

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 197 [English]

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 197 .

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 Mandarin Chinese . What are we going to study today ?

Raphael: Do you remember recently we had a lesson introducing fun places in China ?

Kirin: I remember .

Raphael: Today we are going to continue to discuss this topic , but we are going to introduce some famous scenic spots around the world .

Kirin: Famous what ?

Raphael: Ah, today's first new word is

Kirin: Scenic spot .

Adam: Scenic spot.

Raphael: Normally, every country has their own special scenic spots , so some people will decide to go traveling there . Right now we have two types of scenic spots . The first kind is

Kirin: Natural .

Adam: Natural.

Raphael: There are many beautiful natural scenic spots around the world . Can you think of any famous ones ?

Kirin: Niagara falls .

Raphael: Niagara Falls is between Canada and America .

Adam: Niagara falls.

Kirin: Niagara falls .

Adam: So here we also have the word for waterfall.

Kirin: Waterfall .

Raphael: Good, do you know any other natural scenic spots ?

Kirin: Grand Canyon .

Raphael: The Grand Canyon is also in America .

Adam: The literal meaning here is big canyon. And that refers to “The Grand Canyon.”

Raphael: Now if a scenic spot isn't natural , what do we call it ?

Kirin: Man-made .

Adam: Man-made.

Raphael: So man-made is the opposite of natural . Recently we introduced a very famous man-made scenic spot in China .

Kirin: Right, many people go to China just to see the Great Wall .

Raphael: Now in Taiwan many people travel to see Taipei 101 . Do you know why that is ?

Kirin: Because right now that's Taiwan's tallest building .

Raphael: Normally, the more famous man-made scenic spots around the world are very tall , or very big . Do you know any other places ?

Kirin: The Egyptian pyramids .

Adam: The Egyptian pyramids.

Raphael: Right, this is also very famous . Now why do you do you feel that these pyramids are special ?

Kirin: Because they were built a few thousand years ago .

Raphael: You're right . The people who built these pyramids were definitely very smart .
Do you have any other scenic spots ?

Kirin: The Taj Mahal .

Adam: The Taj Mahal.

Raphael: The Taj Mahal is in India . Do you know why it's famous ?

Kirin: Because it has a few hundred years of history , and is very beautiful .

Raphael: Do you know the Taj Mahal's story ?

Kirin: Didn't a very rich man build the Taj Mahal for his wife ?

Raphael: Right so he probably loved his wife a lot .

Kirin: If I mention love , which city in the world do you think of ?

Raphael: Umm, Paris ?

Kirin: Right .

Adam: Paris.

Kirin: So what is Paris' most famous scenic spot ?

Raphael: The Eiffel Tower .

Adam: The Eiffel Tower. Eiffel is a transliteration of the name, while iron tower literally means "iron tower."

Raphael: It's history is also more than a hundred years old . Ok, let's take a moment to review today's new words and scenic spots .

Kirin: Scenic spot , natural , man-made , Niagara falls , water falls , Grand Canyon , canyon , Egypt , pyramid , Taj Mahal , Paris , Eiffel Tower .

Raphael: Premium subscribers can go to our website and see all the Chinese characters for the new places that we taught you today .

Kirin: See you next time .