



## Absolute Beginner S2

### Shopping in Hong Kong

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## Traditional Chinese

呢個商場打緊折。  
打幾折？  
最低三折  
咁平？一齊去啦。

## Jyutping

ni1 go3 soeng1 coeng4 daa2 gan2 zit3 。  
daa2 gei2 zit3 ?  
zeoi3 dai1 saam1 zit3  
gam3 peng4 ? jat1 cai4 heoi3 laa1 。

## English

A This store is having a sale.  
B What's the discount?  
A Seventy percent off at most.  
B That cheap? Let's go!

## Vocabulary

Traditional	Jyutping	English
商場	soeng1 coeng4	mall
打折	daa2 zit3	be on sale
折	zit3	discount
最	zeoi3	the most
低	dai1	low
高	gou1	high
咁	gam3	so
平	peng4	cheap
貴	gwai3	expensive

## Vocabulary Sample Sentences

間商場好大。	gaan1 soeng1 coeng4 hou2 daai6。	The mall is big.
而家冇打折。 件衫冇冇折？	ji4 gaa1 mou5 daa2 zit3。 gin6 saam1 jau5 mou5 zit3?	We don't have any sale now. Does the piece of clothing have a discount?
你最靚！ 人工太低。 最高幾多？ 成日咁多人。	nei5 zeoi3 leng3 ! jan4 gung1 taai3 dai1。 zeoi3 gou1 gei2 do1 ? sing4 jat6 gam3 do1 jan4。	You're the most beautiful! The pay is too low. What's the highest one? There're always so many people.
平啲啦。 太貴喇。	peng4 di1 laa1。 taai3 gwai3 laa6。	Cheaper, please. Too expensive.

## Grammar Points

The Focus of This Lesson is Expressing Extremes with Adjectives

最低三折

zeoi3 dai1 saam1 zit3

"Seventy percent off at most."

The most common way of expressing extremes is below.

最 + adjective = "the most" + adjective.

Sample Sentences

Cantonese	Romanization	"English"
最靚係你。	zeoi3 leng3 hai6 nei5 。	"The most beautiful one is you."
七月最熱。	cat1 jyut6 zeoi3 jit6 。	"July is the hottest."
邊個最好？	bin1 go3 zeoi3 hou2 ?	"Which one is the best?"
邊個最好睇？	bin1 go3 zeoi3 hou2 tai2 ?	"Which one is the best-looking?"

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## Examples from This Lesson

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1. 最低三折  
zeoi3 dai1 saam1 zit3  
"Seventy percent off at most"

## Language Tip

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In Cantonese or other Chinese languages, expressing discount is to say what is on as opposed to saying what's off. For example, "twenty percent off" is 八折 ("eighty percent on").