

LESSON NOTES

Absolute Beginner S2 #6 Weather in Hong Kong

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TRADITIONAL CHINESE

好焗啊。 2. 我都覺。 可能會落雨。 4. 我都覺。 **JYUTPING** 1. hou2 guk6 aa6. 2. ngo5 dou1 gok3。 3. ho2 nang4 wui5 lok6 jyu5。 4. ngo5 dou1 gok3° **ENGLISH** It's so humid. 1. **A:** 2. **B**: I think so too. Perhaps it'll rain. 3. **A:** 4. **B**: I think so too. **VOCABULARY**

Traditional	Romanization	English	Class
焗	guk6	humid	adjective
潮濕	ciu4 sap1	wet	adjective
 熱	jit6	hot	adjective
凍	dung3	cold	adjective
曜	saai3	excessively sunny	adjective
落雨	lok6 jyu5	to rain	verb
	gok3	to feel	verb
可能	ho2 nang4	perhaps	adverb

SAMPLE SENTENCES

今日好焗。 gam1 jat6 hou2 guk6。	天氣潮濕。 tin1 hei3 ciu4 sap1。	
It's really humid today.	The weather is humid.	
香港好熱。 hoeng1 gong2 hou2 jit6。 Hong Kong is really hot.	尋日好凍。 cam4 jat6 hou2 dung3。 It was cold yesterday.	
出面好曬。 ceot1 min6 hou2 saai3。 It's too sunny outside.	可能唔會落雨。 ho2 nang4 m4 wui5 lok6 jyu5。 Perhaps it won't rain.	
我唔覺。 ngo5 m4 gok3。 I don't think/feel so.	可能會落雨。 ho2 nang4 wui5 lok6 jyu5。 Perhaps it'll rain.	

GRAMMAR

The Focus of This Lesson is Agreeing with Someone

我都覺。

"I think so, too."

To express your opinion, start the sentence with the phrase 我覺得, which means, "I think..." If it's a negative opinion, start it with 我唔覺得, which means, "I don't think." But it's also common to negate the verb in the clause.

To Express your Opinion, Start the Sentence with 我覺得

覺得 is "to feel," which is a polite and soft way to express your opinion with. In this regard it equals to "think" in English. If it's a negative opinion, start it with 我唔覺得 ("I don't think..."). Otherwise, one can use 我覺得 + subject + 唔 + verb to express the same negative idea, which is more common in Cantonese.

For Example:

- 1. 我覺得今日好焗。
 ngo5 gok3 dak1 gam1 jat6 hou2 guk6。
 "I think it's really humid today."
- 2. 我唔覺得寻日好凍。
 ngo5 m4 gok3 dak1 cam4 jat6 hou2 dung1。
 "I don't think it was cold yesterday."

Examples from This Lesson

我都覺。

"I think so, too."

To agree with someone, say 我都覺, ngo5 dou1 gok3。 ("I think so, too"). To disagree with someone, say 我唔覺, ngo5 m4 gok3。 ("I don't think so").

Language Tip

In Cantonese, people tend to use 我覺得 to start both positive and negative sentences. One can negate the verb in the sentence that follows when expressing negative ideas. For example, 我覺得唔凍, or, "I don't think it's cold," means the same as 我唔覺得凍.