



Absolute Beginner S2

Flying on Cathay Pacific

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Traditional Chinese

唔該熄手機。
唔通你睇唔到我唔得閒咩？
飛機馬上起飛。
哦，好。
多謝合作。

Jyutping

m4 goi1 sik1 sau2 gei1 。
m4 tung1 nei5 tai2 m4 dou3 ngo5 m4 dak1 haan4 me1 ?
fei1 gei1 maa5 soeng6 hei2 fei1 。
ngo4 , hou2 。
do1 ze6 hap3 zok3 。

English

A Please turn off your phone.
B Can't you see I'm busy?
A The plane is taking off.
B Oh, okay.
A Thanks for your cooperation.

Vocabulary

Traditional	Jyutping	English
唔通	m4 tung1	rhetorical question mark
睇唔到	tai2 m4 dou2	can't see
馬上	maa5 soeng6	immediately
起飛	hei2 fei1	to take off
多謝	do1 ze6	Thank you. (formal)
飛機	fei1 gei1	airplane
合作	hap6 zok3	to cooperate

Vocabulary Sample Sentences

唔通你唔識字？ 頭先睇唔到你。 我哋馬上走。	m4 tung1 nei5 m4 sik1 zi6 ? tau4 sin1 tai2 m4 dou2 nei5。 ngo5 dei6 maa5 soeng6 zau2。	Can't you read? Didn't see you just now. Let's go now.
飛機一陣起飛。 多謝你。 而家飛機票唔貴。	fei1 gei1 jat1 zan6 hei2 fei1 。 do1 ze6 nei5。 ji4 gaa1 fei1 gei1 piu3 m4 gwai3。	The plane will take off in a bit. Thank you. Plane tickets now are not expensive.
合作好重要。	hap6 zok3 hou2 zung6 jiu3。	Cooperation is important.

Grammar Points

The Focus of This Lesson is Rhetorical Questions

唔通你睇唔到我唔得閒咩？

m4 tung1 nei5 tai2 m4 dou3 ngo5 m4 dak1 haan4 me1 ?

"Can't you see I'm busy?"

One of the many ways of forming a rhetorical question is to use the typical word 唔通. The structure is as below:

唔通 + subject + verb + 啊/咩 (optional)?

Sample Sentences

Native Language	Romanization	English Translation
唔通你唔識字？	m4 tung1 nei5 m4 sik1 zi6 ?	"Can't you read?"
唔通你唔知咩？	m4 tung1 nei5 m4 zi1 me1 ?	"Don't you know?"
唔通我哋你(啊/咩)？	m4 tung1 ngo5 aak1 nei5 ?	"Would I lie to you?" (I wouldn't lie to you)
唔通個個都係天才？	m4 tung1 go3 go3 dou1 hai6 tin1 coi4 ?	"Is everyone a genius?" (Not everyone is genius.)

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Examples from This Lesson

1. 唔通你睇唔到我唔得閒咩？

m4 tung1 nei5 tai2 m4 dou3 ngo5 m4 dak1 haan4 me1 ?

"Can't you see I'm busy?"

Language Tip

Not all rhetorical questions have 唔通, but sentences with 唔通 are definitely rhetorical.