

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 317 [English]

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 317 .

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 looked at an article . In the article it said , that computers are increasingly influencing the lives of children and their homework . Actually in society today , computers and other technology influence everyone , especially for workers in offices . So in today's lesson , we are going to discuss what technology we see in offices . Now today's first new word is

Kirin: Machine .

Adam: Machine.

Raphael: Now in the past we have taught you about notebook computers . Every notebook computer has a screen . But in the office , people more often use regular computers . As well most computers don't have their own screens , so you have to buy another machine .

Kirin: Computer monitor .

Adam: That literally means “display machine” or “computer monitor.”

Raphael: Have you noticed ? Monitors from the past are quite different from the ones you see on the markets nowadays .

Kirin: I haven't paid much attention . What is the difference ?

Raphael: Since technology has been expanding so quickly . In the past, if you needed a bigger monitor , you had to buy a very large monitor .

Kirin: So what's the problem with that ?

Raphael: What I mean is apart from the screen of the monitor being large , the back would also become quite big , and very heavy . So this way your table had to have a lot of space to put this monitor on .

Kirin: O, but monitors today aren't that big .

Raphael: That's right . This is the biggest difference between monitors today and monitors in the past . The screens of monitors today are very big , but the back of the monitors have become much smaller , and not very heavy . Even televisions have seen the same change . So the biggest advantage is that it leaves more space on the table . Now if you use the computer to write a letter , but you want to put your content onto a paper that someone else can see , what machine do you need ?

Kirin: Printer .

Adam: Printer.

Raphael: So here we also have another verb

Kirin: To print .

Adam: To print.

Raphael: So the function of a printer is to take the content in the computer and print it out .

Kirin: Now in the past few years , what developments have we seen in printers ? What improvements have there been ?

Raphael: Ah, very good question . The two biggest inventions have been . In the past, printers could only print content in black and white , and the quality wasn't very good . But nowadays most printers can also print ... color .

Adam: Literally, that's "multi colored," which is the opposite of black and white.

Raphael: Ok, now if you take a printer and a telephone and put them together , what kind of machine would you get from that ?

Kirin: Fax machine .

Adam: Fax machine.

Raphael: So now most offices have two telephone numbers . One is the company telephone number , one is their fax number .

Kirin: Right so when you dial a telephone number you have to be careful . Since if you call the fax number , you will hear some strange sounds . Since we can't use a fax machine to communicate with others .

Raphael: Exactly . The last new word of the day is

Kirin: Photocopier .

Adam: Photocopier.

Raphael: So here we can also another verb .

Kirin: To make a photocopy .

Adam: To copy.

Raphael: If you're working in an office , you will probably learn how to use these machines . Ok, let's take a moment to review the new words taught today .

Adam: Machine.

Kirin: Machine .

Adam: Computer monitor.

Kirin: Computer monitor .

Adam: To print.

Kirin: To print .

Adam: Printer.

Kirin: Printer .

Adam: Black and white.

Kirin: Black and white .

Adam: Colored.

Kirin: Colored .

Adam: Fax.

Kirin: Fax .

Adam: Fax machine.

Kirin: Fax machine .

Adam: To make a photocopy.

Kirin: To make a photocopy .

Adam: Photocopier.

Kirin: Photocopier .

Raphael: It seems that we taught a lot of new words today . But if you really understand the meaning of those words , you can memorize them all quickly .

Kirin: Correct . For example if you know the meaning of machine and copy , then you will probably know what a photocopy machine is .

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

Kirin: Keep at it .