

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 294 [English]

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 294 .

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 taught you a card game .

Kirin: Yes, I really liked that lesson . Since this way our students can play games , while studying Chinese .

Raphael: Hmm, if while playing a game , you keep using Chinese to talk to other players , that would be much better for your Chinese .

Kirin: But do you need to speak while playing this game ?

Raphael: If your purpose is to practice your Chinese . Then every time it is your turn to put a card on the table , you can try to read out the name of that card .

Kirin: Right . As well our premium subscribers can see the video of us playing this game last time . This way when we say the name of a card , you can first try to think of what card that is . Then you can see whether the card we place on the table is the same as what you thought of .

Raphael: Now if our students happen to not have any cards on them , are there any other games that they can play with others , so that they can also practice their Chinese with ?

Kirin: Actually there are many other games . For example in foreign countries there is a famous and popular game called “20 questions .” As well this game has a great advantage , which is that it has a speaking part . Have you played it before ?

Raphael: 20 questions ? I've never heard of it , and never played it . How do you play this game ? How many players are required ?

Kirin: You need at least 2 people . One of them has to think of a topic , the other person has to ask questions , to try and guess what the answer is . As well they can only ask up to 20 questions .

Raphael: What kind of topic can it be ?

Kirin: Anything is possible . It could be the name of a famous person , or a type of fruit , a place , or an animal etc .

Raphael: So how does the other person ask questions ?

Kirin: Ah there is an important rule here . The person answering the questions can only say yes or no . And can't say any other answers . So before asking questions you have to think carefully .

Raphael: Sounds quite difficult . If I choose any topic , and I just have to answer yes or no questions , how is it possible for you to guess the topic I chose ?

Kirin: That's what makes this game fun . If you know how to ask good questions , it's easy to quickly guess the answer within 20 questions .

Raphael: Really ? I don't believe what you're saying .

Kirin: Ok, the new word we're going to teach everyone today is to make a bet .

Adam: To bet or make a wager.

Kirin: So let's make a bet . Think of a topic now , and I'll then ask you questions . If I can't guess your topic within 20 questions , then you will win . But if I guess your topic within 20 questions , then I will win . And you'll have to take me out to dinner !

Raphael: Ok then . But you haven't told me why this game is so popular overseas . Actually I think this game is a little boring , since it's impossible for you to guess what I'm thinking of .

Kirin: Actually it's because playing this game requires some strategy , so many people like to play it .

Raphael: Right . I just have to think of a topic that you will never guess .

Kirin: Not this kind of strategy . It's the strategy of asking questions .

Raphael: What strategy ? Don't you just have to keep asking questions ?

Kirin: It's not what you think . Since I can only ask you 20 questions , I have to think very clearly about what questions I want to ask . Then I have to categorize the questions I want to ask . Like, is the answer a person ? Is it an animal ? If I know the answer is a person , I won't ask questions related to animals .

Raphael: Hmmn, sounds interesting . But our time is up . So we'll have to wait till our next lesson to play this game . Ok, let's take a moment to review the new words taught in today's lesson .

Adam: To bet or make a wager.

Kirin: To bet / make a wager .

Raphael: Our premium subscribers can visit our website chineselearnonline.com for more practice .

Kirin: See you next time .