

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 402 [English]

Kirin: [Chinese Learn Online lesson 402](#) .

[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 a few lessons ago](#) . [This type of practice will let you know how to take words you've learned and use them in real life](#) . [Before we begin](#) , [let's first listen to the words that will appear in the lesson](#) .

Kirin: [Lecture / Speech](#) .

Adam: [Lecture or speech](#).

Kirin: [Dance party](#) .

Adam: [Dance party](#).

Kirin: [Selfishness](#) .

Adam: [Selfishness](#).

Kirin: [To stop / halt](#) .

Adam: [To stop or halt](#).

Kirin: [To save](#) .

Adam: [To save or use sparingly](#).

Kirin: [To destroy](#) .

Adam: [To wreak or destroy](#).

Raphael: [First let's listen to the first word and question](#) .

Kirin: [To hold / host](#) .

Raphael: [What activities do universities hold in what occasions](#) ?

Kirin: When the new semester begins, many universities hold some activities for students to attend, especially new students. For example universities hold classes that train new students to let them better understand university life. Especially for choosing classes for new students this is a difficult matter. Since in the past when they were in high school, they didn't have to make any decisions on their own on what courses to take, the school had already organized their course times and teachers.

Raphael: But after you start university, you have to rely on yourself to arrange your class times, you may not necessarily be able to choose some popular classes.

Kirin: That's right, apart from training new students, the university will also host some speeches to let students listen to other people's success stories. On special occasions, for example if the semester is about to end, the university will also hold some activities, such as dances, to let students relax from the nervousness they get from classes and tests.

Raphael: In the past when I was in university, the speeches that our school hosted, if the topic was very good, I would definitely go listen, since I felt that after listening, I would gain a lot from it. How about you? What school activities did you like?

Kirin: I prefer the dances held during Christmas, singing competitions, or sports activities. If the school held these kinds of activities, in the past, I would definitely attend, since I felt that these activities were not only fun, they were also unforgettable. So I now have a lot of pictures about my participation in those activities then. When I look at the pictures now it makes me think of my university life from the past!

Raphael: Due to dances being very popular with people, although the main aim was to dance, by attending dances you could also get to know many new friends. Next, let's listen to the second word and question.

Kirin: Very popular.

Raphael: What type of person do you think is very popular? What type of person is not very popular?

Kirin: I feel that a popular person should have a good personality, not be selfish, and is often considerate of others. Those who are patient and have an attitude of doing things seriously will also definitely be popular with everyone. However on the other hand, if someone is too selfish, and is not willing to share with others, and is not willing to help others, then people like this definitely won't be popular with others.

Raphael: Like me, I hate selfish people , since selfish people normally only think of themselves . Sometimes it's just so that they can achieve benefits for themselves , and they don't care whether they harm others . Actually if they do things this way , in the end they will just harm themselves , since they will never achieve true happiness .

Kirin: That's right . Sometimes, when we help others resolve problems , the other party will definitely be happy . When we see the other side happy , we will also become happy as well .

Raphael: I think so too . Please listen to the third word and question .

Kirin: Situation .

Raphael: What situation happens , where the school has no choice but to stop classes ?

Kirin: Generally speaking, if the weather situation is quite terrible , the government will inform companies and schools to stop work and classes . For example, when a typhoon comes , the wind and rain are extremely strong , some places will have water everywhere , which means people may not be able to drive their cars or walk on the roads .

Raphael: That's right . As well, when an earthquake happens , the homes in some places cannot be lived in , and you can't go on the road . Situations like this are extremely dangerous , so the school has no choice but to stop classes .

Kirin: Like in Taiwan in the past, due to typhoons , for two continuous days, there was no way to go to work or class . So at that point, in Taiwan's southern parts there were many places that had water everywhere , the situation was extremely serious . Many people could not leave their homes , in the end there wasn't even any food for them to eat .

Raphael: That's right ! I saw that on the news , and was very worried . It was good that other places stopped work and classes , otherwise the effects might have been more .

Kirin: Right, natural disasters are very scary . Although the place I live in wasn't affected , it was still better to be careful .

Raphael: Next, please listen to the fourth word and question .

Kirin: Energy / power source .

Raphael: The energy sources we have now are constantly decreasing . How should we protect the environment and save energy ?

Kirin: How to save on energy resources is a topic that is often discussed these days . Since in the beginning people didn't protect their environment , or have thoughts of saving energy , we continued to manufacture waste which is destroying the environment , these bad habits are all ones that we should immediately change .

Raphael: To destroy has a similar meaning as to break , it means that originally something was good, but later it became bad . Actually protecting the environment and saving energy isn't as difficult as we think , we just need to reduce the waste we create , and reuse our waste , to get results .

Kirin: Or use water and electricity less , when we go out the door, take buses and trains as much as we can , and spend less money purchasing things that you don't need to begin with . This way we can reduce the wastage of energy .

Raphael: That's right, since we only have one earth , if we don't attach enough importance to this problem , people in the future may not have energy to use . Finally, please listen to the fifth word and question .

Kirin: Tourists .

Raphael: What kind of place easily attracts tourists ?

Kirin: Most places that attract a lot of tourists have natural, beautiful scenery . For example many tall mountains or places with the sea are famous places for tourists to go to , For example Yellowstone National Park in America and the grand canyon etc .

Raphael: As well, apart from these beautiful places , buildings with history also attract tourists , Like China's Great Wall , Italy's Leaning Tower etc .

Kirin: I also thought of a place , that is a special building , which is Taipei 101 , that is currently the tallest building in the world , so there are a lot of tourists that visit it .

Raphael: That's right . We hope that this type of practice can make the usage of these words more clear to you . You can also practice these questions with friends , and increase your opportunities to speak Chinese . Our premium subscribers can visit our website chineselearnonline-com for more practice .

Kirin: See you next time .