

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 219 [English]

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 219 .

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: In our last class, we discussed the subject of elections .

Kirin: Yes, in the world , most countries have election activities .

Raphael: Right, now if there is an election now , how will you know which person to vote for ?

Kirin: Normally I would first take a look at the news .

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

Kirin: News .

Adam: News.

Kirin: During elections , you can find out which people are running for elections in the news . This way you can see which person has the same way of thinking that you do , and subsequently vote for them .

Raphael: Normally on television , or in the newspaper, we can see news . Next, we have another another manner of speaking that is similar to news

Kirin: Personal news .

Adam: Personal news.

Raphael: For example, if your friend was giving birth to a child , this would be a type of personal news . But if it's the result of an election , this is a type of (public) news . Do you often watch news ?

Kirin: Umm, that depends . I've have to first see if the news headlines are of interest to me .

Raphael: Ah, today's next new word is

Kirin: Headlines .

Raphael: We have seen both these characters before .

Adam: The literal meaning here is “head”, followed by the measure word for long, skinny items – and together that means “headlines”.

Kirin: Headlines .

Raphael: In the newspaper, they first let you see the headlines of that day . If the headlines are of interest to you , you will probably continue to read the news article . So they normally use a special way to write them , to make you interested in that article .

Kirin: But usually I don't like to read the newspaper . I prefer to watch the news on television .

Raphael: The news on television also has headlines . Normally when the news first begins , they will first give you the news headlines . Since when they are explaining , if there are news items that you want to see , you will continue to watch their report . So today's next new word is

Kirin: News report .

Adam: News report.

Raphael: We can see reports everyday in the newspaper and in the television news . Today's next new word is

Kirin: Reporter .

Adam: Reporter.

Raphael: On television news , every report has one or more reporters .

Kirin: When I was young, I really wanted to become a reporter .

Raphael: Oh, why was that ?

Kirin: Because I felt that they looked beautiful on television . As well everyone could see me on television everyday .

Raphael: Right, I think most reporters look very good . As well, their pronunciation is very clear .

Kirin: I think so too . As well, they use very standard pronunciation .

Raphael: Now if you really want to become a reporter , but your pronunciation isn't very good , what can you do ?

Kirin: Some of the reports in newspapers , also need reporters, right ?

Raphael: Right, they are also types of reporters . So if you are used to writing articles , and you write very well , if you have the opportunity , you can try out this type of job . Now in what other places can you see news ?

Kirin: In magazines .

Raphael: Right . So today's next new word is

Kirin: Magazine .

Adam: Magazine.

Raphael: Now what's the difference between the news found in magazines versus that found in newspapers ?

Kirin: Since newspapers are released every day , the news in newspapers is newer . But magazines aren't , magazines usually come out every week or two , some come out every month , so their news is already a bit old . So when compared to the news from newspapers , they aren't that new .

Raphael: Then what's the advantage of magazines then ?

Kirin: Most magazine articles are longer , so they may give us more information .

Raphael: So do you like to read magazines ?

Kirin: I like them, but I don't often read them . Normally I read them when taking a plane , or when waiting for a doctor at the hospital .

Raphael: Ok, let's take a moment to review the new words taught to you today .

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Adam: News.

Kirin: Personal news .

Adam: Personal news.

Kirin: Headlines .

Adam: Headlines.

Kirin: News report .

Adam: News report.

Kirin: Reporter .

Adam: Reporter.

Kirin: Magazine .

Adam: Magazine.

Raphael: Our premium subscribers can visit our website chineselearnonline-com to see more vocabulary related to news .

Kirin: Keep at it .