

Complete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 414 [English]

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 414 .

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: Not as good as .

Adam: Not as good as or not equal to.

Kirin: Together .

Adam: Together.

Kirin: New Year .

Adam: New Year.

Kirin: For example .

Adam: For example or for instance.

Kirin: Overjoyed .

Adam: Overjoyed or delighted.

Kirin: Very .

Adam: Very (much).

Raphael: Please listen to the first word and question .

Kirin: Gateway .

Raphael: Normally, what do you find near the school gateway ?

Kirin: Near normal school gates, there might be an intersection , so there will definitely be a traffic light , this is to let students safely attend class . As well, there will also be some parking spots to let teachers or visitors coming to school park .

Raphael: In front of the school gate there will also be some places to buy breakfast , snacks or drink stands . Since it's very convenient , so many students directly buy their breakfasts from the places in front of the school gate , or buy snacks after school .

Kirin: That's right, when I was studying at school before , I would often sleep too late , so I had no time to eat breakfast at home . So I would directly buy my breakfast from the stalls in front of the school gate , which saved me a lot of time !

Raphael: I also find that very convenient . Next, please listen to the second word and question .

Kirin: To rent .

Raphael: Some people believe that renting a place by yourself isn't as good as renting with someone else , what do you think ?

Kirin: I believe that although renting with others has its benefits , for example I can save some of my rent expenses , when I'm bored, someone can chat with me , it's more relaxing to clean the house .

Raphael: "Yīkuàir" has the same meaning as "yīqǐ" (together) , for example my sister is together with her boyfriend everyday , which means everyday together . So here, living together with others means to live together with others .

Kirin: But living together with others also has some negative aspects , for example since your daily habits are different from each other , it might have an effect on you , you won't be able to do whatever you want . According to me , living with someone else isn't as good as living on your own , where you have much more freedom .

Raphael: So if you want to live with someone else , it would be best to find someone whose personality and habits were more similar to yours , so there is less chance for problems . Please continue with the third sentence and question .

Kirin: Discount .

Raphael: When do department stores have special sales ?

Kirin: Department stores normally don't have sales . But normally during festivals , such as father's day, mother's day or new year's they they have discounts .

Raphael: In Taiwan people buy new clothes to wear during Chinese New Year . So department stores take advantage of this time to hold some activities , to attract more people to come shop .

Kirin: As well when seasons change , the discounts on some products are quite steep , they can be discounted up to 70% off . There are many people who use this opportunity to be overjoyed as they shop , and buy the items they normally need for their home .

Raphael: "Tòngkuài" here has a similar meaning to comfortable and happy , sometimes when you do something very happily you can say it this way . For example eating with joy, playing with joy . Next, please listen to the fourth word and question .

Kirin: Conveniently .

Raphael: What do you use your time going home to do ?

Kirin: When I'm going home, on the street I pass a market as well as a post office . Normally I use my time going home to conveniently go to the market to buy some fresh foods and fruits . Sometimes I will also conveniently go to the post office to mail letters and deposit some money . Since post offices in Taiwan are like banks , you can deposit money in both places , so when we go to the post office, apart from mailing letters, we can also deposit money , which is very convenient . Actually I will also use my time going home to visit any friends along the way , so I can drink tea with them and chat .

Raphael: The meaning of the word "dehěn" is similar to "very" and "extremely" , but it is more of a colloquial usage . For example very convenient means extremely convenient , extremely good means very good .

Kirin: If you live in an area where you have every kind of shop nearby, and that is very convenient , then when you go home, on the street you can conveniently do many things , and you don't have to run off to a far off place .

Raphael: That's right . Finally, please listen to the fifth word and question .

Kirin: to restrict .

Raphael: What things are there to do that have age restrictions , adults can do it but children cannot ?

Kirin: Things that have negative influences on children have to restrict them from doing . For example, some movies aren't suitable for children to see . Although some action movies are very exciting , but if the content in the movie is always of an adult nature , then it might be a bad influence on kinds of a young age . Movies like this are really not suitable for children to see .

Raphael: I also thought of a few things that you can't let children do , like dangerous sports or games , they have to have age restrictions on them .

Kirin: That's right . Just like going to a movie theater to see a movie , actually the government has already created rules regarding age , but parents should also pay close attention .

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 .