

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 226 [English]

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 226 .

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 .

Raphael: Let's first listen to today's dialogue at normal speed .

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So I'm looking to see if anyone can come by for an interview .

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Yann: Not at all . Actually, it's because many of my coworkers were fired recently . So my boss needs to hire new employees .

Cindy: Why does he want to do things this way ? Are the employees who were fired really bad ?

Yann: I think it's because my boss is too picky . So if he finds a small thing wrong with the employees , right away he fires them .

Cindy: So are you scared of working with your boss now ?

Yann: Not at all . Since I already know what things he likes and dislikes . So when I'm at work , I just have to do the things that he likes , then my job shouldn't have any problem .

Raphael: Let's listen to today's dialogue at a slowed down speed .

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Raphael: Let's now explain today's dialogue . The first line was

Kirin: What are you looking at ?

Raphael: According to this woman , this man seems to be doing something that looks interesting . So she asks him this question . The man then replies

Kirin: I'm looking at some resumes , since my boss wants to hire a new employee soon . So I'm looking to see if anyone can come by for an interview .

Raphael: In this sentence , we saw today's first new word

Kirin: To hire .

Adam: To hire, as in to hire an employee.

Raphael: Usually when you are applying for a job , you need to first show that company your resume . And then if there is interest , they will invite you for an interview . The woman then asks

Kirin: Wow, your company must be expanding well , otherwise how come it's always hiring new employees .

Raphael: Today's next new word is

Kirin: To develop / exchange .

Adam: To develop or exchange.

Raphael: If a company's business is good , they will want to continue expanding into other areas , to make more money . When they are expanding , they will probably need more employees . But what the man replied was

Kirin: Not at all .

Raphael: Here we saw today's next new word

Kirin: Emphasis negation particle .

Raphael: Although we have studied this character , the meaning here is a little different .

Adam: Here it's being used to emphatically refute the speaker's previous statement. Kind of like saying "definitely not".

Kirin: Not at all .

Raphael: He then continues

Kirin: Actually, it's because many of my coworkers are being fired . So my boss needs to hire new employees .

Raphael: Today's next new word is

Kirin: To be fired .

Raphael: To be fired is the opposite of to be hired .

Adam: The literal meaning is "fried squid", which of course means "To be fired."

Kirin: What does frying squid have to do with being fired ?

Adam: I'm glad you asked. Long time ago, when this phrase was first invented, all a worker needed to bring to work was a blanket, since the company took care of all the food and lodging. So when a worker was fired, they had to fold up their blanket to leave, which looks similar to the actions of frying a squid.

Raphael: What did he just say ?

Kirin: I didn't understand either .

Raphael: Wow, sounds very interesting . So this man is explaining to this woman , their company hires new employees , because many people are fired , not because the company is expanding . The woman then asks

Kirin: Why does he want to do things this way ? Are the employees who were fired really bad ?

Raphael: Usually when an employee is fired , it might be because the work he did wasn't good enough , or the company's business isn't good . In this dialogue , since this company wants to hire a new employee , this woman thinks it's probably because the

employees didn't do a good enough job , so they were fired . But she wonders how is possible that so many employees are doing such a bad job . The man then replies

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Raphael: Today's next new word is

Kirin: To be picky .

Adam: To be picky about something.

Raphael: Since this boss is very picky , he often feels the work his employees do isn't good enough . At the end of the second sentence he says

Kirin: To be fired .

Adam: The literal meaning here is “invite them to walk”, and is another way of saying “to be fired”.

Raphael: The woman then asks

Kirin: So are you scared to work with your boss now ?

Raphael: This woman feels , in this man's work situation , it seems to be quite easy to be fired . So she wants to know if this man is scared or not of being fired one day . He replies

Kirin: Not at all . Since I already know what things he likes and dislikes . So when I'm at work , I just have to do the things that he likes , then my job shouldn't have any problem .

Raphael: If you feel your boss is quite picky , when you do things , you have to be especially careful and pay attention . This way you can make your boss happy , as well you won't have to worry about being fired . Ok, let's listen again to today's dialogue at normal speed .

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Kirin: Keep at it .