

## What is your favorite idiom, proverb, or saying?

Juan / Argentina



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action / ventured / matter / saying / rejection / proverb / risky / idiom / gained / no


Hello, my name is Cruz. I'm from Argentina. My question is, what is your favorite \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or saying?

Well, my favorite \_\_\_\_\_ is "nothing \_\_\_\_\_, nothing \_\_\_\_\_," which means if you don't take any chances or risks, you won't gain anything. So whenever you want to get something in your life, you will have to take \_\_\_\_\_.

No \_\_\_\_\_ what people say, \_\_\_\_\_ matter your fears, no matter \_\_\_\_\_, no matter things getting a little hard, there's no way things will happen just by staying home, lying in your bed.

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Answer Key

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Hello, my name is Cruz. I'm from Argentina. My question is, what is your favorite **idiom, proverb, or saying?**

Well, my favorite **saying** is “nothing **ventured**, nothing **gained**,” which means if you don't take any chances or risks, you won't gain anything. So whenever you want to get something in your life, you will have to **take action**.

**No matter** what people say, **no matter** your fears, **no matter rejection**, **no matter** things getting a little hard, there's no way things will happen just by staying home, lying in your bed.

So, you have to take things which are **risky** or which might be hard for you, or you might lose something, but it is the only way you can get to your goals.

Here are the **short definitions and examples** for the selected words and phrases from Cruz's response:

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## Vocabulary Explanations and Examples

1. **idiom**

**Meaning:** A group of words with a meaning different from the individual words.

**Examples:**

1. "Break the ice" is a common **idiom**.
2. "Spill the beans" is an **idiom** meaning to reveal a secret.

2. **proverb**

**Meaning:** A short, wise saying that gives advice.

**Examples:**

1. "Actions speak louder than words" is a **proverb**.
2. My grandmother always used **proverbs** to give advice.

3. **saying**

**Meaning:** A common expression or phrase that shares a truth or idea.

**Examples:**

1. "Better late than never" is a popular **saying**.
2. That **saying** really makes you think.

4. **ventured**

**Meaning:** Took a risk or tried something risky.

**Examples:**

1. He **ventured** into starting his own business.
2. She **ventured** to speak in front of a big crowd.

5. **gained**

**Meaning:** Got or achieved something.

**Examples:**

1. He **gained** confidence by practicing every day.
2. She **gained** experience from her part-time job.

6. **take action**

**Meaning:** To do something to make a change.

**Examples:**

1. You must **take action** if you want results.
2. It's time to stop thinking and **take action**.

7. **no matter**

**Meaning:** Regardless of; not affected by something.

**Examples:**

1. Keep going, **no matter** what others say.
2. I'll support you, **no matter** the result.

8. **rejection**

**Meaning:** Being refused or not accepted.

**Examples:**

1. **Rejection** is part of trying new things.
2. Don't fear **rejection**—just try again.

Let me know if you'd like these in table format or as a class worksheet! 😊