

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 192 [English]

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 192 .

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 our course , we are teaching you Chinese, right ?

Kirin: Right .

Raphael: But did you know there are other kinds of Chinese ?

Kirin: Are there ? What kinds ?

Raphael: For example, we are now teaching you Mandarin . In Taiwan we call it “country language” .

Adam: And in English, it's called “Mandarin”.

Raphael: But China is a very big country , As well, there are many different places there . Those places , have their own languages , which when compared to Mandarin are very different .

Kirin: Ah, like in Taiwan we have Taiwanese .

Raphael: Right, this is the “Tái” in Taiwan and the “yǔ” in “yǔyán” (language) .

Adam: “The Taiwanese language.”

Kirin: Taiwanese language .

Raphael: So just like Taiwan has Taiwanese , other places , have their own languages . So what are these kinds of languages called ?

Kirin: Dialect .

Raphael: It's the "fāng" in "dìfāng" (place) with the "yán" in "yǔyán" (language) .

Adam: Dialect.

Kirin: Dialect .

Raphael: So every place , has their own dialect . But in school , students have to study Mandarin . This way in a country , everyone has the same language that can be used .

Kirin: Many of the Chinese overseas came from Hong Kong . They can also speak Chinese . But most of the time, they speak their own dialect .

Raphael: Right, so what is the dialect they speak called ?

Kirin: Cantonese .

Adam: Cantonese.

Raphael: Next, in the world , there are many people who speak Mandarin , in different places , and the Mandarin they speak doesn't quite sound the same . Why is it like this ?

Kirin: Because they have different accents .

Raphael: Ah, so today's next new word is

Kirin: Accent .

Adam: Accent.

Raphael: For example if we listen to someone from Beijing speaking Mandarin , as soon as he starts speaking , we will know right away that he is from Beijing .

Kirin: It is also this way when speaking English . When we hear someone speaking English , we are usually able to guess where they are from . Since the accents from some places are different places .

Raphael: Right . Now if a foreigner , he wants to speak Chinese better than others , what area should he focus on ?

Kirin: He will definitely pay more attention to his pronunciation .

Raphael: Ah, so today's next new word is

Kirin: Pronunciation .

Adam: Pronunciation.

Raphael: Right, so if you want your pronunciation to become better , you need to practice more .

Kirin: In our website , there are some features that can let you practice your pronunciation .

Raphael: Now if your Chinese pronunciation is very good , when someone compliments you , what might they say ?

Kirin: Your Chinese is very standard .

Raphael: So today's next new word is

Kirin: Standard .

Adam: Standard.

Raphael: If your pronunciation is very good , you will probably hear this compliment often . Because in China , many people speak their own dialect , and often confuse Mandarin with their own dialect . So sometimes , their Chinese pronunciation and grammar isn't very good .

Kirin: But if you continue to listen to our course , I hope that one day , you can speak Chinese fluently .

Raphael: Ah, so the last new word today is

Kirin: Fluent .

Adam: Fluent.

Raphael: Right, did you know that Chinese is the language with the most number of speakers in the world ?

Kirin: Wow, so if you can speak Chinese fluently , when you are traveling , you will have the opportunity to meet others who can also speak Chinese .

Raphael: Ok, let's review the new words we taught you today .

Kirin: Taiwanese language .

Adam: The Taiwanese language.

Kirin: Cantonese language .

Adam: Cantonese.

Kirin: Dialect .

Adam: Dialect.

Kirin: Accent .

Adam: Accent.

Kirin: Pronunciation .

Adam: Pronunciation.

Kirin: Standard .

Adam: Standard.

Kirin: Fluent .

Adam: Fluent.

Raphael: If you need more practice , or the English translation for this lesson , you can visit our website chineselearnonline-com .

Kirin: We'll see you next time .