

**Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 216 [English]**

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 216 .

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 studying today ?

Raphael: The topic we are going to discuss today is industry .

Kirin: What is that ?

Adam: Industry.

Kirin: Industry . So what kind of industry are we going to discuss ?

Raphael: Every country has their own special industries . As well, most of these industries are related to importing and exporting .

Kirin: What are importing and exporting ?

Raphael: If you buy things from another country and bring them in , that is importing . The opposite of importing is exporting , which is to to sell products from your own country to other countries .

Kirin: Import .

Adam: Import.

Kirin: Export .

Adam: Export.

Kirin: So what kinds of things do we import and export ?

Raphael: That depends on your country . Every country has their own products that are made there . If the quality of their products are very good , or if they feel that the products they sell are cheaper than those of other countries , they can then export those products .

Kirin: What about importing then ?

Raphael: When we make products , we may need some natural resources .

Kirin: Need what ?

Raphael: Ah, today's next new word is

Kirin: Resources .

Adam: Resources. So together

Kirin: Natural resources .

Adam: means natural resources.

Kirin: Now if your country doesn't have the natural resources that you need , what can you do ?

Raphael: You may have to import those resources from other countries , this way you can then make the products you want . Usually the things we import , are usually a bit more expensive than what is sold locally .

Kirin: So richer countries , normally have more natural resources .

Raphael: Not always . Some countries import a lot of natural resources , but later make a lot of very good quality products , and then export these products to other countries . For example, in Taiwan we don't have a lot of natural resources , but Taiwan still exports a lot of computer products .

Kirin: So what you mean is that , every country has their own industry .

Raphael: Right, although Taiwan doesn't have a lot of natural resources , their computer industry is still quite big . Another example is in Thailand, where tourism is a popular industry for locals there . Or in Japan, their electronics industry is also very big etc .

Kirin: Why do these country choose to have these industries ?

Raphael: Every place has its advantages and disadvantages . Here we can see two new words .

Kirin: Advantage / benefit .

Adam: Advantage or benefit.

Kirin: Disadvantage .

Adam: Disadvantage.

Kirin: What does that mean ?

Raphael: For example, Thailand has many scenic spots , as well their beaches are very beautiful . So you can say that these places are Thailand's advantages . So their tourism industry has become very famous .

Kirin: So are there any disadvantages then ?

Raphael: Yes, every place has them . Today's last new word is

Kirin: Competition .

Adam: Competition.

Raphael: Usually, if a company can find an industry that makes them a lot of money , in this situation , some competing companies will slowly appear , since they also want to make a lot of money .

Kirin: So what to do then ?

Raphael: This is good for the consumers . Since this way, prices will become cheaper , and the quality of products will become better . For example, Thailand now has many places nearby that are also good travel destinations . Such as Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia etc . Those places also have very nice hotels , as well as cheap markets to shop at . Ok, let's take a moment to review the new words taught today .

Kirin: Industry .

Adam: Industry.

Kirin: [To import](#) .

Adam: To import.

Kirin: [To export](#) .

Adam: To export.

Kirin: [Resources](#) .

Adam: Resources.

Kirin: [Advantage](#) .

Adam: Advantage.

Kirin: [Disadvantage](#) .

Adam: Disadvantage.

Kirin: [Competition](#) .

Adam: Competition.

Raphael: [Ok, if you need to , our premium subscribers can visit our website chineselearnonline-com for more practice .](#)

Kirin: [Keep at it](#) .