CantoneseClass101.com

Learn Cantonese with FREE Podcasts

Absolute Beginner S2

The Cantonese Loan Shark

18

Traditional	2
Jyutping	2
English	2
Vocabulary	2
Grammar Points	3

Traditional Chinese

Jyutping

ngo5 soeng2 ze3 jat1 maan6
mou5 man6 tai4
ngo5 hai6 waa6 mei5 gam1
ngo5 hai6 waa6 jing1 bong2

English

A	I want to borrow 10,000.
B	No prob.
A	I meant US dollars.
B	I meant UK pounds.

2

Vocabulary

Traditional	Jyutping	English
	ze3	to borrow; to lend
	mei5 gam1	US dollar
	jing1 bong2	UK pound
	gong2 zi2	HK dollar
	jan4 man4 bai6	Chinese RMB
	jat6 jyun4	Japanese Yen
	hai2 waa6	meant to say

Vocabulary Sample Sentences

Cantonese	English
tou4 syu1 gwun2 ho2 ji5 ze3 syu1	One can borrow books from the library.
mei5 gwok3 jung6 mei5 gam1	The United States uses the US dollar.
ngo5 soeng2 wun6 jing1 bong2	I want to exchange UK Pounds.
ngo5 jiu3 jat1 di1 gong2 zi2	I need some HK currency.
ni1 dou6 m4 ho2 ji5 jung6 jan4 man4 bai6	The RMB cannot be used here.
jat6 bun2 jung6 jat6 jyun4	Japanese Yen is used in Japan.
ngo5 hai6 waa6 tau4 sin1	I meant to say "just now".

Grammar Points

The Focus of This Lesson is Restating What You Said

ngo5 hai6 waa6 mei5 gam1
"I meant US dollars."

This is especially useful when you made a mistake in speech or would like to clarify your idea: (*hai6 waa6*)

Sample Sentences

Cantonese	Romanization	"English Translation"
	ngo5 hai6 waa6 nei5 hou2 leng3	"I meant you are really beautiful."
	keoi5 hai6 waa6 hai6 keoi5 m4 ngaam1	"He meant it was him who's wrong."
	ngo5 hai6 waa6 ting1 jat6 hoi1 wui5	"I meant we'll have a meeting tomorrow."

Examples from This Lesson

3

1.
    ngo5 hai6 waa6 mei5 gam1
    "I meant US dollars."

2.
    ngo5 hai6 waa6 jing1 bong6
    "I meant UK pounds."

4