

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 291 [English]

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 291 .

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 listen to today's lesson at a normal speed .

Cindy: How was your week ?

Yann: Not very good . My best friend is upset with me .

Cindy: Did something happen ?

Yann: Yesterday was his birthday , but I forgot to say happy birthday .

Cindy: Ah, I see , no wonder he is so angry . I believe remembering the birthdays of people close to us is very important .

Yann: Right . So a while back I had taken the birthdays of my family and friends and added them to my PDA . This way I could remember their birthdays forever .

Cindy: That sounds like a great idea . So how come you still forgot your friend's birthday yesterday ?

Yann: Because I forgot to charge it the day before yesterday , so yesterday my PDA had no power all day . So there was no way for me to find out from my PDA that yesterday was his birthday .

Cindy: Sometimes you shouldn't rely too much on technology , otherwise the same situation might happen again .

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

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

Kirin: How was your week ?

Raphael: This sentence sounds like , this woman hasn't met her friend for more than a week . So she wants to know if anything interesting happened to this man this past week . The man then replies

Kirin: Not very good . My best friend is upset with me .

Raphael: If we do something to make our own friends upset , other than apologizing to your friend , our mood will of course also suffer . The woman then asks

Kirin: Did something happen ?

Raphael: She wants to know what this man did to make his best friend upset . He says

Kirin: Yesterday was his birthday , but I forgot to say happy birthday .

Raphael: Every year during our birthdays , most people probably look forward to other people wishing us happy birthday . But this man unexpectedly forgot to contact his best friend . The woman then says

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Raphael: Today's first new word is

Kirin: Intimate / Close .

Adam: Intimate or close.

Raphael: Some people feel that during birthdays , you can see who your real friends are . Since normally people will remember the birthdays of people close to them . The man then says

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Raphael: Today's next new word is

Kirin: Forever .

Adam: Forever.

Raphael: PDAs have a very useful function , of being able to arrange our daily schedules , and can help people remember some important occasions . The woman then says

Kirin: That sounds like a great idea . So how come you still forgot your friend's birthday yesterday ?

Raphael: This woman wants to know , since this man already has a PDA , why he still forgot his friend's birthday . The man then says

Kirin: Because I forgot to charge it the day before yesterday , so yesterday my PDA had no power all day . So there was no way for me to find out from my PDA that yesterday was his birthday .

Raphael: Today's last new word is

Kirin: Recharge .

Adam: Literally, that means "fill electricity" or "recharge."

Raphael: Many electronics need electricity , so when they are about to run out of power, you have to recharge them , otherwise those electronics can't be used . The woman finally says

Kirin: Sometimes you shouldn't rely too much on technology , otherwise the same situation might happen again .

Raphael: This woman feels , although nowadays there are many electronics that can help us , it is best not to depend too much on them , and that you should have your own methods and thought process . Ok, let's listen again to today's dialogue at a normal speed .

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Kirin: Keep at it !