

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 159 [English]

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 159 .

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 teach you the names of some festivals .

Kirin: What does jiérì (festival) mean ?

Raphael: Every country , has some special festivals . Normally these festivals are also holidays , so many people look forward to these festivals .

Kirin: Mmm, festivals .

Adam: “Festivals.”

Kirin: So in these festivals , what do they do ?

Raphael: That depends . Every festival , they will use different ways to celebrate .

Kirin: What does qìngzhù (celebrate) mean ?

Adam: That means “to celebrate.”

Raphael: Ok, in foreign countries , the most famous festival is shèngdànjié (Christmas) . Do you know what shèngdànjié (Christmas) means ?

Kirin: It's on December 25 .

Raphael: As well, in some colder countries , at Christmas , it normally snows .

Kirin: Right . So how do they celebrate Christmas ?

Raphael: There are many ways . For example you will give presents to people you like .

Kirin: As well stay at home and have dinner with your family .

Raphael: In China, our most famous festival is chūnjié (Chinese New Year)

Kirin: It's the chūn in chūntiān (spring) and the jié in jiérì (festival) .

Raphael: Why is this festival called the Spring Festival ?

Kirin: Because in China , spring is the first season . So at this time , they celebrate the arrival of the new year .

Raphael: Right, so how do we celebrate Chinese New Year ?

Kirin: We also have many ways . It's a little bit like Christmas overseas , we will also give gifts to others , as well as stay at home and have dinner with family .

Raphael: As well, we will wear new clothes , and do housework .

Kirin: Why do you wear new clothes and do housework ?

Raphael: No . Housework is normally done before Chinese New Year . Then during Chinese New Year , you can take rest , no need to work .

Kirin: Are you looking forward to Chinese New Year ?

Raphael: So so . Because during Chinese New Year , there will be lots of delicious foods cooked at home , as well, you don't need to work .

Kirin: Is there something wrong with this ?

Raphael: I will become fat !

Kirin: How come you're always afraid of becoming fat ?

Raphael: Because if I become fat , my girlfriend won't like me .

Kirin: Oh, you have a girlfriend ?

Raphael: No . But I want to first prepare well .

Kirin: Ok, keep at it . Do we have any other festivals ?

Raphael: Yes we do . Valentine's Day .

Kirin: What kind of festival is this ?

Raphael: In foreign countries , they celebrate Valentine's Day on February 14 .

Kirin: So do you have any plans on how to celebrate the next Valentine's Day ?

Raphael: Yes I do . I will give my girlfriend some chocolates , as well as some flowers , as well take her out to dinner .

Kirin: Wow, you're very considerate ! I think when you find a girlfriend , she will definitely be very happy .

Raphael: Thank you . I feel the same way too . Let's take a moment to review the new words we taught you today .

Kirin: Festival

Adam: "Festival"

Kirin: To celebrate

Adam: "To celebrate"

Kirin: Christmas

Adam: "Christmas"

Kirin: Spring Festival / Chinese New Year

Adam: "Spring Festival" or "Chinese New Year"

Kirin: Valentine's Day

Adam: "Valentine's Day"

Adam: Premium subscribers can find a list of other festivals in Chinese, in the vocabulary section for this lesson, on our website ChineseLearnOnline.com

Kirin: Continue to keep at it !