

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 155 [English]

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 155 .

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 .

Raphael: Let's first listen to today's dialogue at normal speed .

Yann: Thank you for coming to see me .

Cindy: No need to be so polite . I just wanted to come see your new office .

Yann: It's right here . What do you think ?

Cindy: How come there are so few things ? Is there only a desk and a computer ?

Yann: That's right . Alternatively, do you think more things are needed ?

Cindy: I think you can put some flowers on the desk . This way, it will look more beautiful inside .

Yann: I don't like making trouble . This way I have to take care of the flowers everyday .

Cindy: In this case , I'll buy some fake flowers to give to you .

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

Kirin: Thank you for coming to see me .

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

Kirin: Thank you for coming to see me .

Adam: "Thank you for coming to see me."

Raphael: The young lady then replies

Kirin: No need to be so polite .

Adam: “No need to be so polite.”

Raphael: The lady then continues

Kirin: I just wanted to come see your new office .

Raphael: Do you remember what “xīnde” (new) means ?

Adam: That means “new.”

Raphael: At the end of this sentence we have today’s first new word

Kirin: Office .

Adam: And this means “office.”

Kirin: I just wanted to come see your new office .

Adam: “I just wanted to see your new office.”

Raphael: The young man then says

Kirin: It’s right here .

Adam: “It’s right here.”

Kirin: What do you think ?

Adam: “What do you think?”

Raphael: The young woman then says

Kirin: How come there are so few things ?

Raphael: Do you remember what “dōngxi” (thing) means ?

Adam: That means “things” or “items.” So the literal meaning of this sentence is “things how this few”, as in “How come there so few things here?”

Kirin: What do you think ?

Raphael: She then continues

Kirin: Is there only a desk and a computer ?

Raphael: Do you remember what “zhuōzi” (table) means ?

Adam: That means “table.”

Raphael: Do you remember what “diànnǎo” (computer) means ?

Adam: That means “computer.” Notice the measure words

Kirin: measure word for flat objects

Adam: and

Kirin: measure word for machines

Adam: being used to describe tables and computers respectively.

Kirin: Is there only a desk and a computer ?

Adam: “Is there only a table and a computer?”

Raphael: The young man then says

Kirin: That’s right .

Adam: “That’s right.”

Kirin: Alternatively, do you think more things are needed ?

Raphael: Do you remember what “bùrán” (alternatively) means ?

Adam: That means “alternatively.”

Kirin: Alternatively, do you think more things are needed ?

Adam: “Alternatively, what do you think is needed here?”

Raphael: The young lady then replies

Kirin: I think you can put some flowers on the desk .

Raphael: In this sentence, we have two new new words . The first is

Kirin: To put .

Adam: And that's the verb "to put."

Raphael: The second new word is

Kirin: Flowers .

Adam: And that means "flowers."

Kirin: I think you can put some flowers on the desk .

Adam: "I feel you can put some flowers on the table."

Raphael: She then continues

Kirin: This way, it will look more beautiful inside .

Adam: "This way, it will look more beautiful inside."

Raphael: The young man then replies

Kirin: I don't like making trouble .

Raphael: Our next new word of the day is

Kirin: Feeling .

Adam: And that means "feeling."

Raphael: Do you remember what "máfan" (troublesome) means ?

Adam: That means "troublesome."

Kirin: I don't like making trouble .

Adam: "I don't like making trouble."

Raphael: He then continues

Kirin: This way I have to take care of the flowers everyday .

Raphael: Our next new word for today is

Kirin: To take care of .

Adam: And that means “to take care of.”

Kirin: This way I have to take care of the flowers everyday .

Adam: “This way, I will have to take care of the flowers everyday.”

Raphael: The young woman then says

Kirin: In this case , I’ll buy some fake flowers to give to you .

Raphael: At the beginning of this sentence we saw

Kirin: In this case

Adam: This way by itself means “this way or this manner.” Together

Kirin: In this case

Adam: means “in this case.”

Kirin: In this case , I’ll buy some fake flowers to give to you .

Raphael: Do you remember what “jiǎde” (fake) means ?

Adam: That means “fake.”

Kirin: In this case , I’ll buy some fake flowers to give to you .

Adam: “In this case, I’ll buy you some fake flowers.” Don’t confuse the speech with the flower .

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Adam: Premium subscribers can learn from the follow-up dialogue that goes with this lesson, and review all the vocabulary from this and earlier lessons at ChineseManual.com

Kirin: Continue to keep at it !