

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Culture Class: Essential Cantonese Vocabulary S1 #1 Public Holidays

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INTRODUCTION

Gabriella:Hi everyone, I'm Gabriella.

Olivia:And I'm Olivia!

Gabriella:And welcome to Culture Class: Essential Cantonese Vocabulary, Lesson 1!
In this lesson you'll learn five essential words related to Daily Life. These are five
Public Holidays in Hong Kong. Hand picked. You can find a complete list of vocabulary
at CantoneseClass101.com

FIVE KEY VOCABULARY ITEMS

Gabriella:Olivia, what's our first word?

Olivia:農曆新年

Gabriella:Chinese New Year

Olivia:(slow) 農曆新年 (regular) 農曆新年

Gabriella:Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia:農曆新年

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella:Chinese New Year is the longest celebration on the Chinese calendar.
Traditionally, this celebration ran from Chinese New Year's Eve through the Lantern
Festival on the 15th day of the first month.

Gabriella:Now let's hear a sample sentence using this word.

Olivia:(normal) 我最鍾意農曆新年，因為可以逗利是。

Gabriella:Chinese New Year is my favorite because I can get red envelopes.

Olivia:(slow) 我最鍾意農曆新年，因為可以逗利是。

Gabriella:Okay, what's the next word?

Olivia:聖誕節

Gabriella:Christmas

Olivia:(slow) 聖誕節 (regular) 聖誕節

Gabriella:Listeners, please

repeat:

Olivia: 聖誕節

[pause - 5 sec.]

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

Gabriella: Now let's hear a sample sentence using this word.

Olivia: (normal) 今年聖誕節我會去紐約過。

Gabriella: I will spend this Christmas in New York.

Olivia: (slow) 今年聖誕節我會去紐約過。

Gabriella: Okay, what's the next word?

Olivia: 端午節

Gabriella: Dragon boat festival

Olivia: (slow) 端午節 (regular) 端午節

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 端午節

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: The Dragon boat festival occurs on the 5th day of the 5th month of the Chinese calendar. It marks the suicide of Warring States era poet and statesman Qu Yuan in 278 BC.

Gabriella: Now let's hear a sample sentence using this word.

Olivia: (normal) 就到端午節喇，所以周圍都有得買粽。

Gabriella: It's almost the Dragon boat festival, so we can buy rice dumplings everywhere.

Olivia: (slow) 就到端午節喇，所以周圍都有得買粽。

Gabriella: Okay, what's the next word?

Olivia: 中秋節

Gabriella: Mid-autumn festival

Olivia: (slow) 中秋節 (regular)

中秋節

Gabriella:Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia:中秋節

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella:The Mid-autumn festival is held on the 15th day of the eighth month in the Chinese calendar, during a full moon.

Gabriella:Now let's hear a sample sentence using this word.

Olivia:(normal) 中秋節係我哋嘅週年紀念日。

Gabriella:Mid-autumn festival is our anniversary.

Olivia:(slow) 中秋節係我哋嘅週年紀念日。

Gabriella:Okay, what's the last word?

Olivia:國慶

Gabriella:National day

Olivia:(slow) 國慶 (regular) 國慶

Gabriella:Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia:國慶

[pause - 5 sec.]

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

Gabriella:Now let's hear a sample sentence using this word.

Olivia:(normal) 國慶最辛苦就係周圍都係遊客。

Gabriella:The worst part of National day is that there are tourists everywhere.

Olivia:(slow) 國慶最辛苦就係周圍都係大陸遊客。

QUIZ

Gabriella:Okay listeners, are you ready to be quizzed on the words you just learned?

Olivia will give you the Cantonese – please say the English meaning out loud! Are you ready?

Olivia: 農曆新年

[pause] Gabriella: Chinese New Year

Olivia: 聖誕節

[pause] Gabriella: Christmas

Olivia: 端午節

[pause] Gabriella: Dragon boat festival

Olivia: 中秋節

[pause] Gabriella: Mid-autumn festival

Olivia: 國慶

[pause] Gabriella: National day

OUTRO

Gabriella: There you have it – five Public Holidays in Hong Kong! We have more vocab lists available at CantoneseClass101.com, so be sure to check them out. Thanks everyone, see you next time!

Olivia: 拜拜!