

LESSON NOTES

3-Minute Cantonese #9

Using Adjectives

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TRADITIONAL CHINESE

1. 今日好熱。
2. 我好肚餓。
3. 尋日好凍
4. 你哋好開心。

JYUTPING

1. gam1 jat6 hou2 jit6
2. ngo5 hou2 tou5 ngo6
3. ngo5 dei6 hai6 jat6 bun2 jan4
4. nei5 dei6 hou2 hoi1 sam1

ENGLISH

1. It's very hot today.
2. I am very hungry.
3. It was cold yesterday.
4. You are all very happy.

VOCABULARY

Traditional	Romanization	English	Class
今日	gam1 jat6	today	noun, adverb
好	hou2	very, quite	adverb, adjective
熱	jit6	hot	adjective, noun
我	ngo5	I	pronoun
肚	tou5	belly	noun
餓	ngo6	hungry	adjective
尋日	cam4 jat6	yesterday	noun
凍	dung3, jat6 bun2	cold	adjective, noun
你哋	nei5 dei6	you (plural)	pronoun
開心	hoi1 sam1	happy	adjective

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>今日遊行。 <i>gam1 jat6 jau4 hang4.</i></p> <p>The parade is today.</p>	<p>今日特別炎熱。 <i>gam1 jat6 dak6 bit6 jam4 jit6.</i></p> <p>"Today was an extraordinarily hot summer day."</p>
<p>我今日見到你。 <i>ngo5 gam1 jat6 gin3 dou2 nei5.</i></p> <p>I saw you today.</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>我叫Nicole。 <i>ngo5 giu3 Nicole.</i></p> <p>I'm (called) Nicole.</p>	<p>你尋日去咗邊? <i>nei5 cam4 jat6 heoi3 zo2 bin1 ?</i></p> <p>Where did you go yesterday?</p>

尋日好凍。 <i>cam4 jat6 hou2 dung3.</i> It was cold yesterday.	你哋一齊去？ <i>nei5 dei6 jat1 cai4 heoi3?</i> Are you going together?
你做咩咁開心？ <i>Nei5 zou6 me1 gam3 hoi1 sam1 ?</i> Why are you so happy?	我而家好開心。 <i>Ngo5 ji4 gaa1 hou2 hoi1 sam1.</i> I'm very happy now.

GRAMMAR

In this lesson you will learn how to use adjectives in simple sentences.

	Cantonese	Jyutping	English
Phrase 1	今日好熱。	<i>gam1 jat6 hou2 jit6</i>	It's very hot today.
Word 1	今日	<i>gam1 jat6</i>	today
Word 2	好	<i>hou2</i>	very
Word 3	熱	<i>jit6</i>	hot
Phrase 2	我好肚餓。	<i>ngo5 hou2 tou5 ngo6</i>	I am very hungry.
Word 1	我	<i>ngo5</i>	I
Word 2	好	<i>hou2</i>	very
Word 3	肚	<i>tou5</i>	belly
Word 4	餓	<i>ngo6</i>	hungry
Phrase 3	尋日好凍	<i>ngo5 dei6 hai6 jat6 bun2 jan4</i>	It was cold yesterday.
Word 1	尋日	<i>cam4 jat6</i>	yesterday

Word 2	好	<i>hou2</i>	very
Word 3	凍	<i>jat6 bun2</i>	cold
Phrase 4	你哋好開心。	<i>nei5 dei6 hou2 hoi1 sam1</i>	You are all very happy.
Word 1	你哋	<i>nei5 dei6</i>	you, plural
Word 2	好	<i>hou2</i>	very
Word 3	開心	<i>hoi1 sam1</i>	happy

CULTURAL INSIGHT

If you want to say something in an exaggerated way, just say the adverb 好 (*hou2*), meaning “very” and draw it out, or use the word 超 (*ciu1*) meaning “super” before an adjective. For example, *hooou2 jit6*, or *ciu1 jit6*, both mean “really hot.” Similarly, *hooou2 leng3*, or *ciu1 leng3*, both mean “really beautiful.”