

# KIND WORDS?!

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The following proverbs, comparisons and similes are found in every day speech:

- *Give a dog a bad name and hang him*
- *It is a good horse that never stumbles, and a good wife that never grumbles*
- *There are many ways to skin a cat*
- *As brainless as a chimpanzee*
- *As stubborn as a mule*
- *As spiteful as a monkey*

## THE LESSON

Select **one** of the sayings and explain the rationale behind it.

1. *In today's enlightened climate, would the statement still have any relevance?*
2. *Can it be justified?*
3. *Is it derogatory or complimentary?*
4. *Is it archaic or contemporary?*
5. *Can you say the same thing in a different way?*
6. *Give an example.*
7. *Are these animals worthy of and/or entitled to respect?*
8. *Substantiate your viewpoint.*