



Absolute Beginner S2

no smoking

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Traditional Chinese

呢度可唔可以食煙？
唔好意思，唔可以。
邊度可以？
出便。

Jyutping

ni1 dou6 ho2 m4 ho2 ji5 sik6 jin1 ?
m4 hou2 ji3 si1 , m4 ho2 ji5 。
bin1 dou6 ho2 ji5 ?
ceot1 bin6 。

English

Is smoking allowed here?
Sorry, it isn't.
Where can I smoke?
Outside.

Vocabulary

Traditional	Jyutping	English
煙	jin1	cigarette
食煙	sik6 jin1	to smoke
邊度	bin1 dou6	where
出便	ceot1 bin6	outside
入便	jap6 bin6	inside
打火機	daa2 fo2 gei1	lighter
煙灰缸	jin1 fui1 gong1	ashtray
雪茄	syut3 gaa1	cigar

Vocabulary Sample Sentences

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幫我買包煙。

bong1 ngo5 maai5 baau1
jin1。

Help me buy a pack of
cigarettes.

禁止食煙。

gam3 zi2 sik6 jin1。

No smoking.

邊度有廁所？

bin1 dou6 jau5 ci3 so2 ?

Where's the toilet?

出便有人。

ceot1 bin6 jau5 jan4。

There's someone outside.

佢坐喺入便。

keoi5 co5 hai2 jap6 bin6。

He's sitting inside.

打火機好平。

daa2 fo2 gei1 hou2 peng4。

The lighter's really cheap.

我有煙灰缸。

ngo5 mou5 jin1 fui1 gong1。

I don't have any ashtray.

雪茄好貴。

syut3 gaa1 hou2 gwai3。

Cigars are expensive.

Grammar Points

The focus of this lesson is the difference between 邊度 and 邊
邊度可以？

"Where can (I smoke)"

邊度(bin1 dou6) where

邊(bin1) where

Mostly they're interchangeable. “邊度” is more formal.

Sample Sentences

Cantonese	Romanization	English Translation
去邊度？	heoi3 bin1 dou6 ?	Where to?
去邊？	heoi3 bin1 ?	where to?
你住邊度？	nei5 zyu6 bin1 dou6 ?	Where do you live?
你住邊？	nei5 zyu6 bin1 ?	Where do you live?
你哋喺邊度？	nei5 dei6 hai2 bin1 dou6 ?	Where are you all?
你哋喺邊？	nei5 dei6 hai2 bin1 ?	Where are you all?

Examples from this lesson

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Examples from this dialog:

1. 邊度可以?
bin1 dou6 ho2 ji5?
"Where can?"

Language Tip

When giving or asking directions, 出邊(ceot1 bin1), "outside", is pronounced as ceot1 bin6 in colloquial Cantonese. Likewise, 入邊(jap6 bin1), "inside", is pronounced as jap6 bin6.