

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 281 [English]

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 281 .

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 some activities that you can do outside . But sometimes there's no way for us to go out , we just have to stay at home .

Kirin: Why can't we go outside ?

Raphael: That happens to be today's topic .

Kirin: Natural disaster .

Adam: Natural disaster.

Raphael: Around the world , the natural disasters that take place in each place aren't all the same . Some are quite serious , while some don't have a big effect . Rain isn't considered to be a natural disaster . But when it rains , we might encounter two other parts

Kirin: Thunder .

Adam: Thunder.

Kirin: Lightning .

Adam: Lightning.

Raphael: Now if it rains very heavily , and there is thunder and lightning . We don't call this type of natural disaster rain , what do we call it ?

Kirin: Storm .

Adam: Storm. Here we also have the word for wind.

Kirin: Wind .

Raphael: So are you scared of storms ?

Kirin: Me ? I am not scared now . But when I was small, as soon as I heard the sound of thunder , I would begin to cry . Since the sound of thunder was very loud , children are easily scared by this .

Raphael: Hmm . Now in Asia , if the wind and rain are extremely heavy , what type of natural disaster might this be ?

Kirin: Typhoon .

Adam: Typhoon.

Raphael: When typhoons hit , you should definitely stay at home , don't go out . Now why is it dangerous to go out ?

Kirin: Because the wind and rain are both quite heavy , and the visibility isn't clear . So it is easy to get injured by being hit by an object .

Raphael: Right . In Asia, this type of natural disaster is called a typhoon . But in Western countries , they also have a natural disaster that is similar to typhoons . They don't call it a typhoon , they have a different name .

Kirin: Hurricane .

Adam: Hurricane.

Raphael: Around the world , some countries have another type of natural disaster .

Kirin: Earthquake .

Adam: Earthquake.

Raphael: Earthquakes sometimes are a serious natural disaster . Because we don't know when an earthquake will happen , there is no way for us to prepare for it . It's not like when a typhoon comes , the news will first report about it, letting us know what the weather will be like on those days , when the typhoon will arrive , is it okay to leave the house etc . But an earthquake just suddenly happens . As well, during an earthquake , many tall buildings will ...

Kirin: To move .

Adam: To move.

Raphael: If the place you live in , often has earthquakes . The schools will probably teach students what to do when an earthquake hits . For example first wait under the table , and wait till the earthquake has stopped before coming out . Now every earthquake isn't the same . We have to first look at their

Kirin: Level / Extent .

Adam: Level or extent.

Raphael: If in the place you live in , the extent of the earthquake is under 5 , it's probably not very serious . But if it's higher than 6 or 7 , in this case it could be a little dangerous . Ok, let's take a moment to review the new words taught in today's lesson .

Adam: Natural disaster.

Kirin: Natural disaster .

Adam: Thunder.

Kirin: Thunder .

Adam: Lightning.

Kirin: Lightning .

Adam: Storm.

Kirin: Storm .

Adam: Wind.

Kirin: Wind .

Adam: Typhoon.

Kirin: Typhoon .

Adam: Hurricane.

Kirin: Hurricane .

Adam: Earthquake.

Kirin: [Earthquake](#) .

Adam: To move.

Kirin: [To move](#) .

Adam: Level or extent.

Kirin: [Level / Extent](#) .

Raphael: [Wow, today's lesson has a lot of new words . But there are also a lot of other natural disasters around the world . So our premium subscribers can visit our website \[chineselearnonline-com\]\(http://chineselearnonline-com\) to see more words related to natural disasters .](#)

Kirin: [See you next time](#) .