

**Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 305 [English]**

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 305 .

Hello everyone , I am Teacher Yang .

Raphael: Hello everyone , I am Teacher Lai .

Adam: And hello, I am Adam.

Kirin: Welcome to our learning Chinese course .

Raphael: In our last lesson , we taught you how to make French toast .

Kirin: Right, that is a Western dish . Are there any Eastern dishes that we can teach our students ?

Raphael: Of course there are . If there's a chance next time , we'll teach them how to make a simple Chinese dish !

Kirin: Ok . So what is today's topic then ?

Raphael: Today's topic is gossip .

Kirin: It seems like we have already discussed the topic of gossip before .

Raphael: You're right . But this topic also has many other parts that are worth discussing . Let's first take a look at today's new words .

Kirin: Fact .

Adam: Fact.

Kirin: Rumor .

Adam: Rumor.

Kirin: Trust .

Adam: Trust.

Kirin: Especially .

Adam: Especially.

Kirin: Scandal .

Adam: Scandal.

Kirin: Proof .

Adam: Proof.

Raphael: Ok, now what is gossip ?

Kirin: It's when we discuss other peoples' matters .

Raphael: Right . Now normally when we use gossip to describe a matter , do you feel that that matter is good or bad ?

Kirin: It's probably bad .

Raphael: Correct . So why is gossip considered to be bad then ? What is wrong with discussing other peoples' matters ?

Kirin: Because when we discuss other peoples' matters , we should first check if those problems are real or made up . For example when I tell you the bad things that others have done , you won't necessarily believe me , because you won't know if what I'm saying is a fact or a rumor .

Raphael: I would of course choose to believe you . Because I trust you .

Kirin: But sometimes , if many people hear the same rumor , they might feel that that matter is real .

Raphael: So how do rumors get started ?

Kirin: You have to look at the situation . Sometimes someone says one on purpose .

Raphael: What do you mean ?

Kirin: For example if one day you do something that makes me very angry , so I purposely tell others "I heard that Teacher Lai has two girlfriends ." When they hear this news , their reaction will definitely be one of surprise , and they might also tell others . In the end many people will

really think that you have two girlfriends , and think you're a bad person . But actually , you're not at all this type of person, right ?

Raphael: Now if a rumor isn't told on purpose , from what other situations can it start from ?

Kirin: For example, one day I see you and your sister eating outside . But I didn't know that that person was your sister , I thought she was your new girlfriend . So I would think that you now had two girlfriends , and then go tell everyone this piece of information .

Raphael: Hmm, but this news has nothing to do with you , why would you want to tell others about it ?

Kirin: I think many people like to discuss other people's matters . Especially when hearing about scandals .

Raphael: But if I later find out many people are saying bad things about me , I would be very angry .

Kirin: Of course you'd be angry ! Especially if some of the rumors weren't based on facts . But many facts take a long time to be realized by the public , because many people hear those rumors , and would think that you are really like the rumors say you are .

Raphael: This seems to be another problem with our society these days . Now if you say something bad about someone , but you don't want that person to be upset , what can you do about it ?

Kirin: If someone said some gossip about me , but I felt it wasn't true , I would ask the person who told me the gossip to tell me some facts to prove that what he said was true . Otherwise I would feel that was just a rumor , and would forget about it as soon as I heard of it .

Raphael: I think that before telling a rumor about someone, it is best to think for a moment . If I was the person who the gossip was being told about , I would be angry after hearing that rumor . So we don't need to pay attention to what others are thinking about , just do a good job with our own matters .

Kirin: Or I could tell the person who the gossip was about, the news that I heard , and let them manage this problem on their own .

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

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Kirin: Fact .

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Kirin: See you next time .