

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 406 [English]

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 406 .

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 taught in our last few lessons . This type of practice will let you know how to take the words you have learned and use them in real life . Let's first listen to the new words which will appear in a moment .

Kirin: Pollution .

Adam: Pollution or contamination.

Kirin: Harm .

Adam: To injure or harm.

Kirin: Warm .

Adam: Warm.

Kirin: To set up .

Adam: To set up or install.

Kirin: Cram school .

Adam: Cram school.

Kirin: Doorway / Gate .

Adam: Doorway or gate.

Raphael: Please first listen to the first word and question .

Kirin: Charm .

Raphael: What kind of a person do you believe is charming , and attracts you the most ?

Kirin: I believe that no matter whether one is a man or a woman , as long as they have confidence in themselves , and are the type of people who are able to directly share their thinking with everyone , then they have a natural charm , and it would be difficult for people to not pay attention to them .

Raphael: For example, many athletes might not be very good-looking , but when they play sports or take part in competitions , their focus and hard work have a great charm , and often leave people feeling very touched .

Kirin: Right, just like the models on television , since they do their work very seriously , so even the clothes they wear on their bodies all seem to become more beautiful , this type of expression makes the audience appreciate the model's professional performance .

Raphael: So charm isn't something that is necessarily there to begin with , it needs good practice on how to express it . Next, please listen to the second word and question .

Kirin: Negative aspect / weakness .

Raphael: What things have more disadvantages than advantages ?

Kirin: Speaking of this makes me think of smoking and drinking . The disadvantage is that not only does it harm the body , it also creates air pollution . People who are used to smoking cough more easily . Here, the meaning of pollution is some bad things destroy nature , making our environment dirty . Just like when you smoke, the air quality becomes terrible .

Raphael: But some people feel drinking also has advantages for people , and isn't completely bad . When the weather is cold , drinking a little alcohol can maintain your body's warmth , this is considered to be a benefit to drinking .

Kirin: But when you drink alcohol , if you can't control yourself , and you always get drunk , this can not only cause harm to your body , it is also easy for something dangerous to happen . You also have to remember , that after drinking alcohol you can't drive , you have to ask someone to drive for you or take a taxi home .

Raphael: You're absolutely right . Please listen carefully to the third word and question .

Kirin: Reminder .

Raphael: If you're afraid of forgetting something important , what can you do to remind yourself and not forget ?

Kirin: I once forgot something important , so I later found many ways to remind myself . For example taking the important things and writing them down on paper and then sticking it on a place that was easy for me to see .

Raphael: It's more convenient now . Apart from saving important things onto my mobile phone , I can also set up an alarm time . When the time comes , the alarm clock will ring . This way I won't forget what I'm supposed to do .

Kirin: "To set up" means , when you are using a product , according to your needs to take the product's original time or features and change them into what you need . Normally only machines or technology products require setting up different features , like mobile phones, digital cameras, washing machines etc .

Raphael: That's right, mobile phones today all have alarm features . As soon as the time we set up arrives, it will ring to remind us to do what we should do . Next, please listen to the fourth word and question .

Kirin: To pay / invest .

Raphael: What types of things require us to invest a lot of time and patience ?

Kirin: Many things require us to invest a lot of time and patience , especially the aspect of education for children and students .

There are many parents who because of economic pressure , have no way to invest time to spend with their children , and have to ask their own parents for help to take care of them or take their children to a cram school to attend classes .

Raphael: A cram school requires us to spend money and take classes at a place outside of school . Although there are many kinds of cram schools today , for example language learning cram schools , that adults can also attend . However the cram school talked about here is the one that helps students do their homework , and lets students go directly to the cram school after class , and stay there and study .

Kirin: Although parents need to work to earn money for their lives , actually children need their parents to be at their side , to listen to them speak , and share the things that happen in their lives .
Since these are all things that money can't buy .

Raphael: Well spoken . However much parents invest in their kids , is what they will get back . Finally, listen to the fifth word and question .

Kirin: Rare .

Raphael: What opportunity is a rare one for you , and would be too bad if you missed ?

Kirin: I'm a girl, so of course I'm interested in shopping . So according to me, there aren't many department store sale opportunities , so I will take advantage of those rare opportunities to buy things . Some people, in order to buy things that they normally can't afford , will line up at the department store main door very early .

Raphael: The main door is the door that you pass through when entering or exiting . As well, department stores often hold big sale activities . Since there are few items for sale, but there are a lot of people wanting to buy them . in order to keep things fair, they ask everyone to line up at the main door .

Kirin: That's right . I also saw on the news that some people, because they wanted to buy things, ended up fighting . That's really going overboard .

Raphael: 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 .