

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 241 [English]

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 241 .

Hello everyone , I am Teacher Yang .

Raphael: Hello everyone , I am Teacher Lai .

Adam: And hello, I'm still Adam.

Kirin: Welcome to our learning Chinese course .

Raphael: Today is the first lesson of level five .

Kirin: Right, so from now on , our level will be higher , and more difficult . Now how come when we just introduced ourselves , we used our Chinese names ?

Raphael: Ah, because in China , people don't use English names that often . So from now on , we will use our Chinese names to introduce ourselves .

Kirin: Usually when students address their teachers , they use the teacher's last name with the word teacher . So for example my last name is Yang , so my students can call me Teacher Yang .

Raphael: And I'm Teacher Lai . So what is Adam's Chinese name then ?

Adam: Adam .

Kirin: But since he's our English translator , he doesn't really need to use his Chinese name .

Raphael: So how come Adam's Chinese name is Yadang , búshì Adam ne ?

Kirin: Because if you want to use Chinese to write Adam , we don't have the character A , or the character dam . So normally we will look for some Chinese characters that sound similar . For example Adam and Yadang .

Raphael: Hmm, very interesting . Now let's let our students listen to a few Chinese names , they can then guess what those English names are .

Kirin: Ok, let's start . Henry .

Adam: Henry.

Kirin: Peter .

Adam: Peter.

Kirin: Susan .

Adam: Susan.

Raphael: On our website , we have also put the English translations of some other names . So you can visit our website and take a look .

Kirin: So do foreigners also have to translate their last names ?

Raphael: Umm, actually there are two methods . In China , most names only have two or three characters . The first is their last name . The second and third characters are their names . So if a foreigner wants to live in China , he should probably choose a Chinese name , to be more like other Chinese .

Kirin: Now if we want to discuss famous foreigners , what names would we call them by ?

Raphael: Ah, just like Adam's Chinese name is Yadang , we can also use Chinese to translate their English names . Let's listen to some famous foreigners' Chinese names , you can guess who they are .

Kirin: Tom Cruise .

Adam: Tom Cruise.

Kirin: Michael Jackson .

Adam: Michael Jackson.

Kirin: Jackie Chan .

Adam: Jackie Chan.

Raphael: How come Jackie Chan's English name doesn't sound like his Chinese name ?

Kirin: Because he's Chinese .

Raphael: Oh, ok . The next the new word we want to introduce is

Kirin: Title .

Adam: Title.

Raphael: In Chinese culture , when we discuss things with others, we use their titles , this is more polite . Let's now look at some examples of titles . The first few are basic titles .

Kirin: Mister .

Adam: Mister.

Kirin: Mrs .

Adam: Mrs.

Kirin: Miss .

Adam: Miss.

Kirin: Doctor .

Adam: Doctor.

Kirin: Teacher .

Adam: Teacher.

Kirin: So when we address someone , how do we know what title to use ?

Raphael: You can see what the relationship is between you and this person . For example at home , we can also hear some titles , like big brother, little brother, older sister, younger sister etc . Let's take a moment to review the new words taught to you today . But we'll do things differently from before , we will first give you the English meaning , you can then give us the Chinese translation .

Kirin: Oh, this method seems more difficult .

Raphael: Right, since this is level five .

Kirin: Ok .

Adam: Adam.

Kirin: [Adam](#) .

Adam: Peter.

Kirin: [Peter](#) .

Adam: Susan.

Kirin: [Susan](#) .

Adam: Tom Cruise.

Kirin: [Tom Cruise](#) .

Adam: Michael Jackson.

Kirin: [Michael Jackson](#) .

Adam: Jackie Chan.

Kirin: [Jackie Chan](#) .

Adam: Title.

Kirin: [Title](#) .

Raphael: [Since this is the first lesson of level five](#) , [everyone can visit our website to see some of the review features for this lesson](#) .

Kirin: [Now if our students want to see the Chinese translation of their own names, what can they do ?](#)

Raphael: [Oh, very good question . A long time back](#) , [in lesson three](#) , [we introduced the names of some countries](#) . [But later many students wanted to know the Chinese names of their own countries](#) , [so this lesson will also be the same](#) , [you can ask us on our website](#) , [and our teachers will answer these questions for you](#) .

Kirin: [I hope everyone goes online to practice . We'll see you next time !](#)