

**Worksheet 2. The Palm-Oil of Conversation**

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: Your teacher will assign you a chapter of *Things Fall Apart*. Skim through the chapter and identify three proverbs. Read carefully the section of the chapter that the proverb comes from to understand its context and meaning. Copy each proverb below and then explain what it says about the values of Igbo society.

Example: Proverb: "When mother-cow is chewing grass its young ones watch its mouth." (Chapter 8)  
Meaning: Children should and will learn by following the example of their elders.

1. Proverb \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Proverb \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Proverb \_\_\_\_\_  
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Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_  
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