

## LESSON NOTES

# 3-Minute Cantonese #10

## Asking How Much Something Costs

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# TRADITIONAL CHINESE

1. 呢個幾多錢呀?
2. 呢個點賣呀?
3. 好呀,我要呢個。
4. 唔要喇,唔該。太貴喇。

# JYUTPING

1. ni1 go3 gei2 do1 cin2 aa3
2. ni1 go3 dim2 maai6 aa3
3. hou2 aa3, ngo5 jiu3 ni1 go3
4. m4 yiu4 laa3, m4 goi1. taai3 gwai3 laa3

# ENGLISH

1. How much does this cost?
2. How much does this cost?
3. OK, I'll take it.
4. No, thanks. It's too expensive.

# VOCABULARY

Traditional	Romanization	English	Class
太貴	taai3 gwai3	too expensive	adjective
呢個	ni1 go3	this one	pronoun
幾多	gei2 do1	how many, how much	phrase
錢	cin2	money	noun
呀	aa3	final particle	final particle
點	dim2	how	pronoun, adverb
賣	maai6	sell	verb
好呀	hou2 aa3	OK, Yes	convention
我	ngo5	I	pronoun
要	jiu3, yiu3	want; need	verb
唔要喇	m4 yiu4 laa3	not need, not want	phrase
唔該	m4 goi1	thank you	verb, phrase

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>我要呢個。 <i>ngo5 jiu3 ni1 go3.</i></p> <p>I want this one.</p>	<p>幾多位? <i>gei2 do1 wai2 ?</i></p> <p>How many people are you?</p>
<p>嗰個幾錢? <i>go2 go3 gei2 cin2?</i></p> <p>How much is that?</p>	<p>你去照吓鏡，睇吓自己點嘅樣。 <i>nei5 heoi3 ziu3 haa5 geng3, tai2 haa5 zi6 gei2 dim2 ge3 joeng2.</i></p> <p>Go look in the mirror and see how you look.</p>

我叫Nicole。  
*ngo5 giu3 Nicole。*

I'm (called) Nicole.

唔該晒你幫手!  
*m4 goi1 saai3 nei5 bong1 sau2!*

Thank you for your help!

唔該晒你!  
*ng4 goi1 saai3 nei5 !*

Thank you very much!

## GRAMMAR

In this lesson you will learn how to ask how much something costs.

	Register	Cantonese	Jyutping	English
<b>Phrase 1</b>		呢個幾多錢 呀?	<i>ni1 go3 gei2 do1 cin2 aa3</i>	How much does this cost?
Word 1		呢個	<i>ni1 go3</i>	this one
Word 2		幾多	<i>gei2 do1</i>	how much, how many
Word 3		錢	<i>cin2</i>	money
Word 4		呀	<i>aa3</i>	final particle
<b>Phrase 2</b>	<b>informal</b>	呢個點賣 呀?	<i>ni1 go3 dim2 maai6 aa3</i>	How much does this cost?
Word 1		呢個	<i>ni1 go3</i>	this one
Word 2		點	<i>dim2</i>	how
Word 3		賣	<i>maai6</i>	sell

Word 4	呀	<i>aa3</i>	final particle
<b>Phrase 3</b>	好呀,我要呢個。	<i>hou2 aa3, ngo5 jiu3 ni1 go3</i>	<b>OK, I'll take it.</b>
Word 1	好呀	<i>hou2 aa3</i>	OK, Yes
Word 2	我	<i>ngo5</i>	I
Word 3	要	<i>jiu3</i>	want, take, need
Word 4	呢個	<i>ni1 go3</i>	this one
<b>Phrase 4</b>	唔要喇,唔該。太貴喇。	<i>m4 yiu4 laa3, m4 goi1. tai3 gwai3 laa3</i>	<b>No, thanks. It's too expensive.</b>
Word 1	唔要喇	<i>m4 yiu4 laa3</i>	not need, not want
Word 2	唔該	<i>m4 goi1</i>	thank you
Word 3	呢個	<i>ni1 go3</i>	this one
Word 4	太貴	<i>tai3 gwai3</i>	too expensive

## CULTURAL INSIGHT

It's quite common to bargain in markets. Other than saying the specific price you want, you can also ask "are there any discounts?" by saying 有冇折呀? (*jau5 mou5 zit3 aa3?*)