**Matching Exercise: Subjects and predicates of proverbs**

**Instructions:**

1. Duplicate the sentence subjects on colored paper, and the sentence predicates on paper of a contrasting color. Cut along the lines to make individual cards.
2. Distribute the cards with sentence subjects to half of the class, and the cards with corresponding sentence predicates to the other half of the class. (Give each student one card; set leftover cards aside.) Clarify the meaning of unknown words.
3. Students mingle with classmates who are holding cards of a contrasting color until they find a match that makes a complete proverb.
4. When students find a match, they confirm the match with the teacher and then walk to the front of the room with their partner. (Or they can “freeze” in place with their partner.)
5. Students read the proverbs aloud to the class.

**Variation:** Scatter the cards on a table. Students stand around the table and work collaboratively to match subjects and predicates.

**Note**: Each proverb is well known in the country listed below it. Of course, the proverb, or a version of it, might be well known in other countries as well.

***1. SUBJECTS***

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| A dog that barks all the time | Clouds that make thunder |
| The softest pillow | The person who knows the most |
| An ounce of prevention | The way to a man’s heart |
| Tomorrow | No flies |
| The nail that sticks up | The squeaky wheel |
| Bad news | An apple a day |
| Fish and house guests | A watched flower |
| Precious things | Two wrongs |
| A heart that loves | A liar |
| A journey of a thousand miles |  |

***2. PREDICATES***

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| doesn't get much attention.  Argentina | do not always make rain.  Armenia |
| is a clear conscience.  France | often speaks the least.  Spain |
| is worth a pound of cure.  United States | is through his stomach.  United States |
| is often the busiest day of the week.  Spain | enter a closed mouth.  Spain |
| gets hammered down.  Japan | gets the oil.  United States |
| travels fast.  United States | keeps the doctor away.  United States |
| stink after three days.  United States | never blooms.  China |
| come in small packages.  United States | don’t make a right.  United States |
| is always young.  Greece | needs a good memory.  Italy |
| begins with a single step.  China |  |