

**Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 391 [English]**

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 391 .

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 listen to five sentences that are often used to encourage others . Please first listen carefully to the new words that will appear in the sentences .

Kirin: Failure / Defeat .

Adam: Failure or defeat.

Kirin: To stay / remain .

Adam: To stay or remain.

Kirin: A worm / An insect .

Adam: A worm or an insect.

Kirin: Heaven will not disappoint the person who tries .

Adam: Heaven will not disappoint the person who tries. This is an idiom says that “If you try hard, you're bound to succeed eventually.”

Raphael: Please listen carefully to the first sentence .

Kirin: A good beginning is halfway to success .

Raphael: If you are in the process of doing something , and when you begin it is proceeding smoothly , others can use this sentence to encourage you , as if you were about to succeed .

Kirin: This is because when it begins, if everything is running smoothly , the pressure in your heart will decrease accordingly , which also represents that your plan is the right one , and that you should continue doing it , in the end, the chance of success will also be high .

Raphael: Next, please listen to the second sentence .

Kirin: Defeat is the mother of success .

Raphael: The meaning of this sentence is , any defeats that occur in the beginning can help us receive valuable experience , and we can learn from our defeats how to succeed next time .

Kirin: So if your friend fails in something , we can tell him , actually failure is just a process , and if there is no experience in failure upfront , you might still not succeed in the end .

Raphael: So don't be sad when you fail , you have to remember the lessons you learned in the past , and then continue your hard work , until then end, when you'll definitely succeed . Please continue to listen to the third sentence .

Kirin: Opportunities are left to those who are prepared .

Raphael: Normally we should prepare well , since nobody knows when opportunities present themselves . If you normally aren't prepared , if you wait till opportunities arrive before you start working hard, then that will be too late .

Kirin: So each of us should understand our own strengths and weaknesses . And start learning new skills early . This way you will definitely receive more successful opportunities than others .

Raphael: Next, please listen to the fourth sentence .

Kirin: The early bird gets the worm .

Raphael: The meaning of this sentence is , the bird that wakes up and looks for food outside , is the only one who will find a worm to eat . If you go out to look too late , the worms will all be eaten up by other birds .

Kirin: The worm here is a food that birds eat .

Raphael: This tells us , that when we do things we should be more active , and that you can only derive benefits from doing things earlier , otherwise you will lose to others who are working harder than you are . Please listen to the last sentence .

Kirin: Heaven will not disappoint the person who tries .

Raphael: If we feel that someone always works hard to do something , and in the end he finally succeeds , we can say this sentence to him . This also tells everyone , no matter what you do , if you work hard till the end, you will definitely have a good result .

Kirin: These sentences are all commonly used when encouraging others . We hope this practice will help you with what you hear in real life .

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

Kirin: Keep at it .