

LESSON NOTES

Culture Class: Essential Cantonese Vocabulary S1 #10 Places to Live

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TRADITIONAL CHINESE

1. What are the five most common places to live in Hong Kong?
2. 1. 公屋
3. 2. 劏房
4. 3. 居屋
5. 4. 私人屋苑
6. 5. 豪宅

JYUTPING

1. What are the five most common places to live in Hong Kong?
2. 1. gung1 uk1
3. 2. tong1 fong2
4. 3. geoi1 uk1
5. 4. si1 jan4 uk1 jyun2
6. 5. hou4 zaak2

ENGLISH

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1. What are the five most common places to live in Hong Kong?
2. 1. Public housing
3. 2. Partitioned flats
4. 3. Home Ownership Scheme flat
5. 4. Private estates
6. 5. Luxury apartments

VOCABULARY

Traditional	Romanization	English
公屋	gung1 uk1	public housing
劏房	tong1 fong2	partitioned flats
居屋	geoi1 uk1	Home Ownership Scheme flat
私人屋苑	si1 jan4 uk1 jyun2	private estates
豪宅	hou4 zaak2	luxury apartments

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>政府喺度諗緊點樣增加公屋供應。 <i>zing3 fu2 hai2 dou6 lam2 gan2 dim2 joeng2 zang1 gaa1 gung1 uk1 gung1 jing3.</i></p> <p>The Government is planning how to increase public housing supply.</p>	<p>好多人唔夠錢租樓，要住劏房。 <i>hou2 do1 jan4 m4 gau3 cin2 zou1 lau2, jiu3 zyu6 tong1 fong2.</i></p> <p>Many people cannot afford renting an apartment, so they have to live in partitioned flats.</p>
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香港現時有196個居屋屋苑。
*hoeng1 gong2 jin6 si4 jau5 jat1 baak3 gau2
sap6 luk6 go3 geoi1 uk1 uk1 jyun2.*

There are 196 Home Ownership Scheme estates in Hong Kong now.

私人屋苑大部分都有會所同泳池設施，所以管理費都會貴啲。

*si1 jan4 uk1 jyun2 daai6 bou6 fan6 dou1 jau5
wui6 so2 tung4 wing6 ci4 cit3 si1, so2 ji5 gun2
lei5 fai3 dou1 wui5 gwai3 di1.*

Most of the private estates have clubhouse and pool facilities, therefore, the management fees are expensive.

個明星不停澄清自己冇買豪宅。

go3 ming4 sing1 bat1 ting4 cing4 cing1 zi6 gei2 mou5 maa5 hou2 zaak2.

The celebrity constantly clarified that she didn't purchase a luxury apartment.

CULTURAL INSIGHT

1. Public housing

In Hong Kong, nearly half of the population lives in public housing.

2. Partitioned flats

Partitioned flats are a common form of rental housing in Hong Kong. These flats are shown on building plans as being divided into two or more individual spaces.

3. Home Ownership Scheme flat

This is a subsidized-sale public housing program managed by the Hong Kong Housing Authority. Under the scheme, the government sells apartment flats to eligible tenants and low-income residents at prices below the market level.

4. Private estates

Housing estates are developed by private developers rather than the the Hong Kong Housing

Authority or the Hong Kong Housing Society. They usually have a cluster of high-rise buildings with their own market or shopping mall.

5. Luxury apartments

Hong Kong is the most expensive place in the world to rent a high-end, three-bedroom apartment, according to the latest data from ECA International. Rent for an unfurnished three-bedroom apartment in a sought-after area of Hong Kong averaged US\$ 1,550 per month in 2012.