

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 289 [English]

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 289 .

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: Let's first take a look at the new words we are going to use in today's lesson .

Kirin: Society .

Adam: Society.

Kirin: To rely / depend upon .

Adam: To rely or depend upon.

Kirin: To invent / Invention .

Adam: To invent or invention.

Kirin: Brain .

Adam: Brain.

Kirin: Have you been paying attention ? The topics we've been discussing in our more recent lessons have all been related to technology .

Raphael: Correct , I've been paying attention . I believe that there is a lot of technology involved in the development of society these days .

Kirin: But I've found that people today rely on technology too much .

Raphael: Correct . I think that's because the invention of new technology makes our lives much more convenient , and helps us a lot .

Kirin: But the problem is , I'm afraid that one day people will rely on technology too much ,

and slowly forget how to take care of themselves .

Raphael: I'm not sure I understand what you mean .

Kirin: Hmm, well let me ask you then , why do you think people like to use calculators ?

Raphael: Because calculators can help us use a short time to to calculate difficult math problems .

Kirin: Right . Now before calculators were invented , what methods did people use to calculate math problems ?

Raphael: They probably first wrote down their problems on paper , and then slowly calculated them . Or they just used their brains to calculate . But this method is slower .

Kirin: But the problem is , nowadays when many students see math questions , they aren't willing to first think about it for themselves , they just directly take out their calculators to calculate . Sometimes , they even use calculators to answer very simple math questions .

Raphael: I don't understand what you mean . If this technology can help us do things better , and you don't have to spend time thinking , what's wrong with that ?

Kirin: Ok, for example , Some time back I went to a convenience store to buy some things . I spent 55 dollars altogether . So I gave the clerk 105 dollars . I then saw him using a calculator to figure out how much money to give back to me . Why for such a simple question does he have to use a calculator to calculate ? Can't he use his brain to calculate on his own ?

Raphael: I think you're thinking too much about this .

Kirin: Ok, let me give you another example . Last week my brother drove our family to a restaurant for dinner . He kept looking at the GPS in his car , he didn't try to think for himself how to go . If his GPS stops working one day , he'll definitely get lost pretty easily .

Raphael: Perhaps . But technology has a lot of other advantages . Like last weekend , a friend asked me to go hiking with him . But the problem was that , during that time I really wanted to watch a baseball game on TV .

Kirin: So ?

Raphael: I ended up still going hiking with my friend . But since I could surf the internet on my cell phone , while I was hiking , I would keep looking at my cell phone , to see what the baseball score was .

Kirin: If my boyfriend did this , I would get quite angry ! The purpose of hiking is to breathe fresh air , and look at natural scenery , not to watch baseball games on your cell phone .

Raphael: Umm, actually my cell phone can only show the result of the baseball game , not them actually playing . But I heard recently , that there's another cell phone model where you can watch baseball game in progress .

Kirin: Ah, forget it ! I don't want to continue this conversation with you .

Raphael: Fine . Let's review now the new words taught to you today .

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Kirin: Keep at it !