

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 132 [English]

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 132 .

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 we are teaching you new words to describe people .

Kirin: Eh - what does “xíngróng” (to describe) mean ?

Adam: That means “to describe the appearance of.”

Kirin: Oh, so today we are going to study how to use Chinese to describe a person .

Adam: Yes, we'll learn how to describe people.

Kirin: Ok, in the past we have already taught you many words , that you can use to describe people .

Raphael: Yes, so today we can practice the words we have already taught you before , as well as study the opposite of these words .

Kirin: So “xiāngfǎn” (opposite) is today's second new word .

Adam: And that means “opposite.”

Kirin: Ok, let's first look at today's first new describing word .

Raphael: Ok .

Kirin: Basketball players , are usually what ?

Raphael: They are usually all tall .

Kirin: Yes . So today's first new describing word is “gāo” (tall) . The second is mm ...
Ah, I know . If Adam eats three hamburgers everyday , what will he be like after a month ?

Adam: Do you have to use my name ?

Kirin: Yes, we have to !

Raphael: He will definitely look very fat !

Kirin: That's right ! So Adam should definitely eat more healthy food, ok ?

Adam: Fine !

Kirin: Next, if Adam ...

Adam: Hey !

Kirin: If Adam only drinks a glass of water everyday , what will he be like after a week ?

Raphael: He will definitely be thinner ! But if Adam wants to lose weight this method isn't good .

Kirin: Yes ! So Adam, you need to listen to what we're saying .

Adam: Fine !

Kirin: Next, if we want to describe someone who isn't tall , what word can we use ?

Raphael: We can use “ǎi” (short) to describe him .

Kirin: Yes, this is also a new word for today “ǎi” (short) .

Adam: And that means “short.”

Raphael: So “ǎi” (short) is the opposite of “gāo” (tall) .

Kirin: Yes, and what is the opposite of “pàng” (fat) ?

Raphael: Thin .

Kirin: Next we have describing the different and unique types of hair that people have .

Adam: Yes, many people have unique types of hair.

Kirin: For example, many girls have long hair .

Raphael: Yes, your hair is also (long) . Why do you like long hair ?

Kirin: Don't you think long hair is more beautiful ?

Raphael: Umm - ok, let's look at the next sentence .

Kirin: Oh, I know Raphael doesn't like long hair , so he likes the opposite of long hair .

Raphael: Short hair .

Adam: Short hair.

Kirin: Yes, so the opposite of “cháng” (long) is “duǎn” (short) . As well, there are many different colors of hair , many Asians have black hair , but you will also see some different colors of hair . Do you remember what “yánsè” (color) means ?

Adam: That means “color.”

Kirin: Yes, previously we taught you the most basic colors . For example black, white, green, red, yellow and blue . Now that we want to describe hair , we are going to teach you some different new words . The first is “zōngsè” (brown) .

Adam: Brown

Kirin: For brown, we can also say “kāfēisè” (coffee color) , because this is the color of coffee , but when we are describing hair , we usually use “zōngsè” (brown) . Ok, the next color is “jīnsè” (golden) .

Adam: Blonde. The literal meaning here is “golden color.”

Kirin: The next color is “huīsè” (gray) .

Adam: And that's the color “gray.”

Kirin: Some people when they become old , will grow gray hair . But you can also say white hair .

Raphael: Ok, let's review the new words from today . The first was

Kirin: To describe

Adam: Describe

Kirin: Opposite

Adam: Opposite

Kirin: Short (not tall)

Adam: Short, as in not tall.

Kirin: Short (not long)

Adam: Short, as in not long.

Kirin: Brown or coffee color

Adam: Brown

Kirin: Golden

Adam: Blonde or golden

Kirin: Gray

Adam: Gray.

Great, to test if you really understand the description vocabulary in today's lesson, we have prepared a special review for premium subscribers. Take a look at the people in the pictures, then answer the questions describing them. You can find this and other review tools on our website, ChineseLearnOnline.com.

Raphael: Keep at it !