

**Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 393 [English]**

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 393 .

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 a dialogue related to school . As well, in this dialogue there will be 6 new words , we will explain them at the end . Ok, let's first listen to today's dialogue at a normal speed .

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Kirin: For example, he wants us to prepare a new topic every week , and design some new situations and share with our classmates our thinking and discuss them together , and find ways to resolve these issues .

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Raphael: Let's listen again to this dialogue at a slowed down speed .

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Raphael: Let's now explain today's dialogue . The first line was ...

Kirin: The new semester began two weeks ago . How are your classes ?

Raphael: Time goes by very quickly , and the new semester has begun , with the students having completed two weeks , this man wants to know what his friend thinks about her new classes at school . Her friend then replies

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Raphael: Here, we can see two new words . The first one is

Kirin: Professor .

Raphael: A professor is normally a teacher who teaches at a university or graduate school .

Adam: Professor.

Raphael: The second one is

Kirin: School assignment .

Raphael: Assignment is another way to say student homework , for example math assignment, take home assignment etc .

Adam: School assignment or homework.

Raphael: If you have never done something before , normally the first time you face a challenge , you will be more nervous , sometimes you will even feel scared . So in the

dialogue , due to this woman having never taken the communications management course before , she didn't quite understand the content of the assignment and report given by the professor , so she felt a little nervous . The man then said

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Raphael: In our life , there are many things that we have never done before or don't have experience with . Sometimes we can prepare well for it , but sometimes although we have managed it very carefully , the result is that we still fail . For example, the first time you participate in a sports competition , perhaps because you are very nervous, you unintentionally end up losing . Your coach then may use this sentence to encourage you . Now in the dialogue , because this woman had never done this type of assignment and report in the past , she was of course nervous , perhaps when she first began she wouldn't know what to write . So this man immediately encouraged his friend . The woman then said

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Raphael: Although this woman is a bit nervous , she is still looking forward to it . Since she feels that this assignment and report could be interesting when she starts doing them . Her friend then said

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Raphael: This man is quite curious , he wants to know what kind of assignment his friend has to do . The woman then replies

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Raphael: This woman answers very carefully , and in the content of her reply , we can see three new words . The first is

Kirin: Theme / Subject .

Raphael: The meaning of subject is similar to "point" . For example the subject of the meeting this time is how to build a new library , or the theme of the party this time is Hollywood etc .

Adam: Theme or subject.

Raphael: The next new word is

Kirin: To design .

Raphael: The meaning of design is , that according to demand, people will , use different methods to do the things they want to do themselves to express their own view point .

Adam: To design or to plan.

Raphael: The next new word is

Kirin: To solve .

Raphael: To solve has a similar meaning as to manage . But basically you use it when you want to manage a problem well and receive a conclusion . For example if the speed of the internet suddenly becomes slow , and there is no way to download things , then you will ask for the help of others to solve this problem .

Adam: To settle, resolve or solve a dispute.

Raphael: University students today , are often asked by their professors to do assignments or reports together with their classmates . Just like the woman in the dialogue says , some professors today want their students every week to prepare the content they want to report on . This way when they are in the process of discussing , they can share their own thoughts with other classmates . This way not only can they increase the amount of content in their assignment , they can also find a way to resolve problems . The man then says

Kirin: I believe this is a great method , to hear different opinions and ways of thinking .

Raphael: In this sentence , we can see today's last new word

Kirin: Opinion .

Raphael: The meaning of opinion is similar to point of view . Both of them allow one to express their own way of thinking .

Adam: Idea, opinion or suggestion.

Raphael: This man feels that this method is very good , since this way you can know what others points of view are and what they are thinking , and you can mutually learn from your classmates . The woman finishes off by says

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Raphael: This woman also feels this way , she hopes that she can go to class a little earlier , and quickly discuss and share the topics they have prepared with other classmates . Ok, let's listen again to this dialogue at a normal speed .

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Kirin: [Keep at it](#) .