

**Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 390 [English]**

Kirin: [Chinese Learn Online lesson 390](#) .

[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 today's lesson](#) , we are going to use the method of asking questions and replying to review the words taught in the past . This type of practice can you let you know how to use the words you learned before in real life . Before we begin , let's look at the new words that will appear in today's lesson .

Kirin: [Camera](#) .

Adam: Camera.

Kirin: [Real](#) .

Adam: Genuine or real.

Kirin: [Ability](#) .

Adam: Capability or ability.

Kirin: [Enthusiasm](#) .

Adam: Enthusiasm.

Kirin: [To set one's mind at rest](#) .

Adam: To set one's mind at rest.

Kirin: [Oil / Petroleum](#) .

Adam: Oil or petroleum.

Raphael: [Now please listen to the first word and question](#) .

Kirin: Way / style .

Raphael: If you want to contact a friend who lives quite far away , what ways are there ?

Kirin: People in the past could only use the method of writing letters to contact friends who lived far away . But after technology began to develop , people invented the telephone , letting you clearly hear the other party's voice through the telephone . But technology today has developed even further , not only have people invented the mobile phone to let you contact your friends . You can also use the computer and internet to write emails to your friend , or use web cameras to directly contact your friend .

Raphael: Video cameras are a type of machine , where not only can you use them to record movies , they also have a system where you can chat on the internet . With computers today, apart from going online , you can also use web cameras to chat with others , the feeling is just like chatting with others face to face . As well nowadays even mobile phones also have this type of feature .

Kirin: Sounds pretty impressive ! I think people in the past couldn't even dream that we would invent these kind of products ! These type of ways to contact others , is a big convenience for people ! As well it also saves a lot of time required to mail and write a letter .

Raphael: Correct . Next, please listen to the second word and question .

Kirin: Independent .

Raphael: What type of person is considered to be independent ?

Kirin: I believe that really independent people have an independent way of thinking , and believe in themselves , but they also understand and respect other people's ways of thinking . Apart from having an independent way of thinking , in their lives they should also be able to take care of themselves , and not always rely on their parents' help , and won't let others be worried about them . If their financial ability is good enough , they should assist their parents instead , to let them live better lives .

Raphael: If parents let their own children, from a young age slowly learn how to be independent . Then when the children grow up and leave home , no matter whether they go to study or begin working , they can take good care of themselves . Otherwise, if after the children grow up, they still continue to rely on their parents , their future lives will be filled with more toil .

Kirin: Hm, if they have never lived by themselves before , perhaps there is no way for them to really experience for themselves a feeling of independence , and learn how to take care of themselves .

Raphael: You're absolutely correct . Please listen to the third word and sentence .

Kirin: To substitute for .

Raphael: If you can't go to work , who will work for you ?

Kirin: This problem often happens in life , since everyone, because of sickness or some other matter, can't go to work at some point . If this happened, I would finish my work as much as I could , if I really couldn't finish it , then I would ask my coworkers to help me finish the rest of it . Fortunately, my coworkers are all warm hearted , and will let me give them work without having to worry .

Raphael: But if you're sick, or if something suddenly comes up , there may not be any way to first complete that work . So it's best if when you normally work , you and your coworkers help each other out , this way you know what everyone's work is about . So if one day you can't go to work , it is easier for your coworker to help you .

Kirin: If we give the work to an enthusiastic person , we are less likely to worry . Since enthusiastic people normally do their work with more drive , and like to help others .

Raphael: That's right . The meaning of "fāngxīn" is "to not worry" . For example if you go travel abroad , when you get abroad, and want to call your family , you can say ...

Kirin: I'm doing very well here , please don't worry .

Raphael: When your family hears this sentence, they are less likely to worry about you . Next, please listen to the fourth word and question .

Kirin: Seldom / rarely .

Raphael: According to you, what kind of opportunity is hard to come by ?

Kirin: According to me, as long as it's something that I haven't done , I'm very willing to try it , these are all rare opportunities . No matter whether it's from school or from work , I hope there are opportunities that I'm capable of to gain more experiences and get to know more people .

Raphael: Oh, can you give us an example ?

Kirin: For example, last time I worked as an interpreter at an international sports competition . For me this opportunity was extremely hard to come by , not only could I get to know many foreign athletes , my own foreign language ability improved a lot . It's a pity that my classmate was too afraid so she didn't get this same job .

Raphael: Right ! When opportunity comes along, it is best if you don't let it disappear like this , you should definitely work hard for it . Also, if it's a rare opportunity , if you miss it this time , there might not be a next time . Just like you received the challenge of becoming an interpreter before , and you gained a lot of benefits that you didn't think of before !

Kirin: That's right ! Nowadays I'm not scared of chatting with foreigners at all . That learning opportunity , made my foreign language ability improve . So a person needs to go through learning , in order to let their own abilities develop , and keep improving .

Raphael: I think you're absolutely right . Finally, let's listen to the fifth word and question .

Kirin: Increase in price .

Raphael: What reason is there for things to easily go up in price ?

Kirin: You have to see what kind of thing it is . But most daily necessities have seen their prices increase because of the price of oil becoming more expensive .

Raphael: Can you give us some examples ?

Kirin: For example, after the price of oil increases , the price of transportation increases , the manufacturing costs of many products also become expensive , so the selling price becomes more expensive . Even airline tickets are this way . But the reason that the price of airline tickets has gone up , apart from the price of oil increasing , you also have to see when you buy the airline ticket . If you buy your plane ticket during the holidays , sometimes it might be more than the regular price by 10 or 20 thousand dollars !

Raphael: I know that oil is a natural resource , and it is normally used in industry . If there was no oil , many cars and motorcycles could not be continued to be used . As well in the past, since the price of many things kept increasing , everyone stopped casually buying things , and even the number of people going abroad decreased .



Kirin: So now many people have started to research , how to develop new resources to replace the decreasing oil supply . Otherwise if this situation keeps continuing , the price of things will keep increasing , and life will be less and less convenient .

Raphael: That's right . I hope this type of practice helps you better understand the usage of these words . You can also practice these questions with friends , and increase your opportunities to speak Chinese . Our premium subscribers can visit our website [chineselearnonline-com](http://chineselearnonline-com) for more practice .

Kirin: See you next time .