



## And the moral is...

### 1. Complete the story below with the correct form of the verbs in brackets

One afternoon, Socrates \_\_\_\_\_ (stand) outside the gates of Athens, when he \_\_\_\_\_ (notice) a traveler who \_\_\_\_\_ (stare) at him for a long time. Socrates \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) the man why he \_\_\_\_\_ (come) to Athens. "I'm thinking of moving to Athens", he said. "What is like to live here?". Socrates \_\_\_\_\_ (look) at him. "First, would you tell me what it was like in your home town?" The man replied "oh, it was awful, everyone stabs you in the back and wants to make money from you" Frowning, Socrates \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) him "Well, you will find the same thing here, I suggest you go somewhere else".

Socrates \_\_\_\_\_ (stand) there a few hours more when another man \_\_\_\_\_ (approach) him. This man too \_\_\_\_\_ (just arrive) in Athens and he \_\_\_\_\_ (consider) moving to the city. He too asked Socrates "Can you tell me what it is like to live here?" Socrates asked him, "First, would you tell me what it was like in your previous home city?" "Where I come from, the people all work together and help each other", said the man. "Kindness is everywhere and you are never treated with anything but complete respect." "Well you will find the same thing here, \_\_\_\_\_ (reply) Socrates "Welcome to Athens".

### 2. Match the halves of the sayings. What do you think they mean?

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| a. Every cloud              | 1. there's hope.        |
| b. What goes around,        | 2. do as the Romans do. |
| c. Where there's smoke,     | 3. twice shy.           |
| d. Once bitten,             | 4. when we come to it.  |
| e. When in Rome,            | 5. there's fire.        |
| f. Where there's life,      | 6. comes around.        |
| g. Nothing ventured,        | 7. has a silver lining. |
| h. Let's cross that bridge. | 8. nothing gained.      |

### 3. Complete the conversations with one of the sayings in Exercise 2.

1 A: Shall I enter the talent show?

B: Oh, go on! After all, \_\_\_\_.

2 A: Did you eat snake in China?

B: Yes, you know what they say: \_\_\_\_.

3 A: Joe was fired but now he's found an even better job!

B: Really? Well, \_\_\_\_.

4 A: You should buy your new phone online.

B: No, last time my card details were stolen.  
\_\_\_\_\_.

5 A: Since my accident, Pam's been so helpful.

B: You were always there for her. \_\_\_\_.

6 A: Alain said he wasn't dating Kim.

B: Well, I've seen them together, and \_\_\_\_.

7 A: What happens with our picnic if it rains?

B: I think it's unlikely but anyway, \_\_\_\_.

8 A: The company can't survive another year!

B: Look, we're still in business and \_\_\_\_.