

Fun with English proverbs

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Make a mountain out of a molehill

小題大做

This saying means that some people exaggerate a problem or a worry that isn't very important.

For example: Kingston encountered some problems in his work but he was very calm and patient, his mother was so worried about him but his wife comforted her and said, 'Don't worry! Kingston isn't the type of person who makes a mountain out of a molehill.'

Man does not live by bread alone

人不能單靠物質食糧生活。精神食糧也是一樣重要的

It means that a person's spiritual needs are just as important to his well-being as his physical and materialistic needs.

For example: Lilian thought she was a good daughter because she bought lots of presents to her mother. However, her friend disagreed and explained to her, 'Lilian, though you bought a lot of presents to your mother, I think man does not live by bread alone. So you should give more love and care to her. Pay a visit to your mother tonight then!'

Manners maketh man

一個人的禮貌和待人接物的方式。可顯露他的真面目

This proverb means that a man's true character is revealed by the way he conducts himself.

For example: My friend and I were dining and beside us was a good-looking businessman. My friend said, 'Oh, he's so smart and he must be a gentleman.' I disagreed and responded her, 'Manners maketh man, you see he has bad table manners and he speaks bad language to his wife. He is not a gentleman.'

Money talks

有錢使得鬼推磨

This saying means that people who have a lot of money generally find it much easier to gain favours and advantages.

For example: Mandy's aunt never has to wait for a table when she goes to a restaurant. Mandy said, 'My aunt has lots of money and she always gives big tips. Money talks.'

