

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 174 [English]

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 174 .

Hello everyone , I'm Kirin .

Raphael: Hello everyone , I'm Raphael .

Kirin: Welcome to Taiwan and our progressive course teaching Chinese . What are we studying today ?

Raphael: In our last class , we listened to a conversation between a storekeeper and a customer .

Kirin: Right, I still remember .

Raphael: So today we are going to teach you some more words related to shopping .

Kirin: This will be very useful . Because many people like to come to Asia to shop .

Raphael: Right . So when they come to Asia , if they want to buy cheap things , where can they go to look for them ?

Kirin: Night market .

Raphael: Right . At the night market , you can find cheap clothes , as well as some daily necessities for the house .

Kirin: What is “rìcháng yòngpǐn” (daily necessities) ?

Raphael: Those are things you will use everyday .

Kirin: Oh, it's the rì (day) in shēngrì (birthday) and the cháng in píngcháng (often) .

Raphael: Right . And at the end we have yòng (to use) and the pǐn from shípǐn (products) .

Kirin: Daily necessities .

Raphael: Right . For example mirrors , combs , things for sweeping the floor etc .

Kirin: So if they want to buy more expensive things , for example electronic goods , where can they go to buy them ?

Raphael: They can go to a department store .

Kirin: But I find that the things in department stores , are much more expensive than other places .

Raphael: Yes so they can also go to other places to find cheaper things .

Kirin: Oh, and which places are these ?

Raphael: Just like in foreign countries , we also have shopping centers .

Kirin: What place is that ?

Raphael: Gòuwù means ... to buy things .

Kirin: And what does zhōngxīn (center) mean ?

Raphael: Zhōngxīn means ... a place . So gòuwù zhōngxīn is a place , where you can buy things .

Kirin: So how is it different from a department store ?

Raphael: A department store is one store . Inside they sell many kinds of things . But in a shopping center , there are many stores inside selling things .

Kirin: Ah, I understand now . So are shopping centers the cheapest places ?

Raphael: No . In Asia , we also have another type of place that you can go shopping .

Kirin: And what kind of place is that ?

Raphael: In this place , you will also see many stores . But the things they sell are almost the same .

Kirin: Why is it like this ?

Raphael: This style is more convenient for the customer . Because they have more things to choose from . As well, some bosses know that the store next door also sells the same

things , so when the boss is selling things , sometimes he will sell them at a cheaper price than next door .

Kirin: Cheaper what ?

Raphael: Ah, today's next new word is

Kirin: Price .

Raphael: When you go to buy things , you have to see what the price of the item is .

Kirin: Oh, so if you ask the storekeeper “How much is this item ?” what you mean is “What is the price of this item ?”

Raphael: Right, so you have to see if the price is expensive or not . If you feel it's too expensive , you can go look around at a different place .

Kirin: Or you can tell the boss make it a little cheaper .

Raphael: Oh, so you want to haggle over the price .

Kirin: I want to do what ?

Raphael: In some places , some things don't have prices written on them , because the boss wants to see how much you are willing to pay for this things .

Kirin: Oh, so if you are good at negotiating prices , or if you buy many things at once , you can get a cheaper price .

Raphael: Right, in department stores and some shopping centers , you can't haggle over the price . You have to pay the price written on the item .

Kirin: But if you go to a smaller store , they might let you haggle over the price .

Raphael: Right so you have to see what kind of place you are shopping at .

Kirin: But if department store items are more expensive , why are there still many people who like to go shopping there ?

Raphael: Usually department stores offer better service .

Kirin: Which part is better ?

Raphael: For example , if after you go home, you find out that the products you bought have problems , or breaks down , it's easier to return them at department stores .

Kirin: Usually when you buy things , how much time do they give you to return them ?

Raphael: You have to see what kind of item it is . Normally they will give you a week , to let you return it .

Kirin: What if the item I buy , later has another problem ?

Raphael: Many electronic products have a guarantee time period .

Kirin: What is bǎozhèng ?

Raphael: For example, if you buy a new camera , within the guarantee time period , if your camera has a problem , you can give it to them to see what's wrong with it .

Kirin: Oh, so within the guarantee time period , if my camera breaks down , I don't need to worry .

Raphael: Right, so some famous brands , have more expensive prices , but they have more of a guarantee . Since if your camera breaks down , they have more places , that you can take your camera to show them .

Kirin: But if I spend a lot of money to buy something , I would hope that its quality was very good , and that I could use it for a long time .

Raphael: Right, but goods with better quality , are normally also more expensive .

Kirin: I feel that many people, when they buy things , don't think about the issue of quality . They just look at which item has the cheapest price , and buy that one .

Raphael: But now you know , when you buy things , you shouldn't just look at the price . Ok, let's now review the new words we taught you today .

Kirin: Daily necessities , Shopping center , Price , Haggles over price , Guarantee .

Raphael: If you need more practise , or English translations , you can go to our website [chineselearnonline-com](http://chineselearnonline.com) .

Kirin: Continue to keep at it !