
Famous quotations

WORKSHEET A

Exercise 1

Match the first half of each quotation (1–10) with the second half (a–j).

1. 'Tis better to have loved and lost
 2. Never explain – your friends do not need it
 3. Well done is better
 4. I'm President of the United States and
 5. To get back my youth I would do anything in the world,
 6. Words are, of course, the most
 7. We must learn to live together as brothers
 8. My one regret in life is that
 9. I never think of the future.
 10. I hear and I forget. I see and I remember.
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- a) I'm not going to eat any more broccoli! —*George H W Bush (1924–)*
 - b) I'm not someone else. —*Woody Allen (1935–)*
 - c) than never to have loved at all. —*Lord Alfred Tennyson (1809–1892)*
 - d) or perish together as fools. —*Martin Luther King, Jr (1929–1968)*
 - e) than well said. —*Benjamin Franklin (1706–1790)*
 - f) It comes soon enough. —*Albert Einstein (1879–1955)*
 - g) I do and I understand. —*Confucius (551–479 BC)*
 - h) except take exercise, get up early or be respectable. —*Oscar Wilde (1854–1900)*
 - i) and your enemies will not believe you anyway. —*Elbert Hubbard (1856–1915)*
 - j) powerful drug known to mankind. —*Rudyard Kipling (1865–1936)*

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WORKSHEET B

Exercise 2

Circle the incorrect homophones in each quotation. Write the correct word.

1. All truth passes threw three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident.
—*Arthur Schopenhauer (1788–1860)* _____
2. He who has a ‘why’ to live, can bare with almost any ‘how’.
—*Friedrich Nietzsche (1844–1900)* _____
3. Whether you think that you can, or that you can’t, you are usually write.
—*Henry Ford (1863–1947)* _____
4. Sometimes it is not enough that we do our best; we must due what is required.
—*Sir Winston Churchill (1874–1965)* _____
5. In science one tries to tell people, in such a way as to be understood by everyone, something that no one ever new before. But in poetry, it’s the exact opposite.
—*Paul Dirac (1902–1984)* _____
6. If you were ploughing a field, witch would you rather use: two strong oxen or 1,024 chickens?
—*Seymour Cray (1925–1996)* _____
7. I’m living sew far beyond my income that we may almost be said to be living apart.
—*e e cummings (1894–1962)* _____
8. I don’t know why we are hear, but I’m pretty sure that it is not in order to enjoy ourselves.
—*Ludwig Wittgenstein (1889–1951)* _____
9. Be nice to people on your way up, because you meat them on your way down.
—*Jimmy Durante (1893–1980)* _____
10. The man who goes alone can start today; but he who travels with another must weight till that other is ready.
—*Henry David Thoreau (1817–1862)* _____