Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 130 [English]

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 130 .

Kirin: Hello everyone ，I'm Kirin .

Raphael: Hello everyone ，I'm Raphael .

Adam: And hello, I'm Adam.

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

Raphael: Today's topic is "shopping" .

Kirin: Oh, I love to shop .

Raphael: Yes ! Many people like to come to Asia to shop and buy stuffs . But the problem is ，men and women like different things .

Kirin: So what to do then ?

Raphael: I don't know either . Let's first listen and take a look at today's dialogue ，ok ?

Kirin: Ok, let's first listen to today's dialogue at normal speed .

Cindy: This department store recently has a lot of new things to look at . Let's go window shopping .
Yann: Ok, which area would you like to shop at ?
Cindy: I want to look at make-up .
Yann: That's boring for me . Alternatively, while you are shopping there ，I'll go shop at electronics section ，ok ?
Cindy: Ok, let's meet at 3 o'clock at the first floor information desk .

Raphael: Let's listen again to today's dialogue at a slower speed . Please repeat after Kirin .

Kirin: This department store recently has a lot of new things to look at . Let's go window shopping .
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Raphael: Let's now explain today's dialogue . The first line is

Kirin: This department store recently has a lot of new things to look at .

Raphael: The first new word of the lesson is a place .

Kirin: Department store .

Adam: The first two characters literally mean "100 products." The latter two characters refer to company. So here we have a company that sells a lot of different products. And that's the term used for department store.

Kirin: Department store .

Adam: So what about the department store?

Kirin: This department store recently has a lot of new things to look at .

Raphael: The "guàng" (stroll) is the "guàng" (stroll) in "guàng jiē" (window shop) . Do you remember what "guàng jiē" means ?

Adam: We saw that in lesson 115, meaning "to window shop." So the meaning here is "This department store recently has a lot of new things to look at."

Raphael: She then says

Kirin: Let's go window shopping .

Adam: "Let's go window shopping."

Raphael: The man then asks .

Kirin: Ok, which area would you like to shop at ?

Raphael: We have studied all these words before . What do you think it means ?

Adam: "Ok, which area would you like to shop at?"

Kirin: Ok, which area would you like to shop at ?

Raphael: The young woman then replies .

Kirin: I want to look at make-up .

Raphael: Here we have another new word, “huà zhuāng” (make-up) .

Adam: That refers to the act of putting on make-up.

Raphael: Next, at the end of this sentence ， we have the “pǐn” (products) in “shípǐn” (food products) .

Adam: That you may remember refers to “products.” So together

Kirin: Make-up products

Adam: means “make-up products.” So she wants to go look at make-up.

Kirin: I want to look at make-up .

Raphael: The young man then says .

Kirin: That’s boring for me .

Raphael: We have studied all these words before . What do you think this sentence means ?

Adam: The literal meaning here is “That for me very boring.” In other words, “I’d find that quite boring.”

Kirin: That’s boring for me .

Raphael: He then says .

Kirin: Alternatively, while you are shopping there .

Raphael: Our next new word is

Kirin: Alternatively .

Raphael: This new word is often used .

Adam: This word has a few different meanings, depending on context along the lines of “else” or “otherwise.” In this context, it means “alternatively.”

Kirin: Alternatively, while you are shopping there .

Adam: “Alternatively, while you are shopping there.”

Raphael: He then says .

Kirin: I’ll go shop at electronics section ，ok ?

Raphael: Do you remember what “diàn” (electric) means ?

Adam: That means “electric.” The noun particle added to it here changes it to “electronic.”

Raphael: We then have the “shāng” (trade) in “shāng diàn” (store) along with the “pǐn” (product) in “shípǐn” (food products) .

Adam: and together

Kirin: Electronic products

Adam: refers to “electronic products.” So in this case he is suggesting that he go shop at the electronics section.

Kirin: I’ll go shop at electronics section ，ok ?

Raphael: The lady then replies .

Kirin: Ok, let’s meet at 3 o’clock at the first floor information desk .

Raphael: Do you remember what “yì lóu” (first floor) means ?

Adam: That means “1st floor.”

Raphael: What does the “fúwù” (service) in “fúwù yuán” (service person) mean ?

Adam: And that means “service.”

Raphael: At the end we have a new character .

Kirin: Counter .

Adam: The counter there refers to a counter; so together

Kirin: Service Counter .

Adam: means “service counter,” which in the context of a department store is “the information desk.”

Kirin: Ok, let’s meet at 3 o’clock at the first floor information desk .

Adam: So, the literal meaning here is “Ok, we 3 o’ clock at 1st floor service counter meet.” In other words, “Ok, we’ll meet at the first floor information desk at 3 o’clock.”

Kirin: Ok, let’s meet at 3 o’clock at the first floor information desk .

Raphael: Let’s listen again to today’s dialogue at a slowed down speed . Please repeat after Kirin .

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Raphael: Let’s listen again to today’s dialogue at normal speed .

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Adam: For more practice with this and earlier lessons, listen to the podcast review for this and earlier lessons, available to premium subscribers at ChineseManual.com

Kirin: Continue to keep at it !