

Unit 12 Quiz audio script

A [Track 13] Listen to a conversation between a student and his advisor. Then check the correct answers.

Advisor: Hi, Cal. Please sit down. What can I help you with today?

Cal: I'm just having some problems adjusting, and I need some advice.

Advisor: OK, what are you having trouble with?

Cal: Well, I can't seem to understand my professor's accent. I've been studying Mandarin for four years, and it's discouraging to have to ask her to repeat herself all the time!

Advisor: That's understandable. But you've only been here a few weeks. Be patient. By next month, your Mandarin comprehension will have improved.

Cal: I guess so. I didn't realize there were so many different types of accents! My classmates are hard to understand, too!

Advisor: Well, you can't expect everyone to sound the same. Where you're from, people have different accents, don't they?

Cal: You're right, of course. I just worry about doing poorly in class.

Advisor: I'm sure your professor understands that it takes time to adjust to a new language.

Cal: I hope so. There's something else, too.

Advisor: What's that?

Cal: Well, you see, I'm vegetarian, and when I went out with my professor and classmates for lunch, they kept offering me meat. I felt rude refusing it.

Advisor: Hmm. I can speak to your professor about that, if you'd like.

Cal: Could you? Of course, I want to be culturally sensitive, but I just don't eat meat.

Advisor: I'm sure your professor will understand after I talk to her.

Cal: Thanks a lot. I feel a lot better now.