

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 408 [English]

Kirin: [Chinese Learn Online lesson 408](#) .

[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: [The country we are going to introduce today is Germany](#) . [Let's first listen to the new words that will appear in the article](#) .

Kirin: [Berlin](#) .

Adam: Berlin.

Kirin: [Highway](#) .

Adam: Highway.

Kirin: [Railroad](#) .

Adam: Railroad or railway.

Kirin: [Intersection](#) .

Adam: Crossroad or intersection.

Kirin: [Politics / Political](#) .

Adam: Politics or political.

Kirin: [East Germany](#) .

Adam: East Germany.

Kirin: [West Germany](#) .

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Kirin: To unify .

Adam: To unify.

Kirin: One out of many .

Adam: One out of many.

Kirin: To lead .

Adam: To lead.

Kirin: To persist .

Adam: To persist or insist.

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

Kirin: Germany is in the central part of Europe , the capital is Berlin . The population is more than 82 million people , which is the 14th largest in the world . Its area 350 000 square kilometers , there are 9 countries nearby . The north part of Germany is plains , while the central and southern parts have many mountains . When it comes to transportation , the highway that links eastern and western parts and southern and northern parts of Europe together and the railroad all pass through here , so it is also called "The crossroads of Europe ." When it comes to politics , in 1949, Germany was separated into Eastern and Western Germany , in 1990 they were finally united . Although Germany's natural resources aren't as plentiful as in other countries , Germany is one of the world's strongest countries today , it is the world's largest exporter and the world's second largest importer . Germany has seen great improvements in its science and technology levels , and is a world leader in this area . The quality of products manufactured in German industries are of a very high quality , but due to Germany's persistence in creating quality products , the costs spent are higher . In German life , football and beer are things that cannot be reduced . When it comes to tourism , Germany has the world's largest natural and science museums , and there are also more than 6000 museums , tourists shouldn't miss an opportunity to visit Germany .

Raphael: Let's listen again to this article at a slowed down speed .

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Kirin: See you next time .