

LESSON NOTES

Absolute Beginner S1 #16

How About a Cup of Coffee?

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TRADITIONAL CHINESE

1. 嘿，靚女！
2. 點啊，靚仔。
3. 得唔得閒，飲杯咖啡？
4. 好啊。

JYUTPING

1. haai1 leng3 neoi5 !
2. dim2 aa3, leng3 zai2。
3. dak1 m4 dak1 haan4, jam2 bui1 gaa3 fe1 ?
4. hou2 aa3.

ENGLISH

1. Hi, pretty girl.
2. What's up, pretty guy?
3. Do you have time? Let's have a cup of coffee?
4. Sounds good.

VOCABULARY

Traditional	Romanization	English	Class
咖啡	gaa3 fe1	coffee	noun
男朋友	naam4 pang4 jau5	boyfriend	noun
女朋友	neoi5 pang4 jau5	girlfriend	noun
茶	caa4	tea	noun
紅酒	hung4 zau2	red wine	noun
白酒	baak6 zau2	white wine	noun
去	heoi3	to go	verb
嚟	lai4	to come	verb

SAMPLE SENTENCES

如果想訓個好覺，夜晚就唔好飲咖啡。 <i>Jyu4 gwo2 soeng2 fan3 go3 hou2 gaau3,je6 maan5 zau6 m4 hou2 jam2 gaa3 fe1.</i> If you want to sleep well, do not drink coffee at night.	呢度嘅咖啡好正。 <i>ni1 dou6 ge3 gaa3 fe1 hou2 zeng3.</i> The coffee here is awesome.
我男朋友係老師。 <i>ngo5 naam4 pang4 jau5 hai6 lou5 si1.</i> My boyfriend is a teacher.	呢個係我女朋友。 <i>ni1 go3 hai6 ngo5 neoi5 pang4 jau5.</i> This is my girlfriend.
佢買俾我嘅茶有少少苦。 <i>Koi2 maa5 bei2 ngo5 ge3 caa4 jau5 siu2 siu2 fu2.</i> The tea he bought me was a little bitter.	我爸爸鍾意飲功夫茶。 <i>ngo5 baa4 baa1 zung1 ji3 jam2 gung1 fu1 caa4.</i> My father likes to drink Kung Fu tea.
我要一支紅酒。 <i>ngo5 jiu3 jat1 zi1 hung4 zau2.</i> I'd like a bottle of red wine.	我要嗰支白酒。 <i>ngo5 jiu3 go2 zi1 baak6 zau2.</i> I'd like that bottle of white wine.

你去唔去? <i>nei5 heoi3 m4 heoi3?</i>	我嚟幫你。 <i>ngo5 lai4 bong1 nei5.</i>
Will you go?	Let me help you.

GRAMMAR

The Focus of This Lesson is 去, *heoi3* ("to go")

飲杯咖啡?

jam2 bui1 gaa3 fe1 ?

Let's have a cup of coffee?

The verb 去 (*heoi3*) - "to go" is usually combined with other verbs to mean "to go...and do something." The second verb usually takes an object.

The formula to use is : 去 + Verb + Object

For Example:

1. 去食飯

heoi3 sik6 faan6

"to go eat"

2. 去飲嘢

heoi3 jam2 je5

"to go for a drink"

3. 去飲茶

heoi3 jam2 caa4

"to go for some tea"

4. 去睇戲

heoi3 tai2 hei3

"to go watch a movie"

5. 去行街
heoi3 haang4 gaai1
"to go for a walk on the street"
6. 去飲咖啡
heoi3 jam2 gaa3 fe1
"to go drink coffee"

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Coffee Shops and Milk Tea in Hong Kong

The large population of expats in Hong Kong has created a taste for good coffee. Now, one third of Hong Kong's residents buy ready-to-drink coffee outside the home, according to a 2006 survey. You can find an array of quality and value-priced coffee throughout the territory, especially on the island. Along with coffee, many of these cafes sell gourmet sandwiches, salads, pastas, and baked goods. In Hong Kong, Starbucks coffee is popular along with Pacific coffee.

Aside from coffee, "milk tea," known as *dai pai dong*, stands as a traditional alternative to quench that Cantonese sweet tooth. It consists of black tea sweetened with evaporated milk and is usually part of an afternoon meal in Hong Kong tea culture. The key feature of Hong Kong-style milk tea is that a sackcloth bag is used to filter the tea leaves. However, any other strainer may be used to filter the tea.