

LESSON NOTES

Absolute Beginner S1 #7

Out for a Cantonese Dinner

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TRADITIONAL CHINESE

1. 我肚餓。
2. 我都係。
3. 一齊食嘢?
4. 好啊。

JYUTPING

1. ngo5 tou5 ngo6。
2. ngo5 dou1 hai6。
3. jat1 cai4 sik6 je5 ?
4. hou2 a3 。

ENGLISH

1. I'm hungry.
2. Me too.
3. Let's go eat.
4. Okay.

VOCABULARY

Traditional	Romanization	English	Class
口渴	hau2 hot3	thirsty	adjective
飲	jam2	to drink	verb
好	hou2	all right	adverb
食	sik6	to eat	verb
嘢	je5	thing, things	noun
𩇛	gui6	tired	adjective
係	hai6	to be	verb
都	dou1	also	adverb
肚餓	tou5 ngo6	hungry	adjective
一齊	jat1 cai4	together	adverb

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>口渴的狗在喝泳池裡的水。 <i>hau2 hot3 dik1 gau2 zoi6 hot3 wing6 ci4 lei5 dik1 sei2.</i></p> <p>The thirsty dog is drinking from the pool.</p>	<p>你鍾意飲咩? <i>nei5 zung1 ji3 jam2 me1?</i></p> <p>What do you like to drink?</p>
<p>我好好。 <i>ngo5 hou2 hou2.</i></p> <p>I'm very good/well.</p>	<p>一齊食嘢。 <i>jat1 cai4 sik6 je5.</i></p> <p>Eat together.</p>
<p>一齊食嘢。 <i>jat1 cai4 sik6 je5.</i></p> <p>Eat together.</p>	<p>行咗成日好𩇛。 <i>haang4 zo2 seng4 jat6 hou2 gui6.</i></p> <p>After walking for a whole day, I feel tired.</p>
<p>我係學生。 <i>Ngo5 hai6 hok6 saang1.</i></p> <p>"I am a student."</p>	<p>你都好可愛。 <i>Nei5 dou1 hou2 ho2 oi3.</i></p> <p>You are also very cute.</p>

我都鍾意佢。
ngo5 dou1 zung1 ji3 keoi5.

I also like him(/her/it).

那男人很肚餓，正在找食物。
*naa5 naam4 jan2 han2 tou5 ngo6, zing3 zoi6
zaau2 sik6 mat6*

The man is hungry and looking for food.

一齊食嘢。
jat1 cai4 sik6 je5.

Eat together.

GRAMMAR

The Focus of This Lesson is Basic Sentence Structure

我肚餓。

ngo5 tou5 ngo6

"I'm hungry"

In Cantonese, the basic sentence pattern is as follows: subject + adverb/verb + adjective. For example, 我好肚餓 (*ngo5 hou2 tou5 ngo6.*) - "I'm very hungry." The adverb of degree here is 好, and this acts as "to be," linking the subject 我 and the adjective 肚餓.

You can also place verbs to connect both the subject and object.

For Example:

1. 我好肚餓。
ngo5 hou2 tou5 ngo6
"I am hungry."
2. 佢好口渴。
keoi5 hou2 hau2 hot3
"He is thirsty."

If there is both an adverb and a verb in the sentence, place the adverb in front of the verb.

For instance, subject + adverb + verb + object

For Example:

1. 我哋一齊食嘢。
ngo5 dei6 jat1 cai4 sik6 je5
"We eat together."
2. 我哋一齊飲嘢。
ngo5 dei6 jat1 cai4 jam2 je5
"We drink together."

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Outside Eateries

Hong Kong is notorious for sweltering and humid summers. To beat the heat and avoid stuffy restaurants, many locals and tourists alike head outdoors to enjoy their food and cooler temperatures. Since Hong Kong is situated on the ocean, there is easy access to fresh seafood. Go to any bustling street on the Kowloon side of the territory, and you will find a vast selection of foods to choose from.

The most popular and abundant beer by far in Hong Kong is San Miguel. With their original brewery based in the Philippines, San Miguel is one of the cheapest beers you can buy on the street. San Miguel is also brewed in Hong Kong by the San Miguel Brewery Hong Kong Ltd., where it has a twenty-four percent share compared to European rivals. Pick it up at a corner store or your favorite restaurant.