

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 277 [English]

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 277 .

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 our last lesson , we discussed the topic of raising children .

Kirin: You also told us the reason why you gave up on becoming a singer .

Raphael: I haven't given up, okay ? But speaking of giving up and succeeding , that makes me think of a word related to today's topic .

Kirin: To dream .

Adam: To dream.

Raphael: When we go to bed each day , we often have dreams . Now today's topic is ...

Kirin: To have hopes / dreams .

Adam: To have hopes or dreams.

Raphael: So what's the difference between dreaming and having a dream ?

Kirin: Dreaming happens when you go to sleep . To have a dream is the type of things that you hope to do during your lifetime .

Raphael: Right . As well, I find that people generally don't have the same dreams when they are young that they do when they grow up .

Kirin: What do you mean ?

Raphael: For example if you ask a child what he wants to do when he grows up ? What might they answer with ?

Kirin: Astronaut .

Adam: Literally that's "outer space person" or astronaut.

Kirin: Pilot .

Adam: Pilot.

Kirin: President .

Adam: President.

Raphael: I think these are all great jobs . But why is it that after children grow up , most people give up on these dreams ?

Kirin: Great question . Why did you give up on your dream ?

Raphael: I haven't given up yet . Plus I'm not talking about me , I'm talking about most people .

Kirin: Probably when they grow up they discover , that actually these jobs aren't as interesting as they imagined . It's the opposite, as these jobs have a lot of pressure , you also have to take a lot of responsibility , so it's not suitable for all people .

Raphael: Right . Now why is it that when some people grow up, they can do the jobs that they dreamed about as a child , but others aren't able to ?

Kirin: It's probably because the successful people realized from the start what their goals were , so not only did they spend a lot of time , they were very focused and worked dilligently at it , resulting in their success .

Raphael: Right . I think all people have dreams , but some people don't focus on their goals , and don't believe in themselves enough . So their chances of success decrease as a result .

Kirin: So is there any way for them to achieve their dreams ?

Raphael: Very good question . My advice is to make your dream clearer .

Kirin: What do you mean ?

Raphael: I haven't finished talking . Many people are not very clear about their own dreams . Like some people want to become rich , or hope that their lives can become more comfortable or happier .

Kirin: Is there anything wrong with dreams like these ?

Raphael: I didn't say there was anything wrong with these kinds of dreams . What I mean is that , if you can make your dream clearer , your chance of success will increase . For example, if you went to a travel agent and said "I want to go to America ." What would they say ?

Kirin: What city in America do you want to go to ?

Raphael: Correct , because America is a very big place . So you have to take your goal and make it more clear .

Kirin: Ah, I understand what you mean . So if my childhood dream was to become a pilot , what could I do to make my dream become clearer ?

Raphael: Excellent question . You could first check for more information . Like what schools do pilots have to go to , and if you want to attend classes there , what information would you have to first prepare etc . The best method would be to find a real pilot , and then discuss your goals with him . They can probably give you very good advice . This way you can use their experience to help your dreams come true quicker .

Kirin: Very interesting . You you're your dream was to become a singer , So which famous singer did you discuss your dream with ?

Raphael: Umm, I'm still preparing this part . Ok, let's take a moment to review the new words taught in today's lesson .

Adam: To dream.

Kirin: To dream .

Adam: To have a dream, as in what you do when you're asleep.

Kirin: To have a dream .

Adam: To have a dream, as in a hope or a wish.

Kirin: To have a dream / hope .

Adam: Astronaut.

Kirin: Astronaut .

Adam: Pilot.

Kirin: [Pilot](#) .

Adam: President.

Kirin: [President](#) .

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Kirin: [Keep at it !](#)