

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 187 [English]

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 187 .

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: In today's lesson , we are going to listen to a story .

Kirin: What are we going to listen to ?

Raphael: Ah, today's first new word is

Kirin: Story .

Adam: "Story."

Kirin: Oh, what kind of story ?

Raphael: It's a story of a spider and some insects . So you can also review the words we taught you in our last lesson .

Kirin: Ok, let's begin .

Raphael: Not yet , I want to first introduce the new words we are going to listen to in the story .

Kirin: To fly .

Raphael: It's the "fēi" (fly) in "fēijī" (airplane) .

Adam: And that means "to fly."

Raphael: The second new word is

Kirin: Other .

Raphael: The meaning of “qítā” is similar to “biēde” (other) .

Adam: They both mean “other.”

Kirin: Beautiful .

Raphael: It’s the “měi” in “měiguó” (America) , along with a new character . ”Měili” has a similar meaning to “piàoliàng” (beautiful) .

Adam: They both mean “beautiful.”

Raphael: You can try to look for these three new words in this story . Are you ready ?
Let’s listen to the story .

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As soon as he began, he saw an ant , he then asked the ant , “Do you want to marry me ?”

The ant said , “Ok . But there are few hundred other ants in my house , can we all stay in your house ?”

After the spider listened to the ant’s answer , he felt that this was a big problem . So he decided to look for another wife .

Next, he saw a cockroach , he asked the cockroach , “Do you want to marry me ?”

The cockroach replied in fear , “How can I possibly marry you . Don’t you know that spiders eat cockroaches ? My family and I are all scared of you .”

The spider felt that what the cockroach said was true , so he continued to look for someone else to become his wife .

Later, he saw a fly eating with a mosquito . The spider then asked them , “I’m looking for a wife , which one of you wants to marry me ?”

The fly replied , “We are quite different from you . We can fly , but you can’t fly . What we eat is also different . We definitely wouldn’t be happy together .”

The spider understood what they meant . Since he had no other choice, the spider had to go home . On the way home , he saw a beautiful spider . He told the spider , “You are the most beautiful spider I have ever met . Do you want to marry me ?”

The spider replied , “I have been waiting to hear you say this for a long time .”

The spider then said , “You’re the only one I want to marry .”

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Raphael: Do you understand this story ? Let’s listen to this story again at a slow speed .

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Raphael: On our website , premium subscribers can see the English translation for this story , as well as the Chinese characters . This way you can see how many Chinese characters you already know .

Kirin: Continue to keep at it !