

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 278 [English]

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 278 .

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: Two lessons ago , we taught you the word for education . Today we are going to continue discussing the topic of education . Before we begin , let's take a moment to look at some new words that we will be using in a moment .

Kirin: Grades / Marks on tests .

Adam: Grades or marks on tests.

Kirin: Grade / Standard year in school .

Adam: Grade or standard year in school.

Raphael: Normally what is the name of the first school that children attend ?

Kirin: Kindergarten .

Adam: Kindergarten.

Raphael: At kindergarten , the teacher will probably first teach some games and activities that are suitable for children , like singing or dancing . As well as some conversation required in basic life , such as counting, colors etc . There are no tests in kindergarten , and no grades . Now after children graduate from kindergarten , what is the next school that they attend called ?

Kirin: Elementary school .

Raphael: We have learned the word for elementary school before . It is the time from grade one to grade six . In elementary school , the teacher will begin to give the students tests , so there will also be grades . If the grades aren't good , the student won't be able to continue on to the

next grade . The student will have to repeat that grade again . Ok, now after graduating from elementary school , what is the next school ?

Kirin: Middle school / Junior high school .

Adam: Middle school or junior high school.

Raphael: In Taiwan we call this type of school

Kirin: Middle school / Junior high school .

Raphael: Middle school is from grade seven to grade nine . At middle school , students begin to prepare for the test required to enter the next school .

Kirin: Senior high school .

Raphael: High school is from grade ten to grade twelve . Normally we choose the elementary schools and middle schools that are close to our own homes . Of course going to the closest schools would be more convenient for the students . But each place has its own local rules . In Taiwan for example, before you go to high school , you have to first write a special test .

Kirin: Entrance examination .

Adam: Entrance examination.

Raphael: After they write the test , you have to see what their grades are like . If their grades aren't good , the students won't be able to attend the best high schools . What do you think of this style of testing ?

Kirin: I think there are advantages and disadvantages . The advantages are that the students with good grades can go to better schools . The disadvantage however is that the entrance examination puts a lot of pressure on the students . Since whether their future school is good or not , is closely related to how well they do on the entrance examination .

Raphael: Right . Now why is high school so important ?

Kirin: Because during this time , many students will begin to prepare for what kinds of jobs they will look for in the future . And if they want to study at university , they also have to prepare for their university entrance examinations .

Raphael: Right . Now after graduating from high school , what will the students get ?

Kirin: Graduation diploma / certificate .

Adam: Graduation diploma or certificate.

Raphael: There are many types of certificates . For example what is the university graduation diploma called ?

Kirin: Academic degree .

Adam: Academic degree.

Raphael: Now there are also different types of academic degrees . For example ...

Kirin: Bachelor's degree .

Adam: Bachelor's degree.

Kirin: Master's degree .

Adam: Master's degree.

Kirin: Doctoral degree / PhD .

Adam: Doctoral degree or PhD.

Raphael: So we know that a person will spend a long time being educated from a child to an adult . Ok, let's take a moment to review the new words taught in today's lesson .

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Kirin: [Keep at it](#) !