

LESSON NOTES

3-Minute Cantonese #1 Self Introduction

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TRADITIONAL CHINESE

1. 你好，我係Olivia。
2. 早晨，我係 David。
3. 好高興認識你。
4. 好高興認識你㗎。

JYUTPING

1. Nei5 ho2, ngo5 hai6 Olivia.
2. zou2 san4,ngo5 hai6 David.
3. hou2 gou1 hing3 jing6 sik1 nei5
4. hou2 gou1 hing3 jing6 sik1 nei5 dei6

ENGLISH

1. Hi, I'm Olivia.
2. Good day, I'm David.
3. Nice meet you.
4. Nice meet you. (towards a group of people)

VOCABULARY

Traditional	Romanization	English	Class
認識	jing6 sik1	meet	verb
你哋	nei5 dei6	you (all)	pronoun
你	nei5	you	pronoun
高興	gou1 hing3	pleasure of	adjective
係	hai6	am	verb
David		person's full name	
早晨	zou2 san4	Good morning.	phrase
Olivia		person's name	
你好	nei5 hou2	Hi	phrase
我	ngo5	I	pronoun
好	hou2	very, quite	adverb, adjective
高興	gou1 hing3	happy	adjective, adverb

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>早晨。 <i>zou2 san4.</i></p> <p>Good morning.</p>	<p>我叫Nicole。 <i>ngo5 giu3 Nicole.</i></p> <p>I'm (called) Nicole.</p>
<p>今日好開心啊! <i>gam1 jat6 hou2 hoi1 sam1 aa3 !</i></p> <p>Today (I'm) very happy!</p>	<p>佢老公唔高興。 <i>keoi5 lou5 gung1 m4 gou1 hing3.</i></p> <p>Her husband's not happy.</p>

GRAMMAR

In this lesson you will learn how to introduce yourself.

	Register	Cantonese	Jyutping	English
Phrase 1	formal	你好, 我係 Olivia。	<i>Nei5 ho2, ngo5 hai6 Olivia.</i>	Hi, I'm Olivia.
Word 1		你好	<i>nei5 hou2</i>	Hi
Word 2		我	<i>ngo5</i>	I
Word 3		係	<i>hai6</i>	am
Word 4		Olivia		person's name
Phrase 2	formal	早晨, 我係 David。	<i>zou2 san4,ngo5 hai6 David.</i>	Good day, I'm David.
Word 1		早晨	<i>zou2 san4</i>	Good morning
Word 2		我	<i>ngo5</i>	I
Word 3		係	<i>hai6</i>	am
Word 4		David		person's full name
Phrase 3	formal	好高興認識 你。	<i>hou2 gou1 hing3 jing6 sik1 nei5</i>	Nice meet you.
Word 1		好	<i>hou2</i>	very
Word 2		高興	<i>gou1 hing3</i>	happy
Word 3		認識	<i>jing6 sik1</i>	meet
Word 4		你	<i>nei5</i>	you

Phrase 4	formal	好高興認識 你哋。	<i>hou2 gou1 hing3 jing6 sik1 nei5 dei6</i>	Nice meet you. (towards a group of people)
Word 1		好	<i>hou2</i>	very
Word 2		高興	<i>gou1 hing3</i>	pleasure of
Word 3		認識	<i>jing6 sik1</i>	meet
Word 4		你哋	<i>nei5 dei6</i>	you (all)

CULTURAL INSIGHT

When you introduce yourself, it's a good habit to shake hands in Hong Kong. Always introduce yourself to the higher-ranking people before those who have a lower rank. In most cases, the person of the highest rank will be the oldest person.