

**Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 401 [English]**

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 401 .

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 an extended vacation . Let's first listen to the new words that will be used in the dialogue .

Kirin: Blessed / Happy .

Adam: To be blessed or happy.

Kirin: Duty .

Adam: Duty, obligation or commitment.

Kirin: The only / sole .

Adam: The only or sole.

Kirin: Disadvantage .

Adam: Disadvantage or negative aspect.

Kirin: To tire / be tired .

Adam: To tire or be tired.

Raphael: Let's first listen to today's dialogue at a normal speed .

Raphael: What did you do during your long weekend last week ?

Kirin: I went to my friend's house for a barbecue . It had been a long time since I had contact with them , it just happened that I was able to use this long weekend to go visit them , we sat together and barbecued and sang together , the atmosphere was extremely lively .

Raphael: Sounds very interesting .

Kirin: How about you ? What did you do ?

Raphael: I took advantage of this long weekend to accompany my girlfriend to her home to visit her parents .

Kirin: Wow, as expected you're a very considerate boyfriend . Your girlfriend is really blessed .

Raphael: This is nothing , guys should be considerate to girls to begin with , this is our responsibility and duty .

Kirin: But the only negative aspect of a long weekend is that it's crowded everywhere . Waiting for a vehicle requires standing in a long line-up , which is really tiring .

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: What did you do during your long weekend last week ?

Raphael: During holidays like Christmas and Chinese new year , there is often a continuous holiday of several days . Normally we arrange things early or plan what activities we plan to do during the holiday , for example travel abroad or meet friends etc . This woman then replies

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Raphael: Barbecues are outdoor activities that many people like to do , since not only is the process interesting , and the atmosphere lively , it can also increase the romance between the guests attending . So during holidays or special festivals , everyone invites friends to their house for barbecues . The man then says

Kirin: Sounds very interesting .

Raphael: Sometimes when we barbecue , apart from chatting , you can also tell jokes, play games or sing songs , this makes the atmosphere happier . So when this man hears his friend sharing with him what happened when she went to her friend's house for a barbecue , he finds it quite interesting . The woman then says

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Raphael: The woman in the dialogue also wants to know what her friend did during his holidays . The man then replies

Kirin: I took advantage of this long weekend to accompany my girlfriend to her home to visit her parents .

Raphael: Normally, a short while after we have been together with our own girlfriend or boyfriend , you might have to take the initiative to go visit the parents and family of your significant other , to let their family know you better , and initiating the visit to them is more polite . The woman then says

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Raphael: Feeling blessed is a type of feeling , it might be doing what you want to do , and achieving what you want which makes you feel very happy , so you feel blessed . But sometimes it might just be drinking a nice cup of coffee , that also may make you feel blessed . But to each person , what to do to feel blessed is different . Like the girl in the dialogue , might feel that the man accompanying his girlfriend going home is very considerate , and displays a behavior of doing things for others , which would make her feel very blessed . The man then says

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Raphael: Duty and responsibility have similar meanings , they both speak of what we must do . And it is best to finish what we are doing , before others feel that we are

taking responsibility . For example the responsibility of a policeman is to protect citizens , the duty of a teacher is to teach students etc . The woman finally says

Kirin: But the only negative aspect of a long weekend is that it's crowded everywhere . Waiting for a vehicle requires standing in a long line-up , which is really tiring .

Raphael: The meaning of wéiyī is that there is only one . Negative aspect is the opposite of benefit , and is the bad part or the weakness . During extended holidays , most people go out or go to other cities , so no matter where we are going , we will see a lot of people . Such as at the train station, movie theater, department store etc , they all require us to line for a long time to buy things . And if it's too crowded it makes people feel uncomfortable , so the woman in the dialogue feels tired . Ok, let's listen again to this dialogue at a normal speed .

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Kirin: Keep at it .