

## African Proverbs

Every country has its own proverbs. Here are some from African countries.

*From the Masai of Kenya:*

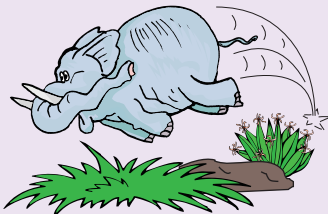
**"The children are the bright moon"**

**Meaning:** Children bring pleasure into the home like the full moon lights up the plains at night.

**"Do not go gathering fruit when a dance is taking place"**

**Meaning:** Perform every task in its right time.

**"The elephant can trip over a creeping plant"**



**Meaning:** Don't be over-confident, a small thing can bring you down.

*From the Congo of Central Africa:*

**"During the dry season it is better to befriend the owner of the canoe"**

**Meaning:** Look to the future.

*From the Togolese West Africa:*

**"The tears running down your face do not blind you"**

**Meaning:** Sadness doesn't kill.

*From the Bedouin of Nth Africa:*

**"You can live without a brother but not without a friend"**

**Thanks to Mati Akembe for sending these proverbs.**

## Wifely Whims

A woman shoots her husband.

Then she holds him under water for over 5 minutes.

Finally, she hangs him.

But five minutes later they both go out together and enjoy a wonderful dinner.

How can this be?

## Word of the Month

What's plastic, a metre long, brightly coloured and sounds like an elephant?

It's the **vuvuzela**, the noise-making trumpet of South African football fans, and it's come to symbolise the sport in the country.



It's been used in Africa for many years – the earliest form of **vuvuzela** was the kudu horn, blown to summon African villagers to meetings.

In 2010, when the FIFA World Cup will be held in South Africa, the **vuvuzela** will become much better known. And Lovatts readers will have heard it first.

## That's Odd!

This is an unusual paragraph. I'm curious how quickly you can find out what is so unusual about it? It looks so plain you would think nothing was wrong with it! In fact, nothing is wrong with it! It is unusual though. Study it, and think about it, but you still may not find anything odd. But if you work at it a bit, you might find out! Try to do so without any coaching!



## What am I?

**I have a double  
And I have a wife  
I'm the ruler of shovels  
But I'm thin as a knife  
What am I?**

## School Mottoes

Most school mottoes are fairly predictable, such as **"Truth And Knowledge"** or **"Diligence Will Conquer"**. Or so I thought, until I had another look. Perhaps it's the translation from Latin, but these university mottoes seem rather odd:

*University of Campeche in Mexico:*

**"From Mystery Without a Dawn to Triangles of Light"**

*University of Salamanca, Spain:*

**"What nature does not provide, Salamanca does not add"**

*University of Sydney:*

**"The stars change but the mind remains the same"**

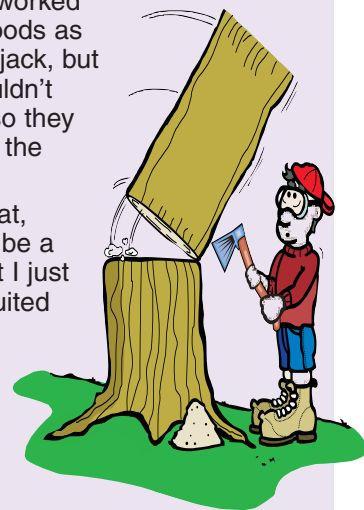
Send in any unusual school or university mottoes that you have heard.

## My Resume

My first job was working in an orange juice factory, but I got canned. I couldn't concentrate.

Then I worked in the woods as a lumberjack, but I just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.

After that, I tried to be a tailor, but I just wasn't suited for it – it was a sew-sew job.



## Startling Puzzle

Can you remove one letter at a time from the word 'startling' so that it still remains a word – right down to just one letter?

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