



Absolute Beginner S2

Hong Kong Movies

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Traditional Chinese

一齊睇電影吖？
好。不如睇話劇吖？
電影定話劇？
是但。

Jyutping

jat1 cai4 tai2 din6 jing2 aa1 ?
hou2。 bat1 jyu4 tai2 waa2 kek6 aa1 ?
din6 jing2 ding6 waa2 kek6 ?
si6 daan6。

English

A Let's watch a movie?
B Okay. How about a play instead?
A Movie or play?
B Whatever.

Vocabulary

Traditional	Jyutping	English
不如	bat1 jyu4	how about
電影	din6 jing2	movie
戲	hei3	film
話劇	waa2 kek6	play
音樂會	jam1 ngok6 wui5	symphony
演唱會	jín2 coeng3 wui5	concert
是但	si6 daan6	whatever
定	ding6	or

Vocabulary Sample Sentences

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不如睇戲？ 有部電影好好睇。	bat1 jyu4 tai2 hei3? jau5 bou6 din6 jing2 hou2 hou2 tai2。	How about we watch a movie? There's a movie that's good.
有部戲好好睇。	jau5 bou6 hei3 hou2 hou2 tai2。	There's a film that's good.
呢個話劇好無聊。	ni1 go3 waa2 kek6 hou2 mou4 liu4。	This play is really boring.
尋日去咗音樂會。	cam4 jat6 heoi3 zo2 jam1 ngok6 wui5。	I went to the symphony yesterday.
聽日係張學友演唱會。	ting1 jat6 hai6 zoeng1 hok6 jau5 jin2 coeng3 wui5。	Tomorrow is Jackie Cheung's concert.
是但啦。 電影定話劇？	si6 daan6 laa1。 din6 jing2 ding6 waa2 kek6?	Whatever. Movie or play?

Grammar Points

The Focus of This Lesson is How to Pick Between Choices

電影定話劇？

"Movie or play?"

"A or B?" (A 定 (ding6) B ?)

When listing options both "a" and "b" can be nouns, verbs, adjectives, or adverbs.

Class	Cantonese (A 定 B)	Jyutping	"English"
nouns	白色定紅色？	baak6 sik1 ding6 hung4 sik1	"White or red?"
verbs	講定唱？	gong2 ding6 coeng3	"To say or to sing?"
adjectives	好睇定唔好睇？	hou2 tai2 ding6 m4 hou2 tai2	"Good-looking or bad-looking?"
verb phrases	食飯定睇戲？	sik6 faan6 ding6 tai2 hei3	"To have dinner or to watch a movie?"

Examples from This Lesson

1. 電影定話劇？

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din6 jeng2 ding6 waa2 kek6 ?

"Movie or play?"