

LESSON NOTES

3-Minute Cantonese #2

Greetings

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TRADITIONAL CHINESE

1. 哈囉。
2. 你好。
3. 拜拜。
4. 遲啲見。

JYUTPING

1. ha1 lo3
2. nei5 hou2
3. baai1 baai3
4. ci4 di1 gin3

ENGLISH

1. Hi.
2. Good day.
3. See you.
4. See you later.

VOCABULARY

Traditional	Romanization	English	Class
遲啲	ci4 di1	later	adverb
見	gin3	see	verb
哈囉	ha1 lo3	Hi	phrase
你	nei5	you	pronoun
好	hou2	good	adjective
拜拜	baai1 baai3	bye-bye	verb

SAMPLE SENTENCES

拜拜。

baai1 baai3.

Bye-bye.

GRAMMAR

In this lesson you will learn how to greet someone when you arrive and when you part.

	Register	Cantonese	Jyutping	English
Phrase 1	informal	哈囉。	<i>ha1 lo3</i>	Hi.
Word 1		哈囉	<i>ha1 lo3</i>	Hi
Phrase 2	formal	你好。	<i>nei5 hou2</i>	Good day.
Word 1		你	<i>nei5</i>	you
Word 2		好	<i>hou2</i>	Good
Phrase 3	informal	拜拜。	<i>baai1 baai3</i>	See you.

Word 1	拜拜	<i>baai1 baai3</i>	bye-bye
Phrase 4	遲啲見。	<i>ci4 di1 gin3</i>	See you later.
Word 1	遲啲	<i>ci4 di1</i>	later
Word 2	見	<i>gin3</i>	see

CULTURAL INSIGHT

In formal situations, Cantonese speakers commonly greet each other by shaking hands. But if we meet someone with whom we are very close, we may sometimes pat each other on the arm or on the back.