

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 323 [English]

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 323 .

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 take a look at the new words we are going to use in today .

Kirin: Point of discussion .

Adam: Literally, that's "heavy point", which refers to the "point of discussion."

Kirin: Instead .

Adam: Instead.

Kirin: To appreciate .

Adam: To appreciate.

Raphael: In our last lesson , we listened to an article that discussed computer spreadsheets and how this software helps and influences accountants . Now other than accountants , it seems that the expansion of many industries are closely related to improvements in computer technology . Do you think this is a good situation ?

Kirin: Actually many people say that computers and technological products make our lives become more convenient , and save us a lot of time . But realistically, I feel the situation isn't like this at all .

Raphael: Why is that ? I feel that some technology products are really very useful . For example PDAs help save a lot of time .

Kirin: Oh, so what do you with all the leftover time that you save ?

Raphael: Umm, it seems like I don't do anything extra .

Kirin: Right , that's my point . Although many people believe that technology helps them save a lot of time , they later still use the same time to do the same things .

Raphael: Hmmn, it seems that what you're saying makes a little sense .

Kirin: Right . In the past people worked eight hours a day . But nowadays they are still doing the same eight hours , it isn't less, right ?

Raphael: Hmm, and it seems that working time nowadays seems to be getting longer .

Kirin: That's right . If technology really helps us a lot , why is it that our lives haven't become more relaxing , but instead busier ?

Raphael: Actually I've never thought about this question .

Kirin: Do you think work in the past is quite different from work now ?

Raphael: I think people's lives in the past were more comfortable . Our stress levels in life these days seems to be much more than in the past .

Kirin: So I think people shouldn't rely too much on that technology , and instead find more time to appreciate our world , and take a closer look at the environment around us .

Raphael: What do you mean ?

Kirin: In our daily life , some things can't be replaced by technology . And those are the things that are most important to us in our life .

Raphael: Like what things for example ?

Kirin: Like our family, friends . There isn't any technology that can replace that, right ?

Raphael: Hmmn, what you're saying is correct . As well, if the pressures in life are really that much , we can meditate to decrease the pressures on us . Ok, let's take a moment to review the new words taught to us today .

Adam: Point of a discussion.

Kirin: Point of discussion .

Adam: Instead of.



Kirin: [Instead](#) .

Adam: To appreciate.

Kirin: [To appreciate](#) .

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Kirin: [See you next time](#) .