

# May Proverbs



Hindsight is the best insight to foresight.

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True proverbs are sayings that have been passed from generation to generation. They are usually based on common sense, contain some wisdom and are memorable.

In the past, May was a time to study the weather and weather in the month of May would forecast or predict what was expected to follow. People would read the landscape or look to the sky or the behaviour of animals to interpret changes in the weather.

## May Proverbs...

● A wet May and a dry June makes the farmer whistle a tune.

● Never cast a clout until May is out.



● Swarm in May is worth a load of hay; a swarm in June is worth a silver spoon; but a swarm in July is not worth a fly



## Task One: Check Proverb Understanding

Match the above proverbs to their meaning below...

● The later in the year it is, the less time there will be for bees to collect pollen from flowers in blossom

● Don't take your warm clothes off until the May blossom is out because cold weather can return during the spring months.

● The weather conditions in May and June would predict how successful the harvest would be for the farmer.

## Task Two: Proverb Short Story

Choose one of the proverbs above and write a short story around it.

Rule - You must not state the proverb saying in your story. Afterwards, read your short story to the class and get the class to guess the proverb your story is focused on.