

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 183 (English)

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 183 .

Hello everyone , I'm Kirin .

Raphael: Hello everyone , I'm Raphael .

Adam: And hello, I'm Adam.

Kirin: Welcome from Taiwan to our progressive course teaching Chinese . What are we studying today ?

Raphael: Today I want to continue the topic from our last lesson .

Kirin: Oh, what was the topic in our last lesson ?

Raphael: I moved to a new apartment , Did you forget ?

Kirin: Ah, I remember now .

Raphael: In Asia , many people live in apartments . But we also have another kind of place you can live in .

Kirin: House .

Adam: "House."

Raphael: Right, so what we want to discuss today is , in an apartment or house , what items can we see .

Kirin: What do you mean ?

Raphael: For example beds , tables , and chairs are all what kind of things ?

Kirin: Hmm, they are all "furniture" .

Adam: The literal meaning here is "home equipment", which means "furniture."

Kirin: Furniture .

Raphael: Right, so let's first look at what furniture you would see in a living room .

Kirin: Sofa .

Raphael: "Shāfā" sounds a lot like its English counterpart .

Adam: It's a transliteration of "sofa."

Raphael: Usually in most houses , there is a table in front of the sofa . This table , has another name

Kirin: Coffee table .

Raphael: In English , this table is called a "coffee table" . But in Chinese , we call it a "tea table" .

Kirin: Right, because usually what we drink at home is tea , not coffee .

Raphael: "Jī" is a kind of small table .

Kirin: Coffee table .

Adam: “Coffee table.”

Raphael: So are there any other kinds of tables in the house ?

Kirin: Dining table .

Raphael: Ah, this is the “cān” in “cāntīng” (restaurant) , and the “zhuō” in “zhuōzi” (table) .

Adam: “Dining table.”

Raphael: In your house , where can we find the dining table ?

Kirin: Hmm, in my house , the dining table is in the kitchen .

Raphael: My house is also the same , but in bigger houses , where is the dining table ?

Kirin: Dining room .

Raphael: It’s the “fàn” (food) in “chīfàn” , and the “tīng” (hall) in “kètīng” .

Adam: The literal meaning is “food hall” and that refers to a “dining room.”

Kirin: Dining room .

Raphael: Ok, at home , are there any other kinds of tables ?

Kirin: Study table .

Raphael: Ah, on the study table , normally we see many books .

Adam: “Study table.”

Kirin: Study table .

Raphael: Study tables are normally in the bedroom , but in bigger houses , where will the study table be ?

Kirin: Study room .

Raphael: Right it’s a room where you can put books .

Adam: “Study room.”

Kirin: Study room .

Raphael: At home , If you have many small things , that you don’t want to put outside , where can you put these small things ?

Kirin: Cupboard / cabinet .

Adam: “Cupboard” or “cabinet.”

Raphael: At home , we can also see many kinds of cabinets . For example, what are the cabinets in the study room called ?

Kirin: Bookcase .

Adam: “Bookcase.”

Raphael: As well in the bedroom , the cabinet where you put clothes is called

Kirin: Closet / Wardrobe .

Adam: “Wardrobe or closet.”

Kirin: Wow, today’s lesson has a lot of new words .

Raphael: Right, but many of the new words , have characters that we have already taught before . For example we have taught both characters in “shūfǎng” (study room) before . So if you know the meanings of “shū” (book) and “fángjiān” (room) , you should be able to guess the meaning of “shūfǎng” (study room) .

Kirin: Ah, I understand now . In Chinese , there are many words of this kind .

Raphael: Right . Ok, let’s take a moment to review the new words we taught you today .

Kirin: House .

Adam: House

Kirin: Furniture .

Adam: Furniture

Kirin: Sofa .

Adam: Sofa

Kirin: Coffee table .

Adam: Coffee table

Kirin: Dining table .

Adam: Dining table

Kirin: Dining room .

Adam: Dining room

Kirin: Study table .

Adam: Study table

Kirin: Study room .

Adam: Study room

Kirin: Cupboard / cabinet .

Adam: Cupboard or cabinet

Kirin: Bookcase .

Adam: Bookcase

Kirin: Closet / Wardrobe .

Adam: Closet

Raphael: In our website , you can also see the names of some other furniture .

Adam: This is the third lesson of our four lesson preview for level 4 of our course, so you’re all welcome to take a look at the premium features available for this lesson on our website chineselearnonline.com.

Kirin: Continue to keep at it !