

Explanation of Common Sense Is Not Enough

- 29-1 A position which many people take is that they can work through their problems by so-called "common sense". The following frames are intended to indicate the shortcomings of this claim. A proverb is defined as, "A statement of long standing familiar truth," i.e., a statement that has been considered common sense for a long time. "Look before you leap" is an example of a _____, or common sense. (Proverb)
- 29-2 Which of the following means nearly the same thing as the proverb "Look before you leap?"
- A. Leaping and looking are good for your health
 - B. Think before you do something.
 - C. If you think before you do something, you may lose out.
 - D. You should never stop and think before you do something.
- (B)
- 29-3 Which of the following means nearly the same as the proverb "He/She who hesitates is lost?"
- A. Think before you do something.
 - B. Hesitation is the staff of life.
 - C. Hesitation is good.
 - D. If you stop and think before acting, you may lose out.
- (D)
- 29-4 What is the relationship between these two:
Proverb #1 "Look before you leap"
Proverb #2 "He/She who hesitates is lost." These two are:
- A. similar
 - B. opposite
- (B)
- 29-5 This is a good example of the fact that many things which we accept as common sense have a direct opposite which we also call common sense. Which of the following is the opposite of the proverb. "Out of sight, Out of Mind"?
- A. "Never too old to learn"
 - B. "You can't teach an old dog new tricks."
 - C. "Absence makes the heart grow fonder."
 - D. "Clothes make the man/woman."
 - E. "You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear."
 - F. "Great oaks from little acorns grow."
 - G. "Like father, like son, Like mother, like daughter."
- (C)
- 29-6 What is the relation of A & B in 29-5? _____ (opposite)
- 29-7 What is the relation of D & E in 29-5? _____ (opposite)