

**Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 156 [English]**

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 156 .

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 going to listen to two people having a telephone conversation . Feels like , the two of them are business people .

Kirin: Right, or in an office , we can also hear the same conversation .

Raphael: Ok, let's first listen to today's dialogue at normal speed .

Yann: Hello ?

Cindy: May I ask, is this Mr Lin ?

Yann: Yes, I am .

Cindy: This is Miss Yang .

Yann: Hello Miss Yang . Is there anything I can help you with ?

Cindy: I have some matters I'd like to discuss with you . When can we meet ?

Yann: I have a lot of meetings this week , I'm afraid there's no way . Alternatively, you can look for my secretary , she will arrange a time for you to meet with me .

Cindy: Thanks , I will .

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

Kirin: Hello ?

May I ask, is this Mr Lin ?

Yes, I am .

This is Miss Yang .

Hello Miss Yang . Is there anything I can help you with ?

I have some matters I'd like to discuss with you . When can we meet ?

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look for my secretary , she will arrange a time for you to meet with me .  
Thanks , I will .

Raphael: Let's explain today's dialogue . The sentences at the beginning of this dialogue are all easy . So let's take a quick look at them .

Kirin: Hello ?

Adam: "Hello?"

Kirin: May I ask, is this Mr Lin ?

Adam: "May I ask, is this Mr Lin?"

Kirin: Yes, I am .

Adam: "Yes, I am."

Kirin: This is Miss Yang .

Adam: "I'm Miss Yang."

Kirin: Hello Miss Yang .

Raphael: Do you remember what "nín" means ?

Adam: We taught that sometime back as a respectable way of saying "you".

Kirin: Hello Miss Yang .

Adam: "Hello, Miss Yang."

Kirin: Is there anything I can help you with ?

Adam: The literal meaning here is: "Have what need I help?", as in "Is there anything I can help you with?"

Kirin: Is there anything I can help you with ?

Raphael: The young lady then replies

Kirin: I have some matters I'd like to discuss with you .

Raphael: Do you remember what “shìqíng” (matter) means ?

Adam: That means “matter.” So the first part of the sentence becomes “I have a few matters that I’d like to find you.”

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

Kirin: To discuss .

Adam: And that means “to discuss.”

Kirin: I have some matters I’d like to discuss with you .

Adam: “I have a few matters that I’d like to discuss with you.”

Raphael: She then continues

Kirin: When can we meet ?

Raphael: Do you remember what “jiànmiàn” (to meet) means ?

Adam: We know that to meet means “to meet” while face in this context, means “side” or “face”; so this can be thought of as “meeting face to face.”

Kirin: When can we meet ?

Adam: “When can we meet?”

Raphael: The young man then says

Kirin: I have a lot of meetings this week .

Raphael: This sentence has two new words in it . The first is

Kirin: Week .

Raphael: ”Lìbài” (week) has the same meaning as “xīngqī” (week) .

Adam: They both mean “week.”

Raphael: Next, at the end of this sentence , he said he had a lot of “huì” (meetings) to “kāi” (attend) .

Adam: So here we have a variation of a new term.

Kirin: [To attend a meeting](#)

Adam: which means “to have a meeting.” So by saying

Kirin: [I have a lot of meetings this week](#) .

Adam: He’s saying “This week I have a lot of meetings to attend.”

Kirin: [I have a lot of meetings this week](#) .

Raphael: [He then continues](#)

Kirin: [I’m afraid there’s no way](#) .

Raphael: [In this sentence](#) , [we saw a new word](#) .

Kirin: [Afraid](#) .

Adam: Afraid.

Raphael: [He feels that this week is too busy](#) , [there probably isn’t any time to meet with him](#) .

Kirin: [I’m afraid there’s no way](#) .

Adam: I’m afraid there’s nothing that can be done.

Raphael: [He then adds](#) .

Kirin: [Alternatively, you can look for my secretary](#) .

Raphael: [Our next new word for today is](#)

Kirin: [Secretary](#) .

Raphael: [”Mishū” is the name of a job](#) . [Their office is usually next to the boss’s](#) .

Adam: The literal meaning is “secret book”, and together that means “secretary”.

Kirin: [Alternatively, you can look for my secretary](#) .

Adam: “Alternatively, you can find my secretary.”

Raphael: He then continues

Kirin: She will arrange a time for you to meet with me .

Raphael: Our last new word for today is

Kirin: To arrange .

Adam: And that means “to arrange” or “set up.” So here that combines with the **time** to give us

Kirin: To arrange a time

Adam: meaning “to arrange a time.”

Kirin: She will arrange a time for you to meet with me .

Adam: “She’ll help you arrange a time to meet with me.”

Raphael: The young lady then replies

Kirin: Thanks , I will .

Adam: “Thanks, I’ll do that.”

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

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Cindy: Thanks , I will .

Adam: For English translations of all the Chinese used in today’s lesson as well as a Podcast review of this and earlier lessons, take a look at all the resources available to Premium subscribers on our website [ChineseLearnOnline.com](http://ChineseLearnOnline.com).

Kirin: Continue to keep at it !