

## ICC Task 5: How core values are reflected in the language

### Individual reflection:

What is the message or wisdom behind the following proverbs?

Good fences make good neighbours.

Every cloud has a silver lining.

Life is what you make it.

There's no time like the present.

Actions speak louder than words.

Home is where the heart is.

What possible cultural values do you discover behind the proverbs above? See the list below for some examples:

*Independence, positive attitude, time consciousness, optimism, future orientation, flexibility*

Any other values? Think about equivalents in your language. Do all these proverbs exist in your language? Are these values just as important in your culture as in English-speaking countries?

### Pair or group work:

Pair up with someone or form small groups and compare your answers.

What are the similarities and differences between the core values conveyed by the English proverbs and your own culture's core values as reflected in your proverbs?

How might these values influence students' behaviour in a classroom?

Do we all follow the cultural wisdom reflected in our proverbs? Why or why not?

What does this activity teach us about intercultural awareness and the need to question stereotypes?

