

**Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 144 [English]**

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 144 .

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 .

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

Luise: Today is the first time that I'm meeting my boyfriend's parents . Can you give me some suggestions ?

Kirin: Yes I can . You should take a gift to give to them .

Luise: Good idea . Any others ?

Kirin: Hmm - you have to be polite , as well, you can be late .

Luise: Oh, then it would be best if I got ready now , because I am normally late .

Kirin: That is a really bad habit .

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

Kirin: Today is the first time that I'm meeting my boyfriend's parents .  
Can you give me some suggestions ?

Yes I can .

You should take a gift to give to them .

Good idea .

Any others ?

Hmm - you have to be polite .

As well, you can be late .

Oh, then it would be best if I got ready now .

Because I am normally late .

That is a really bad habit .

Luise: Let's explain today's dialogue . The first line is

Kirin: Today is the first time that I'm meeting my boyfriend's parents .

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

Adam: “Today is my first time meeting my boyfriend’s parents.”

Luise: Luise then continues

Kirin: Can you give me some suggestions ?

Luise: At the end of this question , we have today’s first new word

Kirin: Suggestion / recommendation .

Adam: And that means “suggestion” or “recommendation.”

Kirin: Can you give me some suggestions ?

Adam: “Can you give me any suggestions?”

Luise: Kirin then replies

Kirin: Yes I can . You should take a gift to give to them .

Luise: We have also studied these words before . Do you remember what “lǐwù” (gift) means ?

Adam: That means “gift.”

Luise: So what do you think this sentence means ?

Kirin: Yes I can . You should take a gift to give to them .

Adam: “Yes I can. You should take a gift to give to them.”

Luise: Luise then replies

Kirin: Good idea .

Adam: “Good idea.”

Luise: She then continues

Kirin: Any others ?

Luise: Here, we have today’s second new word

Kirin: Other .

Adam: And that means “other.” Compare that with

Kirin: another

Adam: which can mean “another” or “additionally”.

Kirin: Any others ?

Adam: “Do you have any others?” By context we know that the others here is referring to other suggestions.

Luise: Kirin then replies

Kirin: Hmm - you have to be polite .

Luise: Do you remember what “yīdìng yào” (definitely have to) means ?

Adam: That means “to definitely have to.”

Luise: Our next new word for today is

Kirin: Manners .

Adam: And that means “manners.” So

Kirin: To have manners .

Adam: means “to have manners.”

Luise: As well, the opposite of “yǒu lǐmào” (to be polite) is

Kirin: Rude .

Adam: So back to our sentence, we have

Kirin: Hmm - you have to be polite .

Adam: “Hmm – you definitely have to be polite.”

Luise: She then continues

Kirin: As well, you can be late .

Luise: Do you still remember what “chídào” (to be late) means ?

Adam: We saw that recently meaning “to be late.”

Luise: So what do you think this sentence means ?

Kirin: As well, you can be late .

Adam: “As well, you can’t be late.”

Luise: Luise then replies

Kirin: Oh, then it would be best if I got ready now .

Luise: Do you remember what “zuihǎo” (best) means ?

Adam: That means “best.”

Luise: As well, at the end of this sentence , we have another new word

Kirin: To get ready .

Adam: And that means “to prepare” or “to get ready.”

Kirin: Oh, then it would be best if I got ready now .

Adam: “So it would be best if I started to get ready now.”

Luise: She then continues

Kirin: Because I am normally late .

Luise: Here we also have a new word

Kirin: Normally .

Adam: And this is yet another way to say “usually”.

Kirin: Because I am normally late .

Adam: “Because I am usually late.”

Luise: Kirin then says

Kirin: That is a really bad habit .

Luise: Bad , we have already taught this .

Adam: Previously, we described it as meaning “to break down.” That meaning also extends to mean “bad.” So if something “To break down ”, that means it is now bad or broken down. So here she’s saying

Kirin: That is a really bad habit .

Luise: At the end of this sentence we have the last new word of the day

Kirin: To get used to / habit .

Adam: And that means “to get used to” or in this case “habit.”

Kirin: That is a really bad habit .

Adam: “That’s a really bad habit.”

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

Luise: Today is the first time that I’m meeting my boyfriend’s parents . Can you give me some suggestions ?

Kirin: Yes I can . You should take a gift to give to them .

Luise: Good idea . Any others ?

Kirin: Hmm - you have to be polite , as well, you can be late .

Luise: Oh, then it would be best if I got ready now , because I am normally late .

Kirin: That is a really bad habit .

Adam: Great! To find out how the meeting between the girl and her boyfriend’s parents goes, tune into the extended podcast review dialogue for this lesson found at ChineseManual.com.

Kirin: Continue to keep at it !