A good beginning is half the battle.

A new broom sweeps clean.

Actions speak louder than words.

Easier said than done.

Every man is the architect of his own fortune.

He that will eat the kernel must crack the nut.

He who makes no mistakes, makes nothing.

Many hands make light work.

Mistakes are often the best teachers.

Such bird, such egg.

The workman is known by his work.

When fortune smiles, embrace her.

A burnt child dreads the fire.

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

Fortune favours the brave.

East or West, home is best.

Better late than never.

He laughs best who laughs last.

Barking dogs seldom bite.

First catch your hare, then cook him.

Hell is paved with good intentions.

He that never climbed, never fell.

No man can serve two masters.

Many words hurt more than swords.

Don’t wake sleeping dogs.

Jack of all trades and master of none.

Hunger is the best sauce.

People who live in glass houses should not throw stones.

Opportunity makes the thief.

to sweep: fegen
to fortune: Glück, Vermögen
to kernel: Kern
to dread: fürchten
to bark: bellen
hate: Hase
to pave: pflästern
to hurt: verletzen
jack: Geselle
opportunity: Gelegenheit