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Draw the line

做事要有分寸,適可而止

When we draw the line, we decide that there's a point beyond which we won't go, perhaps we could allow others to go if the thing really makes us feel uncomfortable or unhappy.

Example: My mother said: "Sometimes we have to draw the line and say 'that's enough, that's as far as you can go."

The early bird catches the worm 先下手為強

Those who act quicker than others are the ones most likely to achieve success or get what they want.

Example: Sally has studied a lot of courses but she still does not have any chance of promotion. She is very disappointed and her sister encouraged her and said: "Don't be disappointed, I always believe that the early bird catches the worm."

East or west, home is the best 月是故鄉明

No matter where you go, you are the happiest when you are at home.

Example: My boss had been to a lot of places but today he said: "I have been to places you folks haven't been, however, I would agree that east or west, home is the best."

Easy come, easy go

事物或金錢若易得亦會易失

Anything that is easily or quickly gained will be easily or quickly lost.

Example: Peter found some money on the bus but he spent it foolishly. He said: "Oh, easy come, easy go!"

Every dog has his day

就算是最倒運的人,也會有春風得意的一天

The most unfortunate person or dog has a day in which he finds something to cheer about.

Example: When things are bad, I am not discouraged because I know that sooner or later every dog has his day.