

Proverbs

Cultures around the world use proverbs to illustrate various cultural morals and ideals of that society. Match the German proverb in the left column with the corresponding proverb from the right column.

Germany	United States
__1. Silence is golden.	A. From the frying pan into the fire.
__2. If you name the devil, he comes running.	B. To make a mountain out of a molehill.
__3. He who digs a trap for others will fall into it himself.	C. You cannot make an omelette without breaking eggs.
__4. From the rain into the gutter.	D. Silence is a blessing.
__5. To make an elephant out of a mosquito.	E. Bad news travel fast.
__6. You cannot build a wooden house without cutting trees.	F. What goes around, comes around.
__7. A sparrow in the hand is better than a dove on the roof.	G. Every dark cloud has a silver lining.
__8. Nothing is eaten as hot as it is cooked.	H. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

For each of the matched German-U.S. proverbs, list the common cultural value or values being stressed.

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In addition to proverbs, what other methods are used to teach the values of a culture?