

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 205 [English]

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 205 .

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: Today we're going to look at some sentence patterns .

Kirin: What is that ?

Raphael: It's the jù in jùzi (sentence) along with a new character xíng (model) .

Kirin: Sentence pattern .

Adam: Sentence pattern.

Raphael: In every language, there are some basic sentence patterns . If you want to study these sentence patterns well , this will help you better understand the grammar of the language . Ok, our first sentence pattern is

Kirin: Is .

Raphael: Recently we saw a sentence using this pattern .

Kirin: Where are you from ?

Raphael: In this sentence, we know that person isn't a local , but we want to know where he is from . Usually if you want to ask someone something we already know , we want to better understand (the situation) , we use this sentence pattern . Please give us another sentence .

Kirin: Um, why is the sky blue ?

Raphael: So we already know the sky is blue , but we want to know why that is . Ok, next we will look at some other sentence patterns . I will first introduce a sentence pattern , then Kirin will give us two sentences , to better understand the meaning of the sentence . Today's next sentence pattern is “although, but ”. We have also seen this sentence pattern recently .

Kirin: Although he is fat, he can still run quickly .

Kirin: Although she can cook, what she cooks doesn't taste good .

Raphael: Only, just .

Kirin: I was just talking about you when you came .

Kirin: How come the cell phone you just bought yesterday is already broken .

Raphael: First, then .

Kirin: First go straight, then turn right .

Kirin: You should first buy eggs, then buy some milk .

Raphael: Every, all .

Kirin: He goes running in the park every morning .

Kirin: Every time I book a time to see a movie with him, he is always late .

Raphael: To take .

Kirin: I just threw away the trash .

Kirin: Can you give me his telephone number ?

Raphael: One, all .

Kirin: I can't even speak a little French .

Raphael: We haven't taught this sentence pattern before . This sentence means , I can't speak any French at all .

Kirin: He doesn't have a single friend .

Raphael: This means he doesn't have any friends .

Raphael: At the time, in the middle of . If there are two situations that happen at the same time , we use this sentence pattern .

Kirin: I was eating when my friend came by .

Kirin: It was raining when he left work .

Raphael: If . This sentence pattern has three different ways of usage .

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Raphael: These three sentences all have the same meaning . All three ways describe the same situation . Ok, today we saw many different sentence patterns . Our premium subscribers can visit our website chineselearnonline-com for more practice .

Kirin: Keep at it .