Common odia proverbs and their respective English meaning

- A bolt from the blue
- Pride goes before a fall
- Familiarity breeds contempt
- Too much courtesy too much craft
- Grasp all lose all
- Too much of anything is bed
- Too much of anything is good for nothing/Too far east is west
- Ill got ill spent
- Too much of anything is bed
- Give him an inch ,He will take a yard
- His dog is barking at him
- Beat about the bush
- Poverty is the mother of crime
- Crying in the wilderness
- God tempers the wind to the shorn lamb
- Money is the root of all evils
- Everyday is a holyday for sluggards
- A little learning is a dangerous thing
- Daggers daen
- Don't bargain for fish that are still in the water
- To build castles in the air

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- Out of sight, out of mind
- The yearly bird catches the worm
- Necessity knows no law
- He that is worm thinks all are so
- Every dog is a lion at home
- Every potter praises his pot
- If you leap into a well providence is not bound to fetch you out
- To the pure all things come pure
- Trouble trouble before trouble trouble
- No good apple on a sour stock
- All roads lead to roam
- Tempest in a tea cup
- All cats are grey in the dark / A black plum is as sweet as a white plum
- Scratch my back, I will scratch yours
- Honour thyself, honour buy
- Cut your coat according to your cloth
- Where there is a well there is a way
- Give one a good dressing
- Fortune favours the brave
- Tempest in a tea-pot
- Union is strength

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(To)Hunt with the hound and fly with the hare

(To be)Between horns of a dilemma

To add insult to injury/To add fuel to fire

Names and natures do not agree

(To)Fish in troubled waters

What is lotted cannot be blotted

(To)set a thief catch a thief

By hook or by crook

No pains no gains/No sweet with out sweat

(To)teach one’s grandmother to grope her ducks

Bells call others, but themselves enter not the church

A bad workman quarrels with his tools

One man’s loss is another man’s gain

(To)venture a small fish to catch a big one

Anger has no eyes

Plenty is the father of hunt,/The more you get the more you want/The more you have the more you wish

Let by gones be by gones/ It’s no use crying over spilt milk

A barking dog seldom bites

The poor suffer all the wrong

A prophet is seldom honoured in his own country

Between scylla and charibdys
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- (To)Count chickens before they are hatched
- (A)skeleton in the cupboard
- It takes two to make a quarrel
- His pockets are full of holes
- Physician heal thyself
- Cut off one’s nose to spite one’s face
- (To)wash one’s dirty lines in public
- His dog is barking at him
- He that stays.obtains
- (To)Cast pearls before swine
- Square peg in a round hole
- The pot calls the kettle black
- Good wine needs no blush
- None so blind as those who will not see
- It is easy to be wise after the event
- A guilty mind is always suspesious/ suspicion always hunts the guilty mind
- He that does ill hates the light
- Abundandance like want spoils many
- (To)Rob peter to pay paul
- Tempest in a teapot
- Riches have wings

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A guilty mind is always suspicious

A great tree attracts the wind/Burdens are for shoulders strong enough to carry them

Stones are hard everywhere

Empty vessel sounds much

(To)Make a mountain of a mole hill

Morning shows the day

Whispered words are heard afar

(To) Carry coal to Newcastle

Fate rules everybody/Man proposes.god disposes/Fate leads the willing but drives the stubborn

Have two strings to one bow

Nearer the church father from heaven

No rose without a thorn

Blue are the faraway hills

The hand that gives,gathers(obtains)

Slow and steady wins the race/Little strokes fell great oaks

(To)Catch one on the hips

(To)Trouble trouble before trouble trouble

The nobler the number

Doctors differ

Half a loaf is better than no loaf/Something is better than nothing
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- No smoke without a fire
- Mind your own business
- Wisdom goes not by years
- You are a fool to steal if cannot conceal
- Let bygones be bygones/It’s no use crying over spit milk
- They who live in glass houses should not throw stones/Who has skirts of straw, needs fear the fire
- Teach ane a lesson
- Ill gotten ill spent
- Spare to speak and spare to speech
- A cracked bell won’t sound well
- Burdens are for shoulders strong enough to carry them
- A tree is known by its fruit/The proof of the pudding lies in the eating
- Fools rush in where angels fear to tread
- Indolence is the mother of poverty
- Swim with the stream
- Much ado about nothing
- too many cooks spoil the broth
- When the cast is away, the mice will play
- Misfortune never comes alone
- Bolt from the blue
- Wolf in sheep

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We live in deeds, not in years

Service to mankind is service to God

Fair words fill not the belly. Sweet words butter no parsnips

Crows have cares, uneven lies the head that wears a crown

There’s no argument like that the stick

A beggar can never be bankrupt

Black will take no other hue. A leopard will not change its spots

Silence is consent

Death before dishonour

The burnt child dreads the fire

Where God will help nothing does harm

Faults are tick when love is thin

Harm hatch, harm catch. He that mischief hatches mischief catch
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Shallow streams make the most din/ Empty vessel sounds much

Soon ripe soon rotten

The sooner the better

A sleeping lion has no share

It is no secret that is known to three

Rain before seven.fine before eleven

Birds of a feather flock together

All things come to him that waits

A drop in the ocean

Everybody’s business is no body’s business

Wheels within wheels

Handsome is that handsome does

Pennywise pound foolish

The very ruins of greatness is great

Look before you leap

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