

Traditional Chinese Proverbs - Group 1

Proverb	寸金難買寸光陰。
In English alphabet	cun jin nan mai cun guang yin
Literal translation	Money cannot buy time.
English proverb	Time is more precious than gold.
Proverb	打腫臉充胖子。
In English alphabet	da zhong lian chong pang zi
Literal translation	Slap one's face until it's swollen in an effort to look imposing.
English proverb	Puff yourself up at your own risk.
Proverb	狗拿耗子，多管閑事。
In English alphabet	gou na hao zi duo guan xian shi
Literal translation	A dog trying to catch mice--too meddlesome.
English proverb	Poke one's nose into other people's business.
Proverb	井水不犯河水。
In English alphabet	jing shui bu fan he shui
Literal translation	Well water does not intrude into river water.
English proverb	I'll mind my own business, you mind yours.
Proverb	這山望著那山高。
In English alphabet	zhe shan wang zhuo na shan gao
Literal translation	When one stands on top of one mountain, he always feels the other mountain is higher.
English proverb	The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence.

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