

LESSON NOTES

Absolute Beginner S2 #3 Weekend Cantonese Class?

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TRADITIONAL CHINESE

1. 我哋使唔使上堂啊?
2. 幾時?
3. 聽日。
4. 禮拜六? 唔使。

JYUTPING

1. ngo5 dei6 sai2 m4 sai2 soeng5 tong4 aa6 ?
2. gei2 si4 ?
3. ting1 jat6。
4. lai5 baai3 luk6 ? m4 sai2。

ENGLISH

1. A: Do we need to go to class?
2. B: When?
3. A: Tomorrow.
4. B: Saturday? No need.

VOCABULARY

Traditional	Romanization	English	Class
使唔使	sai2 m4 sai2	to do or not to do	phrase
上堂	soeng5 tong4	to have class	verb
聽日	ting1 jat6	tomorrow	noun
唔使	m4 sai2	no need	phrase
禮拜一	lai5 baai3 jat1	Monday	noun
禮拜二	lai5 baai3 ji6	Tuesday	noun
禮拜六	lai5 baai3 luk6	Saturday	noun
禮拜日	lai5 baai3 jat6	Sunday	noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>禮拜三使唔使返工啊?</p> <p><i>lai5 baai3 saam1 sai2 m4 sai2 faan1 gung1 aa6 ?</i></p> <p>Do I (we/you/etc.) need to work on Wednesday?</p>	<p>我要上堂。</p> <p><i>ngo5 jiu3 soeng5 tong4.</i></p> <p>I have to go to school.</p>
<p>聽日放假。</p> <p><i>ting1 jat6 fong3 gaa3.</i></p> <p>"Tomorrow is a holiday."</p>	<p>唔使客氣。</p> <p><i>m4 sai2 haak3 hei3.</i></p> <p>You're welcome. (No need to be polite)</p>
<p>禮拜一要返工。</p> <p><i>Lai5 baai3 jat1 jiu3 faan1 gung1.</i></p> <p>On Monday, we have to work.</p>	<p>禮拜二去玩。</p> <p><i>lai5 baai3 ji6 heoi3 waan2.</i></p> <p>On Tuesday, we go out.</p>
<p>禮拜六晚去飲酒。</p> <p><i>lai5 baai3 luk6 maan5 heoi3 jam2 zau2.</i></p> <p>On Saturday night, we drink.</p>	<p>禮拜日休息。</p> <p><i>lai5 baai3 jat6 jau1 sik1.</i></p> <p>On Sunday, we rest.</p>

GRAMMAR

The Focus of This Lesson is To Do or Not To Do

使唔使

"To do or not to do."

This phrase is commonly used when you want to ask or when you're asked, "Do you need to do something?" The subject here isn't specified because it's usually clear in the context. It could be "Do you need to do something?" or "Does he need to do something?"

使唔使 + verb phrase + (啊)

"Do (you/we/I) need to do (verb)?"

For Example:

1. 我哋使唔使上堂啊?
ngo5 dei6 sai2 m4 sai2 soeng5 tong4 aa1 ?
"Do we need to go to class?"

Sample Sentences:

1. 使唔使返工啊?
sai2 m4 sai2 faan1 gung1 aa1 ?
"Do (we/you/etc.) need to work?"
2. 聽日唔使返工。
ting1 jat6 m4 sai2 faan1 gung1 。
"(We/You/etc.) don't have to work tomorrow."

Language Tip

You could replace 使 (*sai2*) with 要 (*jiu3*) in this phrase. So another way of asking, "Do you need to do something?" is 要唔要 plus the verb phrase. To answer the question use 要 when it's "yes" and 唔使 or 唔要 when it's "no."