

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 181 [English]

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 181 .

Hello everyone , I'm Kirin .

Raphael: Hello everyone , I'm Raphael .

Adam: And hello, I'm Adam. Remember me?

Kirin: Welcome to Taiwan and our progressive course teaching Chinese .

Raphael: This is the first lesson of level four .

Kirin: Wow ! We have already reached level four . We have already studied 180 lessons now .

Raphael: That's right . Do you think there are people who have listened to all one hundred and eighty lessons ?

Kirin: I believe there definitely are . If they understand our most recent lessons taught , their Chinese must now be pretty good .

Raphael: You're right . The lessons we've been doing recently are certainly more difficult . So if you understand most of the words , I feel you must be really good !

Kirin: So what topic are we going to discuss today ?

Raphael: Today we are going to describe our website , and what features there are to help you .

Kirin: Ok, let's begin .

Raphael: Today I want to use a new method to teach you today's new words .

Kirin: What method ?

Raphael: Usually during our lesson , we always see new words then explain them . Today we are first going to teach you the new words that we are going to use in a moment , then you can try to look for , where we used these words . Let's begin .

Kirin: Member .

Adam: Member.

Kirin: To join .

Adam: "To participate in." It is commonly used with member , giving us

Kirin: To become a member

Adam: meaning “to become a member”.

Kirin: Free of charge .

Adam: Free of charge.

Raphael: Ok, so these are the new words we are going to use today .

Kirin: You know , we are already approaching two hundred lessons ? In most of the lessons , we taught you some new words . I think to take these words and remember all of them is really difficult .

Raphael: You are right . But you need to know , in our website , there are many different parts that can help you study .

Kirin: Oh, which parts ?

Raphael: Ok, the first part is the lesson we teach you . Just like the one you are listening to now . I suggest that our students first listen to our lesson .

Kirin: Sounds pretty simple .

Raphael: In our lesson , or on our website , while listening , you can see the new words for this lesson in pinyin .

Kirin: Wow ! How convenient . So what if they want to look at the Chinese characters ?

Raphael: In that case they can first become a member , then they can see the Chinese characters for each lesson .

Kirin: Oh, so if you become a member , you can then see the Chinese characters for each lesson .

Raphael: Just like the lesson we are teaching you now , it's completely free . But members also have other special features they can use .

Kirin: What features for example ?

Raphael: In our course , the lessons at the beginning were simpler , since most of the lessons , explained everything clearly in English .

Kirin: What about the later lessons then ?

Raphael: Later lessons are more difficult , just like this lesson , most of it is explained in Chinese .

Kirin: So if while explaining , we use a word that we taught a long time back , but the student forgot what this word means , what can they do ?

Raphael: Ah, so we have another feature that members can use . In every lesson , members can see all the English translations . So they can look up for themselves , the meanings of the words that aren't clear to them .

Kirin: Wow ! Very useful . So are there other features that members can use ?

Raphael: There are many . In many lessons , we also have review lessons . In the review lessons , there is a review dialogue , as well there are some questions that can you help you better remember that lesson's new words .

Kirin: In many other Chinese courses , the biggest problem is , they don't review the new words that they teach .

Raphael: Right . So students will very quickly forget the words they learned .

Kirin: So why do students keep using these type of courses ?

Raphael: That's a good question . But I don't know how to answer it . That's okay . In our course , we will always try to repeat the words we taught you before , to help you remember those words .

Kirin: As well, in Chinese , many words , sometimes have different meanings .

Raphael: Right, so if in a different dialogue , you hear a word again , this way you can better understand its meaning .

Kirin: Ah, I have another question . Many foreigners find , that learning words is the hardest part about studying Chinese . In our website , are there any features to help study Chinese characters ?

Raphael: Of course there are . We have a "flashcard" section . It has a test for each lesson , it will let you know which words are easy for you or more difficult . This way you can focus on studying the new words that are most difficult to you .

Kirin: But how does it know which words are more difficult for you ?

Raphael: It's very smart !

Kirin: Wow ! If it's really this way , that would definitely be helpful to each premium subscriber .

Raphael: As well, recently we added a feature to teach you how to write Chinese characters . In every lesson , we will teach you some new characters , this way you can better understand , when to use these characters .

Kirin: Sounds like our website has many very useful features . I know that our lessons , can improve our students' listening abilities . Now if they would like to improve their speaking ability , is there any feature that can help them ?

Raphael: I'm very happy that you asked me this question . In many lessons , we have some practice questions , that students have to use their own Chinese ability to answer .

Kirin: I don't understand what you're saying .

Raphael: For example , right now we have a lesson related to pets , the practice question might be do you have any pets ? What kind ? This way you have to find by yourself the words you need to answer this question .

Kirin: But how do you know if your answer is right , or wrong ?

Raphael: Hmm, after they answer , our teachers will first see if their answers have any problems , then answer them .

Kirin: Wow ! Really ? So if we have a new student , and they are not yet sure if they want to become a member , can they first try out these features ?

Raphael: Yes they can . In every level, the first four lessons , have some free features . So everyone can try them out . If they like them , they can become a member .

Kirin: Sounds fair . I'm happy that there are so many people who want to study Chinese .

Raphael: Right . I am also happy , that we can help them out . So please go to our website chineselearnonline.com and try out some of the features we talked about .

Kirin: We'll see you next time !