

Unit 3 Written quiz audio script

(Track 4)

- Man* Hey, Jen. I'm looking at these Chinese proverbs on the Internet. They're pretty cool. Listen to this one: "Some prefer carrots, while others like cabbage."
- Jen* Cute. What does it mean?
- Man* Can't you guess?
- Jen* Oh. Well, I can try. What was it again?
"Some prefer carrots . . ."
- Man* ". . . while others like cabbage."
- Jen* OK. It must be about how different people like different things.
- Man* Yup. That's basically what it says. How about this one? "Even a rabbit will bite if it's cornered."
- Jen* Uh, that must mean something like, "Even shy people will fight back if they're put in a difficult situation."
- Man* Exactly.
- Jen* This is fun! Read me some more.
- Man* OK. How about: "Paper can't wrap up fire"?
- Jen* Let's see. Paper burns if you wrap it around fire. . . . I don't know. What does that mean?
- Man* Well, apparently, it has something to do with honesty. You can try to lie about something, but it won't work. Sooner or later, people will find out the truth.
- Jen* Hmm. That one wasn't so easy.
- Man* OK, here's a really hard one: What does it mean to say something is like "taking apart a bridge just after you crossed it"?
- Jen* Taking apart a bridge. . . . No idea.
- Man* I'm not surprised, actually. It's about people you can't trust. Like the kind of people who take advantage of you and then pretend nothing happened.
- Jen* Wow. I get the *idea*, but that's really hard to understand.
- Man* I know. But these proverbs are pretty interesting, don't you think?
- Jen* Uh-huh.