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Absolute Beginner S2
Renting an Apartment in Hong Kong

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Traditional Chinese

Jyutping

ngo5 jiu3 zou1 uk1
soeng2 jiu3 gei2 daai6
ng5 baak3 cek3
mou5 man6 tai4

English

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

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Vocabulary

Traditional	Jyutping	English
	zou1	to rent
	hap6 zou1	to share (an apartment)
	uk1	apartment
	fong2	room
	uk1 zou1	rent
	soeng2 jiu3	to want
	gei2 daai6	how big
	ng5 baak3	500
	cek3	measure word (for square feet)

Vocabulary Sample Sentences

ho2 m4 ho2 ji5 zou1 jat1 go3 jyut6?	Can (I) rent (it) for a month?
bat1 jyu4 ngo5 dei6 hap6 zou1?	How about we share an apartment?
ni1 gaan1 uk1 hou2 daai6	This apartment is really big.
ni1 gaan1 fong2 hou2 sai3	This room is really small.
uk1 zou1 taai3 gwai3	The rent is too high.
keoi5 soeng2 jiu3 ni1 go3	He wants this one.
jat1 gung6 ng5 baak3 go3 jan4	500 people all together.
jau5 gei2 cek3	How many square feet?

Vocabulary Phrase Usage

, *cek3* ("sq.ft")
is short for   in Hong Kong.

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Grammar Points

The Focus of This Lesson is Asking about Sizes

"How big do you want?"

When you want to ask about sizes or any details about something, you can use the pattern   + adjective, or "How + adjective." Mind the word order in Cantonese is different from the English.   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:

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Cantonese	Romanization	"English Translation"
	gei2 daai6	"How big "/"How old?"
	keoi5 gei2 daai6	"How big is it?"/"How old is he?"
	gei2 do1	"How many/much?"
	nei5 jau5 gei2 do1 cin2	"How much money do you have?"
	gei2 faai3	"How fast?"
	bou6 ce1 jau5 gei2 faai3	"How fast is the car?"
	gei2 gou1	"How tall /high?"
	nei5 gei2 gou1	"How tall are you?"

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