

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 394 [English]

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 394 .

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 a question and answer method to review the words learned in earlier lessons . This type of practice will let you know how to take words you have learned before and use them in daily life . Let's first listen to the new words that will appear in a moment .

Kirin: Swimming pool .

Adam: Swimming pool.

Kirin: To keep / maintain .

Adam: To keep, maintain or preserve.

Kirin: Reasonable .

Adam: Rational or reasonable or fair.

Kirin: Work of art .

Adam: Work (of art).

Kirin: Regard as .

Adam: To regard or treat as.

Kirin: Expression / manifestation .

Adam: Expression or manifestation.

Raphael: Let's now listen to the first word and question .

Kirin: Specialty .

Raphael: What is the sport that you are best at ?

Kirin: The sport I'm best at is swimming . I started swimming when I was 5 years old . When my parents had time , they would take my brother and I to a swimming pool or seaside to swim . So swimming for me is very relaxing and easy to do . I really like swimming , since not only is swimming good for the body , it also lets me keep a good figure . But the sport my brother is best at is basketball . He was also on the school basketball team , where they traveled to many games !

Raphael: Oh, no wonder the shape of your body is exactly the same as it was in the past , it hasn't changed even a little , and you've been able to maintain it very well . If I had known earlier that you could swim this well , I would have learned from you .

Kirin: Thank you for your compliment . There are many benefits to swimming . So how about you ? Do you have a sport that you're really good at ?

Raphael: I don't have any special sport that I'm really good at . But I like sports that you can play along with others , such as basketball, baseball, tennis etc .

Kirin: The sports that you like there , are not only good for the body , they can also let the audience that watches your sport , feel excited and have fun ! I like to watch the games that my younger brother plays in .

Raphael: Perhaps next time we can go watch your brother play together . Ok, next please listen to the second word and question .

Kirin: To refuse .

Raphael: When do you refuse other people's requests ?

Kirin: For me, refusing others is a difficult situation . Since refusing the requests of others often makes me feel embarrassed . But sometimes , refusing unreasonable requests from others instead relaxes me a little . For example, if someone wants to borrow a lot of money from me , I'll have no choice but to refuse them . Since I'm not willing to do anything that I can't do . If I agree to their unreasonable requests , then I might give myself more trouble and inconvenience .

Raphael: Yes ! If in the beginning you don't refuse the other party , because you feel embarrassed and so agree to them , when you wait till you discover that you're really

not capable of doing so and then tell the opposing party, then it's too late . If this request is really unreasonable , and makes no sense at all , no matter how the person who makes the request asks , it's best if you directly refuse him .

Kirin: That's right, just like the gym that I used to often go to , the expenses I had to pay for in the end kept increasing , and it became quite unreasonable , so I refused to accept them , and so I looked for a better gym to go to .

Raphael: Hmm, that was the right thing to do . Please listen to the third word and question .

Kirin: To lose / defeat .

Raphael: Do you feel that failure is embarrassing ?

Kirin: I don't feel at all that failure is embarrassing . I believe that nobody succeeds forever . And many successful people go through many experiences of failure , and have to wait till the end before succeeding . Like in our lives there are many new products that were invented , that went through many times of research and failures before being produced . So we don't have to be afraid of failure , and we should take failure and make it the best experience and lesson that we learn .

Raphael: Right, just like the phrase that says failure is the mother of success . If there is no failure, then how can you succeed ? Like some writers whose first books that they wrote didn't sell well , even if nobody bought them , they couldn't give up , they couldn't let this type of frustration affect themselves , they had to continue working hard , and write even better books . In the end there would definitely be people who appreciated them and bought their books .

Kirin: That's right . For example, the most famous novel Harry Potter , actually when it was first written , it was refused by many publishers , in the end it was finally allowed to be read by people all across the world , it was even made into a great movie .

Raphael: That's right . Next please listen to the fourth sentence and question .

Kirin: To attach importance to .

Raphael: What problems do you feel are important ?

Kirin: Everyone's way of thinking is different . According to parents, the problem of their children's education is probably very important , but they can't just look at their grades

on tests to decide what their children are like . For a country , the development of the economy should be important , how to let the citizens live better lives is the responsibility of the government . For the whole world , protecting the environment should be important , since we only have one earth , so protecting the earth is everyone's responsibility .

Raphael: This is because the problems we manage are different , so the ways of thinking will also change accordingly . Just like the problem of children's education , this is probably what every parent cares about the most . So parents will also be very worried about their children's grades on tests . But grades aren't everything , and they don't represent how much a child has learned , or how hard they have worked .

Kirin: I feel the same way too . Of course, if you think this matter is very important , you can put special importance to it . No matter whether it's the education of your children , economy developing or protection of the environment , they are all worth it for all of us to pay attention to .

Raphael: That's right . Finally, please listen to the 5th word and question .

Kirin: Finally .

Raphael: What is that you can do for a long time , and you finally finish in the end ?

Kirin: I think students who have written reports all have this experience . Everytime I do a report , I have to spend a long time preparing and arranging my information . I often am so busy that I have no time to sleep , and even forget to eat . But I'm considered to be a hard-working student , so most professors like the reports I have done , this makes me very happy , and makes me feel that preparing well is well worth it .

Raphael: Just like last year , I was busy with these reports , I didn't go with others everyday to do research , I looked everywhere for research , and stayed at home typing continuously . It might be because the topic of the report that time was a little difficult , so it made my headache for a long time . Finally, within the time period to hand in the report, I finished it !

Kirin: I understand your mood . When a long time is needed to prepare , and you work hard to write your report , but you might not always finish . So you really don't get to the end , and you don't know what the end will be .

Raphael: That's right . I hope this type of practice will help you better understand the usage of these words . You can also practice these questions with your friends , and



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Kirin: See you next time .