

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 297 [English]

Kirin: [Chinese Learn Online lesson 297](#) .

[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 changes and advantages of our course](#) . [We also gave you some suggestions to improve your Chinese](#) . [Now when learning a new language](#) , [which four areas do you need to pay attention to](#) ?

Kirin: [Listening, speaking, reading and writing](#) .

Adam: Literally that's "listen, speak, read and write."

Raphael: [Then today's next new word is](#)

Kirin: [Aspect](#) .

Adam: Aspect.

Raphael: [I believe that if you listen to our course often](#) , [your listening ability should improve significantly](#) . [As well in our last lesson](#) , [we gave many suggestions](#) . [If you want your Chinese speaking to improve](#) , [what can you do](#) ?

Kirin: [On our website](#) , [don't we have a speaking feature](#) ?

Raphael: [Yes we do](#) . [Actually we have two types](#) . [The first one is practicing your pronunciation](#) . [Every word or line of a dialogue has a sound](#) . [You can use our website's recording feature to record your own voice](#) , [and then compare it to the original](#) .

Kirin: [Now what if they wanted to practice speaking Chinese with others](#) ?

Raphael: [That's another feature available on our website](#) .

Kirin: [One-on-one](#) .

Adam: Literally, that's "one across one," or "one-on-one."

Raphael: [You can first buy one hour](#) , [we will then arrange a one-on-one lesson with one of our teachers](#) .

Kirin: Now when taking this lesson , what do the students learn with the teacher ?

Raphael: There are two ways . The first is to use the content of our course . For example the student could tell the teacher what lesson he has studied up to . The teacher can then help them review the content of that lesson , and answer any questions the students may have . The second method is for the student and teacher to just have general conversation , unrelated to our course .

Kirin: Now does our website have any features to help our students practice writing characters ?

Raphael: Yes there are . Every time we teach you new characters in a lesson , in our premium section you can see which characters have never appeared before .

Kirin: What do you mean ?

Raphael: For instance if I teach you the word for doctor . You probably know the second character , is the same character in the word for student . But perhaps you have never seen the first character before . So on our website , we have an area that introduces new characters .

Kirin: Now how does the website introduce these characters ?

Raphael: When writing characters , there is an important part that you have to pay attention to .

Kirin: Stroke order .

Adam: Literally that's "pen follow," or "stroke order."

Raphael: If you don't follow stroke order when writing characters , you won't be able to write nice characters . So for many foreigners , this is a very difficult area .

Kirin: Why do foreigners find writing characters to be so difficult ?

Raphael: Because when writing in English , you don't have to follow any stroke order . So when writing Chinese characters , they have to learn another new style of writing , which is difficult for them .

Kirin: So how does the writing character feature on our site teach students to write ?

Raphael: On our website , when we introduce a new character , we also show you that character's stroke order , so you can see how to write that character . This way students can learn on their own how to write that character .

Kirin: You said students have to learn on their own . How do they practice ?

Raphael: When we practiced writing characters before , we would write a character on a paper . And then keep repeating that character , until we remembered how to write it .

Kirin: You're right . So how do we help students do this ?

Raphael: On our website , when students learn a new character , they can download a PDF form that can help them practice writing characters . On the left of the form is the new character , and on the right is the place where the student can practice writing .

Kirin: Don't you have to spend a long time on this area ?

Raphael: You're right that it sounds like that . But if you spend a half hour each day practicing writing characters . Then after a month , your writing ability will improve a lot .

Kirin: That sounds like a great suggestion .

Raphael: Ok, let's take a moment to review the new words taught today .

Adam: Listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Kirin: Listening, speaking, reading and writing .

Adam: Aspect.

Kirin: Aspect .

Adam: One-on-one.

Kirin: One-on-one .

Adam: Stroke order.

Kirin: Stroke order .

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

Kirin: I think this is your goal for us !

Raphael: Yes you're right ! Keep at it .