



Absolute Beginner S1 How About a Cup of Coffee?

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Traditional Chinese

嗨，靚女！
點啊，靚仔。
得唔得閒，飲杯咖啡？
好啊。

Jyutping

haai1 leng3 nei5 !
dim2 aa3, leng3 zai2。
dak1 m4 dak1 haan4, jam2 bui1 gaa3 fe1 ?
hou2 aa3。

English

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

Vocabulary

Traditional	Jyutping	English
咖啡	gaa3 fe1	coffee
男朋友	naam4 pang4 jau5	boyfriend
女朋友	nei5 pang4 jau5	girlfriend
茶	caa4	tea
紅酒	hung4 zau2	red wine
白酒	baak6 zau2	white wine
去	heoi3	to go
嚟	lai4	to come

Vocabulary Sample Sentences

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呢度嘅咖啡好正。	ni1 dou6 ge3 gaa3 fe1 hou2 zeng3。	The coffee here is awesome.
我男朋友係老師。	ngo5 naam4 pang4 jau5 hai6 lou5 si1。	My boyfriend is a teacher.
呢個係我女朋友。	ni1 go3 hai6 ngo5 nei5 pang4 jau5。	This is my girlfriend.
我爸爸鍾意飲功夫茶。	ngo5 baa4 baa1 zung1 ji3 jam2 gung1 fu1 caa4。	My father likes to drink Kung Fu tea.
我要一支紅酒。	ngo5 jiu3 jat1 zi1 hung4 zau2。	I'd like a bottle of red wine.
我要嗰支白酒。	ngo5 jiu3 go2 zi1 baak6 zau2。	I'd like that bottle of white wine.
你去唔去？	nei5 heoi3 m4 heoi3?	Will you go?
我嚟幫你。	ngo5 lai4 bong1 nei5。	Let me help you.

Grammar Points

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 gaa1
"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.