

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 236 [English]

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 236 .

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: Today we are going to discuss the topic of festivals .

Kirin: Festivals ? I think we've already discussed this topic .

Raphael: Huh ? Have we ? Which festivals ?

Kirin: Christmas , Valentine's Day , Chinese New Year .

Raphael: Only these three ?

Kirin: Right .

Raphael: But in Chinese culture , we have a lot of other festivals .

Kirin: Quickly tell me what other festivals China has .

Raphael: Slow down , let's first take a quick look at today's new words .

Kirin: Calendar .

Adam: Calendar .

Raphael: In China there are two types of calendars . The first type is

Kirin: The lunar calendar / Traditional Chinese calendar .

Adam: The lunar calendar, or traditional Chinese calendar.

Raphael: The second type is

Kirin: Western calendar / Solar calendar .

Adam: Literally that's new calendar, which refers to the Western calendar or solar calendar.

Raphael: In Chinese culture , most festivals come from the Chinese calendar .

Kirin: So what festivals do you want to teach us today ?

Raphael: You really don't have any patience . Fine, I'll now introduce the festival we are going to teach today

Kirin: Dragonboat festival .

Adam: Dragonboat festival.

Raphael: Dragonboat festival takes every year on the fifth day of the fifth month of the Chinese calendar .

Kirin: During Dragonboat festival , are there any special activities ?

Raphael: Yes, the most special activity is when people go to the side of the river to see a type of competition

Kirin: Dragonboat race .

Adam: What is that ?

Raphael: This is the sài from competition . Next for Chinese people, dragon , is a type of lucky animal .

Adam: Dragon.

Kirin: Dragon . As well, I heard that when a dragon is angry , fire will come out of his mouth .

Raphael: And what does "chuán (boat)" mean ?

Kirin: A boat on the river is a type of ...

Adam: Boat.

Raphael: Right, so dragonboat race is a competition of many dragonboats .

Adam: Dragonboat race.

Raphael: During Dragonboat festival , we eat a type of food called

Kirin: [Rice dumpling](#) .

Adam: Rice dumpling.

Raphael: [Do you like to eat rice dumplings](#) ?

Kirin: [Yes I do](#) . [Since there are many types of flavors to choose from](#) .

Raphael: [So how do you spend your Dragonboat festival every year](#) ?

Kirin: [Since Dragonboat festival is a festival](#) , [so I will go to the riverside with family or friends to watch the dragonboat races](#) . [As well during the dragonboat festival](#) , [we can eat many different flavors of rice dumplings](#) .

Raphael: [Very good](#) . [Let's take a moment to review the new words we taught you today](#) .

Kirin: [Lunar calendar / Chinese traditional calendar](#) .

Adam: Lunar or Chinese traditional calendar.

Kirin: [Western calendar / Solar calendar](#) .

Adam: Western calendar.

Kirin: [Dragonboat festival](#) .

Adam: Dragonboat festival.

Kirin: [Dragon](#) .

Adam: Dragon.

Kirin: [Boat](#) .

Adam: Boat.

Kirin: [Rice dumpling](#) .

Adam: A type of rice dumpling.

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Kirin: [Keep at it](#) !