

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 268 [English]

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 268 .

Hello everyone , I am Teacher Yang .

Raphael: Hello everyone , I am Teacher Lai .

Adam: And hello, I'm Adam.

Kirin: Welcome to our learning Chinese course .

Raphael: In the last two lessons , we discussed the problem of traffic . Now why are the traffic rules in Asia so different from those in Western countries ?

Kirin: I'm guessing it's because there are more people in Asia .

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

Kirin: Population .

Adam: Population.

Raphael: If a country has a big population , their social environment will be quite different from that of a country with a small population . Our next new words are

Kirin: Land .

Adam: Land.

Kirin: Everywhere .

Adam: Everywhere.

Kirin: Crowded .

Adam: Crowded.

Kirin: Space .

Adam: Space.

Raphael: Some countries have big populations , but their land mass is small . What will this result in ?

Kirin: I think Taiwan is the best example of this . As a result it's crowded everywhere you go .

Raphael: So what to do then ?

Kirin: There's nothing you can do . We have to get used to this type of lifestyle . But I think there is one situation that's quite interesting , which is when foreigners live in Taiwan , how they use space is quite different from how Taiwanese use space .

Raphael: What do you mean ?

Kirin: For example in foreign countries when you line up , there is more space between the people in front and those behind . Since they feel this is more polite . But in Taiwan , some people line up very closely .

Raphael: Ah, I understand what you mean . When we take the elevator, you might see the same situation take place . I have seen many foreigners don't like being crowded in an elevator with a lot of people . But in Taiwan, according to us , this is a situation that we see quite often .

Kirin: As well, when we park , if your parking space is very close to that of a foreigner's , they might get angry . But in Taiwan , due to our land not being very large, we have to do things this way , otherwise it would be very difficult to find a parking spot .

Raphael: In places with large populations and smaller land masses , not only is there lot of buildings, they are all very tall . And most people live in apartments . This is related to the land mass being small, so there not being many houses .

Kirin: If the land mass is small, there is another problem , which is that there aren't many places that we can put our garbage . This is a problem that is getting more and more serious .

Raphael: You're right . So we have a method to decrease the amount of our garbage , which is ...

Kirin: To recycle .

Adam: To recycle.

Raphael: Actually, it doesn't matter which country we live in , we should probably manage the resources used to recycle . Otherwise the amount of garbage we produce will keep increasing , and the amount of land available to use will keep decreasing .

Kirin: So if we don't want to throw away too much garbage , what should we do ?

Raphael: Great question . For example when we are buying groceries, we should pay attention to what items can be recycled . If most of them can be recycled , then the amount of leftover garbage will decrease .

Kirin: So are there any advantages to living in a place with a large population ?

Raphael: I think there are . Since places with a large population also have a lot of stores , so life is more convenient .

Kirin: For people who love to shop, this is the best reason , not only can you go shopping at the department stores in the morning , when evening falls you can go shopping at the night markets .

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

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Kirin: We'll see you next time .