

**Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 345 [English]**

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 345 .

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 that we are going to hear in a moment .

Kirin: Continuous / In a series .

Adam: Continuous, or in a series.

Kirin: To see something in person .

Adam: To see something in person.

Raphael: The series of stories we have heard recently are all related to each other . Now today we are going to discuss the content of the story in our last lesson . At this point I would like to ask Teacher Yang to first give us a summary of the story from our last lesson .

Kirin: In this story , Xiaoli found out that Mr Mike is going to be working at her school . Xiaoli is very happy , since this is her first time meeting a foreigner .

Raphael: Correct . But Xiaoli has already read and seen many Western novels and movies , how is this different from her meeting Mike for the first time ?

Kirin: Normally the people or scenery we see in books , is completely different from the feeling we get of seeing them in person .

Raphael: Oh . So why is Xiaoli not looking forward to chatting with Mike then ?

Kirin: It might be because she has never had the experience of chatting with foreigners before . It might also be that she is worried that her level of English isn't good enough , that she wouldn't be able to communicate with Mike etc . Although she's an English teacher , communicating with a foreigner and teaching are different aspects .

Raphael: Hmm . So if Xiaoli doesn't have high expectations to begin with , then her chance of disappointment wouldn't be very high . So why is it that when the principal asked if there were any people willing to help Mike , only Xiaoli was willing ?

Kirin: The teachers at the school are probably all like Xiaoli , in the past they have never met foreigners . So they might be afraid that problems might arise from differences in communication and culture .

Raphael: Right . But since Xiaoli is an English teacher , she doesn't have these problems . Instead she felt that this was a good opportunity for her . Now in the story from our last lesson , why does Mike need Xiaoli's help ?

Kirin: Since students probably don't understand the English that Mike is speaking to them . So if there is no assistance from Xiaoli , Mike might have problems communicating with his students .

Raphael: But when I studied English in the past , our class had a rule , which was that during class time we weren't allowed to speak Chinese . So if their class had this rule , then they wouldn't need the assistance of a Chinese teacher .

Kirin: Maybe in the future they wouldn't need one . But I think that since the students don't know this teacher who has come from another country , as well perhaps Mike's teaching style is different from that of other teachers . So in the beginning, students probably need translation from a Chinese teacher to let them slowly get used to this new English course .

Raphael: Ah, for example Xiaoli could explain to the students the rules that Mike wants to give them . As well, the principal also requested that Xiaoli help Mike after class . What help would Mike need after class ?

Kirin: Since Mike can't speak Chinese very well , and in the small town , most people there can't speak English . So in daily life , he would need help from others . For example where can he buy food that he likes , or do laundry, cut his hair etc .

Raphael: Hmm . Now in the end why was Mike so looking forward to experiencing for himself daily life like a regular Chinese person ?

Kirin: Because in the story before , we already know that Mike is very interested in Chinese culture . Although he already did some research about China in America , he felt that the best way would be for him to learn would be to go there and experience it for himself .

Raphael: Hmm, that makes sense . So what do you think we will hear in the next story ?



Kirin: I don't know . But if we wait for the next lesson , we will find out .

Raphael: You're right . Our premium subscribers can visit our website [chineselearnonline.com](http://chineselearnonline.com) for more practice .

Kirin: See you next time .