

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 173 [English]

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 173 .

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 what we are going to listen to is a dialogue between a storekeeper and a customer .

Kirin: Hmm, I know what kèrén (customer) means . But what does diànyuán (store keeper) mean ?

Raphael: Uh, do you remember what shāngdiàn (store) means ?

Kirin: Is it the shāngdiàn (store) in biànlì shāngdiàn (convenience store) ?

Raphael: Right . Convenience stores are a type of store . As well, we also have other kinds of stores .

Kirin: Like what for example ?

Raphael: For example , electronics store , flower shop , bakery , pet shop , etc .

Kirin: Oh, so those are all stores . I now understand .

Raphael: Ok, let's first listen ...

Kirin: Wait a moment , you haven't yet told me what diànyuán (store keeper) means .

Raphael: Oh, I'm sorry . When you are inside the store , if you have a question , or when you are ready to pay , who will you look for ?

Kirin: The storekeeper ?

Raphael: Right, you're very smart ! Can I continue ?

Kirin: Of course you can .

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

Cindy: Excuse me , can I ask you a question ?

Yann: Of course you can . What can I do for you ?

Cindy: Why is this camera so expensive ?

Yann: Because it's a famous brand name .

Cindy: If I buy it , and I find that I don't like the quality , can I return it ?

Yann: You can bring it back here within seven days .

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

Kirin: Excuse me , can I ask you a question ?

Of course you can .

What can I do for you ?

Why is this camera so expensive ?

Because it's a famous brand name .

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You can bring it back here within seven days .

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

Kirin: Excuse me , can I ask you a question ?

Raphael: We have studied these words before . What do you think this question means ?

Kirin: Excuse me , can I ask you a question ?

Adam: Excuse me, can I ask you a question? The **a moment** is commonly used to suggest that you only want a small moment of the person's time.

Kirin: Excuse me , can I ask you a question ?

Raphael: The store keeper then replies

Kirin: Of course you can .

Adam: Of course, you can.

Kirin: What can I do for you ?

Raphael: Do you remember what “bāng máng” (to help) means ?

Adam: That means “help.” So he’s asking “What help do you need from me?”

Kirin: What can I do for you ?

Raphael: The customer then asks

Kirin: Why is this camera so expensive ?

Raphael: The next new word for today is

Kirin: Camera .

Adam: We’ve seen the photo before in

Kirin: Photograph

Adam: meaning “photograph”. Together

Kirin: Photograph

Adam: is another way to say “take a picture.” And lastly we’ve seen machine before in

Kirin: Airplane

Adam: which means “airplane”. The machine on its own means “machine.” So together an airplane is a flying machine.

Kirin: Airplane .

Adam: So can you guess what a “take photographs machine” is?

Kirin: Camera .

Adam: That of course means “camera.”

Raphael: So what do you think this question means ?

Kirin: Why is this camera so expensive ?

Adam: That's asking "Why is this camera so expensive?" Note the **measure word for machines** measure word here being used here. We've seen it used before for vehicles. Here it's used for machines.

Kirin: **Why is this camera so expensive ?**

Raphael: **The storekeeper then replies**

Kirin: **Because it's a famous brand name .**

Raphael: **Do you remember what "yǒumíng" (famous) means ?**

Adam: That means "famous."

Raphael: **At the end of this sentence we saw today's next new word**

Kirin: **Brand .**

Adam: And that means "brand" or "trademark."

Kirin: **Because it's a famous brand name .**

Adam: Because it's a famous brand.

Raphael: **The customer then asks**

Kirin: **If I buy it**

Adam: If I buy it

Kirin: **And I find that I don't like the quality .**

Raphael: **Do you remember what "fāxiàn" (to discover) means ?**

Adam: That means "to find out."

Raphael: **The next new word for today is**

Kirin: **Quality .**

Adam: And that means "quality."

Kirin: **If I buy it , and I find that I don't like the quality .**

Adam: If I buy it and find out that I don't like the quality of this camera. Note that camera is reduced to camera in this sentence.

Kirin: If I buy it , and I find that I don't like the quality , can I return it ?

Raphael: At the end of this sentence we saw

Kirin: To return a product .

Adam: There are two characters there. The first means "to decline" while the second product we've seen before in

Kirin: Department store

Adam: and means "products." So together

Kirin: To return a product

Adam: means "to return a product back to where you purchased it from."

Kirin: If I buy it , and I find that I don't like the quality , can I return it ?

Adam: If I buy it then find out that I don't like the camera's quality, can I return it?

Raphael: The storekeeper then replies

Kirin: You can bring it back here within seven days .

Raphael: The last new word for today is

Kirin: Within .

Adam: And that means "internal." In this case

Kirin: Within seven days

Adam: means "within 7 days"

Kirin: You can bring it back here within seven days .

Adam: You can bring it back here within 7 days.

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Adam: For more practice with the vocabulary taught in this lesson, listen to the podcast review available for this and earlier lessons at chinesemanual.com.

Kirin: We'll see you next time !