

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 235 [English]

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 235 .

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 lesson , we taught everyone the word “all day” .

Kirin: Right, all day means twenty four hours a day , meaning from morning to night .

Raphael: Right . But usually when we use the word “all day” , we use it in an exaggerated way .

Kirin: What do you mean ?

Raphael: For example some women take all day to put on make-up .

Kirin: That's right . According to me, it doesn't matter how much time you spend , when you go out, you have to put on make-up .

Raphael: Actually they don't really spend twenty four hours to put on make-up , they just use the word all day to describe that they have to spend a lot of time putting on make-up .

Kirin: So in what other kinds of situations can we use the word all day ?

Raphael: Let's take a look at some other examples . This way it will be easier for you to understand .

Kirin: Do you work all day now ?

Adam: Do you work all day now?

Kirin: You don't work all day . You just stay at home and do what ?

Adam: You don't work all day. You just stay at home and do what?

Kirin: You don't know how to do anything . All you do is spend money all day .

Adam: You don't know how to do anything. All you do is spend money all day!

Raphael: Wow, this sentence during arguments , will probably appear lots . Especially when mothers are yelling at their kids .

Kirin: Or when boyfriends and girlfriends are arguing . So when we are saying these things, we have to be especially careful , since the people listening might get angry .

Raphael: Ok, next , if the time you want to describe is also long , but it isn't as long as all day , what word can you use ?

Kirin: Half a day .

Adam: Half a day.

Raphael: This is the half in a half . So half a day is only half of all day , twelve hours . So in what situation can we use the word half a day ? Please give us some examples .

Kirin: On Saturday we only have half a day of classes , so we can go home at noon .

Adam: On Saturday we only have half a day of classes. So we can go home at noon.

Kirin: When comparing half a day of work with a full day of work , I prefer working half a day , since this way I can go home earlier and rest .

Adam: When comparing half a day of work with a full day of work, I prefer working half day, since this way I can go home earlier and rest.

Kirin: Please finish the rest of your work within half a day .

Adam: Please finish the rest of your work within half a day.

Raphael: Ok, next we have another word , that can be used to describe a period of time within a day .

Kirin: Daytime .

Raphael: This is the white in the color white , as well, we've already studied it . This time describes a day , when the sun is out .

Kirin: Why is the time when the sun is out called white day ?

Raphael: Ah, because during the day when the sun is out , it is brighter , which starts to feel similar to the color white . But during the evening , the sun disappears , and it starts to feel more like the color black .

Kirin: So do we have the word “black day” ?

Raphael: No . But you can say “black night” .

Adam: Literally, that’s “black night”, and together can mean “night time.”

Kirin: Night time .

Raphael: The opposite of daytime is night . Most people , start work or start class during the day . Then when night time comes , they go home and rest . Now the next word related to “day” today is

Kirin: Everyday .

Adam: Everyday.

Raphael: ”Tiāntiān (Everyday)” means every day . Please give us an example .

Kirin: Don’t you hate eating the same things everyday ?

Adam: Don’t you hate eating the same things everyday?

Kirin: Do you help your mom do housework everyday ?

Adam: Do you help your mom do housework everyday?

Kirin: Do you ride a motorcycle to work everyday ?

Adam: Do you ride a motorcycle to work everyday?

Raphael: Very good . Actually, in Chinese , there are many words that are two of the same characters put together . For example

Kirin: Every year .

Adam: Every year.

Kirin: Everyone .

Adam: Everyone.

Raphael: Ok, today’s last new word is

Kirin: **On that day** .

Adam: On that day.

Raphael: **For example**

Kirin: **I have more time next Saturday** , so please bring my coat back to me on that day .

Adam: I have more time next Saturday, so please bring my coat back to me on that day.

Kirin: **On that day's party** , we will prepare a lot of alcohol and fruits .

Adam: On that day's party, we will prepare a lot of alcohol and fruits.

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

Kirin: **Half a day** .

Adam: Half a day.

Kirin: **Night** .

Adam: Night time.

Kirin: **Everyday** .

Adam: Everyday.

Kirin: **Every year** .

Adam: Every year.

Kirin: **Everyone** .

Adam: Everyone.

Raphael: **That day** .

Adam: That day.

Raphael: **If you need to** , our premium subscribers can visit our website chineselearnonline-com for more practice .

Kirin: **Keep at it** !