

ienComplete Lesson Transcript – Lesson 415 [English]

Kirin: Chinese Learn Online lesson 415 .

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 sentences that people use in special situations . Please first listen carefully to the new words that will appear in the sentences .

Kirin: To not dress up .

Adam: This is an idiom meaning to not dress up or not to care about he's appearance.

Kirin: To procrastinate .

Adam: To procrastinate.

Kirin: Careless .

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Raphael: Please listen carefully to the first sentence .

Kirin: To not dress up .

Raphael: To not dress up means how a person expresses himself or not putting importance towards maintaining cleanliness habits in life . For example when the clothes one is wearing are very dirty and yet he doesn't change them , we can say that this person really doesn't dress up .

Kirin: People who don't dress up often say they just have to do important things , and the rest of the things should not be cared for too much . Actually this is just their excuse .

Raphael: That's right . As well not dressing up gives a bad impression to others , people might think that when you do other things, you are not very serious . Next, please listen to the second sentence .

Kirin: To procrastinate .

Raphael: This sentence describes when someone does something , his actions are often quite slow , originally he could have done things quickly but he waited till the time was almost up before he went to do it . For example, when my sister wakes up in the morning she always likes to procrastinate , so as a result she is late .

Kirin: A person who like to procrastinate might feel that these things are not worth it for him to do , so he doesn't want to do them . Or because there are too many things to do , he is not able to focus on doing them , so in the end he doesn't finish them .

Raphael: Hmmn, this way is a real waste of time , and is not taking responsibility . Please listen to the third sentence .

Kirin: So so / carefree .

Raphael: The meaning of this sentence is your attitude when doing things is too carefree and not serious at all . If when you speak you are often carefree and you speak out without being sure whether the content is true or not , in the future, others many find it hard to believe what you say .

Kirin: Or if you are too carefree when you work , you often end up making mistakes without even knowing , if it's serious enough , it might affect the development of the company .

Raphael: Hmmn, these two examples teach us good lessons , whenever you are doing things you have to pay attention and be careful . Next, please listen to the fourth sentence .

Kirin: Too long of a story .

Raphael: Sometimes when you telling something to someone else , because it's very complicated and there's no way to finish talking in a short time , at this time in order to let the person listening knowing that you have to spend a lot of time , you can tell him to begin with "This matter is too long a story ."

Kirin: It also means that when we hear this phrase , it represents that we have to have a lot of patience , since the other person might have to spend a long time before he can

finish talking about this matter . For example, regarding why he was having a fight with someone else might be a long story . Simply speaking, there were too many reasons for the fight , and there is no way to quickly finish speaking about it .

Raphael: Hmm, very good example . Please listen to the final sentence .

Kirin: To make a long story short .

Raphael: The meaning of this sentence is the things you wanted to discuss with others might involve a lot of content or need a long time for explanation , and because you want to save time , you might just choose the important parts to speak of . For example when using a cell phone to call someone , it is best to make a long story short so that you don't waste money .

Kirin: That's right, we can choose to just say the important parts , and it would be more convenient if you said the rest of the things when you meet up in person .

Raphael: Ok, our premium subscribers can visit our website chineselearnonline.com for more practice .

Kirin: Keep at it .