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Directions: Read each proverb below and circle the meaning you think is correct.

- Goals:
1. To practice reading.
 2. To understand word meanings.

1. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.
 - a. Holding a bird is more fun than seeing it in the bushes.
 - b. It's fun to tame a bird.
 - c. One dollar in your hand is worth two dollars that someone promised to give you.

2. Haste makes waste.
 - a. Mr. Haste makes waste paper baskets.
 - b. You may make mistakes if you hurry.
 - c. Haste is a new product that is wasteful.

3. Too many cooks spoil the broth.
 - a. Three chefs swimming in the broth ruin the taste.
 - b. Something can be ruined if too many people are involved.
 - c. Making soup is difficult.

4. Don't cry over spilled milk.
 - a. It's no use getting upset over a mistake.
 - b. You may lose your balance and fall into the milk.
 - c. Salty tears and milk make a terrible drink.