

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 395 [English]

Kirin: [Chinese Learn Online lesson 395](#) .

[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 five sentences that are said when people have problems or troubles in life . Please first listen carefully to the new words that will appear in the sentences .

Kirin: [One thing / matter](#) .

Adam: One thing or matter.

Kirin: [Finally / In the end](#) .

Adam: Finally or in the end.

Kirin: [Measure for sets](#)

Adam: This is a measure word for sets or collections.

Kirin: [Direction](#) .

Adam: Direction or orientation.

Raphael: [Please listen carefully to the first sentence](#) .

Kirin: [What happened](#) ?

Raphael: [Normally when we first look at a situation](#) , but don't know why it's this way , we become very curious and want to know , so we ask the person who knows what happened .

Kirin: For example, there is suddenly traffic in front of you , and you don't know what's happening , so you ask someone else : "What's going on ?" This way you find out that there was a big accident that just happened in front of you .

Raphael: Or you see a friend who is very angry, or is crying etc , you can use this sentence to ask them . Next, please listen to the second sentence .

Kirin: What is this ?

Raphael: The meaning of this sentence is , that you want to know the real situation behind this matter . The character "hui" is a measure word , here it's used to define the measure of a matter , and is similar in meaning to "jian" .

Kirin: For example, you invite a friend to your house to play a game , with a result of turning the house into a mess , garbage is thrown everywhere . As a result, when you mother comes home and sees this , she may ask you : "What is this ?"

Raphael: Correct . Or you're discussing a matter with a friend , but the content is two completely different things , in this case you can say :

Kirin: What you are talking about and what I'm thinking of are two things .

Raphael: That's right . Please continue to listen to the third sentence .

Kirin: So in the end, what do you think ?

Raphael: The meaning of this sentence is to ask the other side what they think . Putting the two characters "daodi" in the sentence is often used to emphasize what the thing you want to know is in the end . Normally when some trouble emerges , and you want to resolve it, you will use this .

Kirin: For example, your little sister has finished her class , but after an hour she hasn't arrived home , on this occasion, your mother might say : "Where did she go in the end, and how come she hasn't come home ?"

Raphael: Or : "In the recent election, who was chosen in the end ?" It expresses that the person asking really wants to know the result of the election . Next, please listen to the fourth sentence .

Kirin: How can you say one thing and do another ?

Raphael: If what someone says from their mouth is completely different from what they end up doing , you can say this sentence to them .

Kirin: The character tao, apart from being used I the word for coat , is also a measure word , and is normally used as a measure for things . Such as this item of clothing or this piece of furniture etc . As well, you can also use it to point to a system's technology or method .

Raphael: Very good explanation . Please listen to the last sentence .

Kirin: How is this matter developing ?

Raphael: Sometimes we want to know about a matter that we've been continuously paying attention to in the past , and what the status of the current situation or result is . This matter might be developing in a positive direction , and it might in the end lead to a negative result .

Kirin: For example, your own company wants to do business together with a factory . You have already begun contact with them , but you don't know whether you succeeded in the end or not . You might directly ask other coworkers : “What is the latest development on this matter ?”

Raphael: These sentences are all ones that are used when people encounter problems in daily life or are often spoken when troubles are encountered . We hope this practice can help you when you hear real life situations . Our premium subscribers can visit our website chineselearnonline-com for more practice .

Kirin: Keep at it .