

**Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 143 [English]**

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 143 .

Kirin: Hello everyone , I'm Kirin .

Luise: Hello everyone , I'm Luise .

Adam: And hello, I'm Adam.

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

Luise: Today we are going to teach you , on the table in a restaurant , the type of things we will usually see .

Kirin: Oh, I really like going to eat in restaurants .

Luise: So the next time you go to a restaurant to eat , you will see the things we teach you today .

Kirin: Ok, let's begin !

Luise: We are going to teach you seven things today . But three of them we have already taught you before .

Kirin: Really ? Which three ? Quickly tell me .

Luise: Take it easy . I'll first describe them , then you can guess .

Kirin: Fine .

Luise: What do we usually use to drink water ?

Kirin: What do I use to drink water ? My hand ?

Luise: Usually in a restaurant you , use your hand to drink water ?

Kirin: Oh, I forget we are talking about being in a restaurant .

Luise: So ?

Kirin: So when we drink water , we can use cups .

Adam: Previously, we taught you **measure word for cups** as the measure word for cups. Here we have

Kirin: **Cup / glass** .

Adam: which refers to a cup or a glass.

Luise: **Ok, next, usually when Chinese people eat , in their hand they take two long items . What are these two items ?**

Kirin: **Two long items in their hands ... Oh, they are chopsticks .**

Luise: **Right . But in foreign countries , they don't usually use chopsticks to eat , what do they use ?**

Kirin: **It's their hands, right ? Recently I saw on television , in India , they all use their hands to eat .**

Luise: **I'm talking about items . Is your hand an item ?**

Kirin: **Not my hand , Indian people's hands .**

Luise: **What other different way can you use to eat ?**

Kirin: **Yes ! There are also forks . Many foreigners , use forks to eat .**

Luise: **Right . This is the answer I wanted .**

Kirin: **What else , have we not taught yet ?**

Luise: **Ok, when we eat , we use chopsticks . But when we drink soup , what do we use ?**

Kirin: **Spoon .**

Adam: The literal meaning of these two characters is “soup spoon.”

Kirin: **Spoon .**

Luise: **Right, now what item is soup usually found inside ?**

Kirin: **Bowl .**

Adam: And that means “bowl.”

Luise: So the soup you drink is in a bowl . How about the food you eat ?

Kirin: Sometimes the food is also in a bowl .

Luise: Then what about the food in the middle of the table ?

Kirin: Hmm, the food in the middle of the table , is in plates .

Luise: Right so the next new word for today is

Kirin: Plate .

Adam: “Plate.”

Luise: Our last new word of the day has two characters

Kirin: Paper towel .

Luise: These two characters , we have studied before . It’s the “zhǐ” (paper) in wèishēngzhǐ and the “jīn” in “máojīn” (towel) . Guess what this means .

Adam: The literal meaning is “paper towel”, similar to its English counterpart.

Luise: Yes, we can also say

Kirin: Napkin .

Adam: which gives us “restaurant towel paper.” As in the napkins you may find in a restaurant.

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

Kirin: Cups , chopsticks , forks , spoons , bowls , plates , paper towels , napkins .

Luise: So the next time you go to a restaurant to eat , while waiting for the food to come , you can review the new words we taught you today .

Kirin: Mm, I’m starting to feel hungry .

Luise: We’ll see you next time !