

LESSON NOTES

Absolute Beginner S2 #10 Renting an Apartment in Hong Kong

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TRADITIONAL CHINESE

1. 我要租屋。
2. 想要幾大?
3. 五百呎。
4. 冇問題。

JYUTPING

1. ngo5 jiu3 zou1 uk1。
2. soeng2 jiu3 gei2 daai6 ?
3. ng5 baak3 cek3 。
4. mou5 man6 tai4 。

ENGLISH

1. A: I want to rent a house/apartment.
2. B: How big do you want?
3. A: Five hundred square feet.
4. B: No problem.

VOCABULARY

Traditional	Romanization	English	Class
租	zou1	to rent	verb
合租	hap6 zou1	to share (an apartment)	verb
屋	uk1	apartment	noun
房	fong2	room	noun
屋租	uk1 zou1	rent	noun
想要	soeng2 jiu3	to want	verb
幾大	gei2 daai6	how big	pronoun
五百	ng5 baak3	500	noun
呎	cek3	measure word (for square feet)	measure word

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>可唔可以租一個月? <i>ho2 m4 ho2 ji5 zou1 jat1 go3 jyut6?</i></p> <p>Can (I) rent (it) for a month?</p>	<p>不如我哋合租? <i>bat1 jyu4 ngo5 dei6 hap6 zou1?</i></p> <p>How about we share an apartment?</p>
<p>呢間屋好大。 <i>ni1 gaan1 uk1 hou2 daai6.</i></p> <p>This apartment is really big.</p>	<p>呢間房好細。 <i>ni1 gaan1 fong2 hou2 sai3.</i></p> <p>This room is really small.</p>
<p>屋租太貴。 <i>uk1 zou1 taai3 gwai3.</i></p> <p>The rent is too high.</p>	<p>佢想要呢個。 <i>keoi5 soeng2 jiu3 ni1 go3.</i></p> <p>He wants this one.</p>
<p>一共五百個人。 <i>jat1 gung6 ng5 baak3 go3 jan4.</i></p> <p>500 people all together.</p>	<p>有幾呎? <i>jau5 gei2 cek3 ?</i></p> <p>How many square feet?</p>

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

呎, *cek3* ("sq.ft")

呎 is short for 平方呎 in Hong Kong.

GRAMMAR

The Focus of This Lesson is Asking about Sizes

想要幾大?

"How big do you want?"

When you want to ask about sizes or any details about something, you can use the pattern 幾 + adjective, or "How + adjective." Mind the word order in Cantonese is different from the English. 想要幾大 is literally translated as, "Want how big." Besides asking about sizes, one can also ask about ages, quantities, heights, etc., by simply substituting the adjective.

For Example:

Cantonese	Romanization	"English Translation"
幾大?	<i>gei2 daai6 ?</i>	"How big ?"/"How old?"
佢幾大?	<i>keoi5 gei2 daai6 ?</i>	"How big is it?"/"How old is he?"
幾多?	<i>gei2 do1 ?</i>	"How many/much?"
你有幾多錢?	<i>nei5 jau5 gei2 do1 cin2 ?</i>	"How much money do you have?"
幾快?	<i>gei2 faai3 ?</i>	"How fast?"
部車有幾快?	<i>bou6 ce1 jau5 gei2 faai3 ?</i>	"How fast is the car?"
幾高?	<i>gei2 gou1 ?</i>	"How tall / high?"
你幾高?	<i>nei5 gei2 gou1 ?</i>	"How tall are you?"