

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 380 [English]

Kirin: [Chinese Learn Online lesson 380](#) .

[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: [The country we are going to introduce today is Japan](#) . [First let's introduce the new words that are going to appear in the article](#) .

Kirin: [Hokkaido](#) .

Adam: Hokkaido.

Kirin: [Honshu](#) .

Adam: Honshu.

Kirin: [Shikoku](#) .

Adam: Shikoku.

Kirin: [Kyushu](#) .

Adam: Kyushu.

Kirin: [To raise / To hoist](#) .

Adam: To raise or to hoist.

Kirin: [Climate](#) .

Adam: Climate or atmosphere.

Kirin: [Rainy season](#) .

Adam: Rainy season.

Kirin: Tokyo .

Adam: Tokyo.

Kirin: To exceed / To surpass .

Adam: To exceed or to surpass.

Kirin: Almost / Nearly .

Adam: Almost, nearly or practically.

Kirin: Energy / Power source .

Adam: Energy or power source.

Kirin: Popular / Welcome .

Adam: Popular or welcome.

Raphael: Please listen to this article that introduces Japan .

Kirin: Japan is in the eastern part of Asia . It includes the four large islands of Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku, and Kyushu , as well as three thousand smaller islands . The meaning of the word Japan is “the land of the rising sun .” Its area is 370 000 square kilometers , 70% of which are mountains . The population is more than 120 million , which is the tenth largest in the world , most of the people live close to the sea . Japan’s climate is very different . Every year from April to July is the rainy season , during summer to winter there are typhoons , and it snows in winter . The capital of Japan is Tokyo , not only is it the largest city , it is also the economic as well as service center . But what is special is that , Japan altogether has twelve cities that exceed a population of one million . Since Japan is an island country , almost all its energy resources are imported from other countries . However the products that Japan manufactures are very popular , everyone believes in the quality and technology manufactured in Japan . You can see Japanese cars in many countries . But in Japan , you can see the newest and most popular things in the world . Western sports are also popular in Japan , like soccer, baseball, tennis, golf, skiing etc . In the year 2002, Japan and Korea hosted the World Cup of Soccer together , that was the first time that two countries had cohosted it .

Raphael: Let’s listen again to this article at a slowed down speed .

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Kirin: See you next time .