human life in its simpler aspects, prudent and foolish conduct, success and failure and above all human relations-the vivid attitudes and feelings of people intensely interested in each other and their mutual dealings-approval, but far more largely disapproval, friendly but more often hostile feelings, fallings out and makings up, rivalries and over reaching, reprobation, chastisement and abuse.

Idioms play a significant role in everyday life language. In this article we will see some proverbs. These proverbs have expressed the relationship between our family members. In particular, the English people have used certain proverbs or phrases to describe such relationships. These family quotes and family sayings are perfect for celebrating your love for your family members.

1)Blood is thicker than water.

This proverb implies that family relationships are more important and stronger than relationships outside the family. In other words, no matter what your family members are, they will always stand shoulder to shoulder with you, even if you are far away from them or upset.

Don't be so surprised that your friends left you, you know you can always rely on family. Blood is thicker than water.

2)Children are a poor man's riches.

The child is a supreme blessing, a priceless treasure that cannot be bought with any dice. Therefore, no matter how poor a person is, if he has a child, he is not considered poor at all.



This popular proverb says that a person's wealth is measured not only by material wealth, but also by the priceless blessing of God. Through the child, the name and hopes of the family continue. The children see everything (all hopes and dreams) of the poor in joy and perfection.

James may have barely gotten by, but he would have made any sacrifice to see his children succeed. Children are a poor man's riches.

3) Home is where the heart is.

This proverb means that the house is not just the building where you live, but it is the place that is most important to you. The house is the place where our umbilical cord blood flows, witness our first steps, share the most precious moments with our family. No matter where you are, no matter how great the place is, it won't be like your own home anyway. This proverb also understands that the house is not just a building, but it is the most important place for you. You are always striving towards it, even though you are in the best corner of the world.

Even though it had been 10 years since Sally had been back to her parent's house, when she walked in the door it immediately felt like home. Home is where the heart is.

4) Like father like son.

We use this proverb in situations where the son's character is very similar to that of the father. This is a situation that can be clearly seen from a young age. Often young boys imitate their fathers, and certain behaviors become very similar when they reach puberty. There is a very similar proverb that says "like mother like daughter" and it means the same thing. Apple does not fall far from the tree is appropriate one for this. It was used even earlier than 14th or 17th century A.D. It is the Bible – Ezekiel 16:44, "Like mother, like daughter," and expresses the same idea as "Like father, like son." Ezekiel was written anywhere between 593 B.C. and 571 B.C. So, it's at least 2,600

years old.

There are some synonyms of this idiom:

1. A bad bird, a bad egg.
2. As the old cock crows, the young one learns.

Billy gets into the same kind of trouble his father did when he was his age. Like father like son.

My mother and I both love to eat apple pie, and whenever my dad sees me eat it, he says like mother like daughter.

5) The apple doesn't fall far from the tree.

This proverb is used to explain that children are naturally inclined to behave like their parents. Children usually talk like their parents, eat what their parents eat, and love what their parents like.

It also represents the character of the children and the similarity in the professions they choose.

Mary looks exactly like her father, right down to her nose, the apple doesn't fall far from the tree.

6) A family that plays together stays together.

This proverb has changed over time. It was originally a family that 'prayed' together. However, now the phrase 'play together' has been introduced instead of 'pray'.

In all the good and bad days of life, family is sure to stand behind us. Therefore, a family that spends time together in a fun and enjoyable way will have close ties and strong relationships. It doesn't matter what the activity is.

My family and I go to the park every Saturday morning. You know what they say, a family that plays together stays together.



7) You can't choose your family.

This proverb initially seemed longer. "You can't choose your family, they are a priceless gift from God to you, just as you are to them." Right now, the saying goes that you can't choose your own family, which means that no matter what your family members are, they are an integral part of you.

It is usually used when someone in the family has done something very bad or harmed family members. It is designed to comfort the affected family members.

If your father is addicted to alcohol, it does not mean that you are responsible for the misdeeds he did while he was drinking. Or, if your mom has a light nature, that's used to mean that you don't mean the same. No matter what, you can't choose your family.

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