

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 201 [English]

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 201 .

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: In our last lesson, we listened to a lesson related to riding vehicles .

Kirin: Right, so ?

Raphael: So today I want to teach everyone a class related to vehicles .

Kirin: Ok, let's begin .

Raphael: Previously, we taught you the word “kāichē” (to drive a car) . Now usually when we drive a car , what does this “chē” (vehicle) mean ?

Kirin: Car .

Adam: Car.

Raphael: In our last lesson, the man was riding a vehicle . What did that “chē” (vehicle) mean ?

Kirin: Motorcycle .

Adam: That's a transliteration of motorcycle.

Raphael: In many countries in Asia, there are more motorcycles than cars . Do you know why that is ?

Kirin: Because motorcycles are cheaper than cars , and are more convenient .

Raphael: You are right . So let's discuss cheap and convenient, these two parts . Why are motorcycles cheaper ?

Kirin: Because you don't have to fill them up with gas often .

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

Kirin: To fill up gas .

Adam: To fill up gas. Note that this is the same **keep at it** used as encouragement that we often say in the closing part of many lessons.

Raphael: Right, when filling up gas , motorcycles are definitely cheaper than cars . Now why do you think motorcycles are more convenient than cars ?

Kirin: If there's a lot of traffic on the road , this isn't a big problem for motorcycles , since motorcycles are so much smaller than cars .

Raphael: Very good, any others ?

Kirin: As well, because motorcycles are smaller , parking is also more convenient .

Raphael: Oh, here we can see today's next new word

Kirin: To park (a vehicle) .

Adam: To park your vehicle. The literal meaning here is stop vehicle. So we also have the character for stop.

Kirin: Stop .

Raphael: In many countries in Asia , parking can sometimes be a problem , since there are too many cars . So when comparing motorcycles and cars , motorcycles are really a lot more convenient than cars , since looking for places for motorcycles to park is simpler . Now if motorcycles are more convenient , and more convenient , why are there still so many people who like to drive cars ?

Kirin: Because there are more seats in a car .

Raphael: Today's next new word is

Kirin: Seat .

Adam: Seat.

Raphael: If there are more people in a family , when they want to go out , driving a car is more convenient .

Kirin: And safer .

Raphael: Here we have another new word .

Kirin: Safe .

Adam: Safe.

Raphael: Safe is the opposite of dangerous . Now why do you feel that cars are safer than motorcycles ?

Kirin: Because there are seat belts in cars .

Raphael: Right, so our next new word is

Kirin: Seatbelt .

Adam: Literally, that's safe belt or seat-belt.

Raphael: Now when we ride motorcycles , we don't have seat belts , but what should we be using ?

Kirin: helmet .

Adam: Literally, that's safe cap or helmet.

Raphael: Right . As well, since riding and driving vehicles are different , you need different driving licenses for each . Ok, let's take a moment to review the new words that we taught you today .

Kirin: Car .

Adam: Car.

Kirin: To refuel .

Adam: To refuel.

Kirin: To stop .

Adam: To stop.

Kirin: To park .

Adam: To park.

Kirin: Seat .

Adam: Seat.

Kirin: Safe .

Adam: Safe.

Kirin: Seatbelt .

Adam: Seatbelt.

Kirin: Helmet .

Adam: Helmet.

Raphael: If you need to , you can go to our website chineselearnonline-com for more practice .

Kirin: We'll see you next time .