

## LESSON NOTES

# Culture Class: Essential Cantonese Vocabulary S1 #1 Public Holidays

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## TRADITIONAL CHINESE

1. What are the five most important public holidays in Hong Kong?
2. 1. 農曆新年
3. 2. 聖誕節
4. 3. 端午節
5. 4. 中秋節
6. 5. 國慶

## JYUTPING

1. What are the five most important public holidays in Hong Kong?
2. 1. nung4 lik6 san1 nin4
3. 2. sing3 daan3 zit3
4. 3. dyun1 ng5 zit3
5. 4. zung1 cau1 zit3
6. 5. gwok3 hing3

## ENGLISH

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1. What are the five most important public holidays in Hong Kong?
2. 1. Chinese New Year
3. 2. Christmas
4. 3. Dragon boat festival
5. 4. Mid-autumn festival
6. 5. National day

## VOCABULARY

Traditional	Romanization	English	Class
聖誕節	sing3 daan3 zit3	Christmas	noun
農曆新年	nung4 lik6 san1 nin4	Chinese New Year	noun
端午節	dyun1 ng5 zit3	Dragon Boat festival	noun
中秋節	zung1 cau1 zit3	Mid-autumn Festival	noun
國慶	gwok3 hing3	National Day	noun

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>今年聖誕節我會去紐約過。  <i>gam1 nin4 sing3 daan3 zit3 ngo5 wui5 heoi3 nau2 joek3 gwo3.</i></p> <p>"I will spend this Christmas in New York."</p>	<p>我最鍾意農曆新年，因為可以逗利是。  <i>ngo5 zeoi3 zung1 ji3 nung4 lik6 san1 nin4, jan1 wai6 ho2 ji3 dau6 lai3 si3.</i></p> <p>"Chinese New Year is my favorite because I can get red envelopes."</p>
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就到端午節喇，所以周圍都有得買粽。

*zau6 dou3 dyun1 ng5 zit3, so2 ji5 zau1 wai4 dou1 jau5 dak1 mai5 zung2.*

"It's almost the Dragon Boat Festival, so we can buy rice dumplings everywhere."

中秋節係我哋嘅週年紀念日。

*zung1 cau1 zit3 hai6 ngo5 dei6 ge3 zau1 nin4 gei2 nim3 jat6.*

"Mid-autumn festival is our anniversary."

國慶最辛苦就係周圍都係遊客。

*gwok3 hing3 zeoi3 san1 fu2 zau6 hai6 zau1 wai4 dou1 hai3 daai6 luk6 jau4 haak3.*

"The worst part of National Day is that there are tourists everywhere."

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## CULTURAL INSIGHT

### 1. Chinese New Year

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Chinese New Year celebrations traditionally ran from Chinese New Year's Eve, the last day of the last month of the Chinese calendar, to the Lantern Festival on the fifteenth day of the first month, making the festival the longest in the Chinese calendar.

### 2. Christmas

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Christmas is celebrated as a major festival and public holiday in Hong Kong.

### 3. Dragon Boat Festival

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The Dragon boat festival occurs on the fifth day of the fifth month of the Chinese calendar. Its origins relate to the suicide of Qu Yuan in 278 BCE. He was a poet and statesman of the Chu kingdom during the Warring States period.

### 4. Mid-autumn Festival

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The Mid-autumn festival is held on the fifteenth day of the eighth month in the Chinese calendar, during a full moon.

## 5. National Day

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The National Day of the People's Republic of China is celebrated every year on October 1. Hong Kong started celebrating after the reunification in 1997.