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Our Pet Phrases in Cantonese

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The Focus of This Lesson is CantoneseClass101's Favorite Pet Phrases in Chinese

Pet Phrase #1: 唔該晒。 (m4 goi1 saai3.) "Thank you very much."

People often use this when or after asking a favor of someone. Following a request with this phrase is a way to show appreciation to the person. It is a way to add politeness when making a request or expressing gratitude.

Pet Phrase #2: 冇問題。 (mou5 men6 tai4.) "No Problem."

You will hear this phrase all day long in Hong Kong. It's a generic catchall to mean "no problem."

Pet Phrase #3: 一般。 (jat1 bun1.) "It's okay."

People often use this in response to a query about how things are going. One can use it to describe a movie, a person, or really any situation that is neither good nor bad.

Pet Phrase #4: 有冇搞錯啊? (jau5 mou5 gaau2 co3 aa3?) "Are you kidding me?"

People often use this as an exclamation: "This is ridiculous!" "What the heck?"

Pet Phrase #5: 是但啦。 (si6 daan6 laa1.) "Whatever."

Just like the English "whatever," you use this phrase when you don't want to make a choice.