

**Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 194 [English]**

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 194 .

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: Today we're going to listen to a conversation that although is quite simple , it's very useful .

Kirin: Why is it useful ?

Raphael: Since the dialogue we are going to study today is related to travel . When you go traveling , local people will ask you some questions . We already know how to introduce our own country , but sometimes they will ask more clearly , where in your country are you from . So today we are going to teach you some useful ways to describe where you are from .

Kirin: Ok, let's begin .

Raphael: Let's first listen to today's dialogue at normal speed .

Cindy: Where are you from ?

Yann: I'm from China .

Cindy: Oh ? Which place in China ?

Yann: My city is called Luoyang .

Cindy: Oh ? I haven't heard of this city .

Yann: Luoyang is in Henan province . It's also in the central region of China .

Cindy: Ah, so does Luoyang have anything special ?

Yann: Luoyang has a very old history . There are many temples and museums there . So we can see a lot of unique culture there .

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

Kirin: Where are you from ?

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

Kirin: Where are you from ?

Raphael: In the past we saw "Where are you from ?" This is another way to ask this question .

Kirin: Where are you from ?

Raphael: "Where do you come from ?" and "Where do you come from ?" what difference is there ?

Kirin: "Where do you come from ?" this question just wants to know which place you came from . "Where do you come from ?" what this question wants to know is more , not only where you came from , as well as what you came to this country to do etc .

Raphael: We also have other ways of asking this . For example

Kirin: "Where are you from ?" Or "What country are you from ?"

Raphael: The man then replies

Kirin: I'm from China .

Raphael: So he's Chinese . The woman then asks him

Kirin: Oh ? Which place in China ?

Raphael: This lady probably knows which cities are in China , so she wants to know from which place in China this man comes from .

Kirin: Which place in China ?

Raphael: The man then asks

Kirin: My city is called Luoyang .

Raphael: So Luoyang might be the place he was born in , or the city he lived in for the longest . The woman then says

Kirin: Oh ? I haven't heard of this city .

Raphael: This lady probably knows China's bigger , or more famous cities . But this is her first time hearing this city's name , so how does this man describe Luoyang ? He says

Kirin: Luoyang is in Henan province .

Raphael: "Shěng" (province) is a part of a country . So which province does this man say his city is in ?

Kirin: Henan .

Raphael: So do you know how many provinces are in China ?

Kirin: Hmm, seems like there are twenty something .

Raphael: Right . But some countries like America don't use provinces , what do they use ?

Kirin: State .

Raphael: Right . America has fifty two states . Now in Taiwan, we don't have provinces or states . We have

Kirin: County .

Raphael: Right, county is even smaller than state . The man then continues

Kirin: It's also in the central region of China .

Raphael: This is the "bù" in "bùfēn" (part) . Since he knows that this lady hasn't heard of the place Luoyang , so he describes to the woman which part of China his city is in . Usually when you are describing which place you are from , you can use the four words we taught you before - East, West, South, North . For example , "Kirin, where in Taiwan are you from ?"

Kirin: I'm from Taiwan's Northern region .

Raphael: Ok, the lady then asks

Kirin: Ah, so does Luoyang have anything special ?

Raphael: Every place usually has some type of special culture , and fun places . So this women wants to know which places in Luoyang are more famous .

Kirin: So does Luoyang have anything special ?

Raphael: The man then replies

Kirin: Luoyang has a very old history . There are many temples and museums there . So we can see a lot of unique culture there .

Raphael: Normally, places with a long history , have more culture , and more famous places . So if you want to introduce your city for others to know , you usually have to focus on what special culture or places are in your city . Ok, let's listen again to this dialogue at a normal speed .

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Raphael: If you need the English translations for this lesson , you can go to our website [chineselearnonline-com](http://chineselearnonline-com) .

Kirin: We'll see you next time .