

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 273 [English]

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 273 .

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: Today we are going to listen to a dialogue that reviews the words taught to you a few lessons ago . But before we begin , we have a few questions to ask you . When you listen to the dialogue , you can try to answer these questions . The first question is ...

Kirin: Where does today's dialogue take place ?

Kirin: What help does this man require ?

Kirin: For what purpose does he go to this place for ?

Kirin: How much does he plan to spend ?

Raphael: Hmm, very interesting . Do you remember all these questions ? Then let's now listen to today's dialogue at a normal speed .

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Yann: Hello, I would like to buy a ring .

Cindy: May I ask what occasion this is for ?

Yann: It is for my engagement with my girlfriend .

Cindy: Oh, congratulations . I will help you choose the best ring for the occasion . How about a diamond ring ?

Yann: Ok, but I hope the price won't be too high .

Cindy: I'm really sorry , I forgot to first ask you what your budget was .

Yann: My budget is under \$5000 US .

Cindy: Ok, we have some styles here that just arrived these past few days . Would you like to take a look ?

Yann: Ok .

Cindy: Please follow me .

Raphael: Let's now listen to this dialogue again at a slowed down speed .

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

Kirin: Welcome . I'd be happy to serve you .

Raphael: When we go to a store , the sales clerks there often use this way of speaking when greeting us . Now what kind of store is this ? Let's take a look and see what kind of item this customer wants to buy ?

Kirin: Hello, I would like to buy a ring .

Raphael: Ah, so what he wants to buy is a ring , so he is probably at a jewelry store or the jewelry department of a department store . The sales clerk then asks

Kirin: May I ask what occasion this is for ?

Raphael: Today's first new word is

Kirin: Occasion .

Adam: Occasion.

Raphael: Why does the sales clerk want to know what the purpose for this man buying the ring is ? It's probably because there are many types of rings , and every occasion has different types of rings that are used for them . The man then replies

Kirin: It is for my engagement with my girlfriend .

Raphael: Normally when a man wants his girlfriend to marry him , he will probably first give her a ring . So this sales clerk understands what kind of ring this man wants to buy . The sales clerk then says

Kirin: Oh, congratulations . I will help you choose the best ring for the occasion .

Raphael: Today's next new word is

Kirin: To choose / select .

Adam: To choose or select.

Raphael: Since this customer wants to buy an engagement ring , the sales clerk wants to first give her customer some suggestions , and help him choose a ring . She then continues

Kirin: How about a diamond ring ?

Raphael: When getting engaged , most people choose diamond rings . But there are also others who choose other types of rings . So this sales clerk first asks the customer this question . The man then replies

Kirin: Ok, but I hope the price won't be too high .

Raphael: Generally speaking, if the ring you choose is a diamond one , the bigger the diamond is, the higher the price will be . So this man probably doesn't plan to buy a very big or expensive ring . The sales clerk then replies

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Raphael: Today's next new word is

Kirin: Budget .

Adam: The literal meaning is “advance count”, which together means “budget”.

Raphael: Before we buy something , it is best to first have a budget . This way the money we spend won't be more than the budget we originally decided upon . The customer then tells the clerk

Kirin: My budget is under \$5000 US .

Raphael: What he means is that , he doesn't want to buy a ring that is more expensive than \$5000 . If he can buy a ring that is cheaper than \$5000, that would be even better . The sales clerk then says

Kirin: Ok, we have some styles here that just arrived these past few days . Would you like to take a look ?

Raphael: Just like other products , jewelry stores will also buy new styles of rings to give their customers more choices . As well, people usually look for the newest models . So the man says

Kirin: Ok .

Raphael: The sales clerk then says

Kirin: Please follow me .

Raphael: So this sales clerk then takes the customer to a different area to look at new ring styles . Ok, let's listen again to today's dialogue at a normal speed .

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Kirin: Keep at it !