

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 407 [English]

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 407 .

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 people in special situations , using five sentences related to numbers . Please first listen carefully to the new words that will appear in the sentences .

Kirin: Rock / Stone .

Adam: Rock or stone.

Kirin: Stone .

Adam: Stone.

Kirin: Tongue .

Adam: Tongue.

Raphael: Please listen carefully to the first sentence .

Kirin: Do two things at once .

Raphael: Normally, as long as we focus on doing something , we can finish it quickly . But sometimes because there are many things to do , we want to finish it quickly , in the same time period we can do two things .

Kirin: But when we do two things at once , one aspect is that because we do two things at once the speed becomes slower , another aspect is that because you don't focus enough it is easy to make a mistake .

Raphael: For examples, in situations like driving a car that require focus , you can't have behavior where two things get done at once so that dangerous things don't happen . Next, please listen to the second sentence .

Kirin: To kill two birds with one stone .

Raphael: Stone comes from the word for stone . A bird is an animal that can fly in the sky . The meaning of this sentence is by just doing one thing, you can receive two benefits . This is just like using just one stone to hit two birds .

Kirin: This is also like putting in just a little hard work , but receiving a lot of profits in the end . For example, playing sports often can not only make us healthier , it can also let us keep our body figure . Or many people go to Europe on vacation , and work while they are there , so the money they earn can also be used for their travel expenses .

Raphael: So we can say ...

Kirin: That is really killing two birds with one stone .

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

Kirin: Everyone talking at once .

Raphael: The mouth talked about here is from the word for mouth . And tongue is a part of the body , it is inside the mouth , and it can be used to help you eat things and when pronouncing , and it can also taste . The seven and eight represent "many" , and it doesn't mean there are really seven mouths and eight tongues .

Kirin: The meaning of this sentence is when many people are in a situation discussing a matter , since everyone has their own opinions , if everyone's mouths continuously recite their own opinions , you will end up with a bustling feeling , but since there might be too many opinions , in the end you may not obtain a single conclusion .

Raphael: That's right, just like before you go out each time , everyone always discusses at once where they want to go , but in the end there isn't a single solution , you just have to vote for a decision . Next, please listen to the fourth sentence .

Kirin: Disorderly .

Raphael: The "zāo" (terrible) here comes from the word "zāogāo" (terrible) . The meaning is similar to that of terrible , it means not good and bad . The meaning of this sentence is to describe putting things in a messy way , or doing things in a terrible way .

As well, in Chinese proverbs , you will often see the two numbers seven and eight , which both represent a meaning of “many” .

Kirin: For example, my brother’s room is always disorderly , the ground is full of things . Or this article has been translated in a very disorderly way , which means people can’t understand what it says .

Raphael: Very good example . Please listen to the final sentence .

Kirin: Complete and beautiful in every way .

Raphael: The character “quán” here comes from the word “wánquán” for complete , and the meaning is almost the same , here it refers to something being complete . The beautiful here comes from the word for beautiful , and the meaning means not a single weakness , with a result of it being very good . The ten number is mentioned twice , which represents completeness , meaning every part .

Kirin: For example, this artwork looks complete and beautiful in every way , no wonder someone regards it as a work of art .

Raphael: You can also say, there is no person in this world who is complete and beautiful in every way , each person will have failures , so we shouldn’t give up on doing things just because we make mistakes .

Kirin: That’s right .

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Kirin: Keep at it .