

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

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

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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 10! In this lesson you'll learn five essential words related to people and homes. These are five common places to live in Hong Kong. Hand picked. You can find a complete list of vocabulary at [CantoneseClass101.com](http://CantoneseClass101.com)

## FIVE KEY VOCABULARY ITEMS

Gabriella: Olivia, what's our first word?

Olivia: 公屋

Gabriella: public housing

Olivia: (slow) 公屋 (regular) 公屋

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 公屋

[pause - 5 sec.]

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

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

Olivia: (normal) 政府喺度諗緊點樣增加公屋供應。

Gabriella: The Government is planning how to increase public housing supply.

Olivia: (slow) 政府喺度諗緊點樣增加公屋供應。

Gabriella: Okay, what's the next word?

Olivia: 劏房

Gabriella: partitioned flats

Olivia: (slow) 劏房 (regular) 劏房

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 劏房

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: 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.

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

Olivia: (normal) 好多人唔夠錢租樓，要住劏房。

Gabriella: Many people cannot afford renting an apartment, so they have to live in

partitioned flats.

Olivia: (slow) 好多人唔夠錢租樓，要住劏房。

Gabriella: Okay, what's the next word?

Olivia: 居屋

Gabriella: Home Ownership Scheme flat

Olivia: (slow) 居屋 (regular) 居屋

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 居屋

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: 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.

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

Olivia: (normal) 香港現時有196個居屋屋苑。

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

Olivia: (slow) 香港現時有196個居屋屋苑。

Gabriella: Okay, what's the next word?

Olivia: 私人屋苑

Gabriella: private estates

Olivia: (slow) 私人屋苑 (regular) 私人屋苑

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 私人屋苑

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: 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.

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

Olivia: (normal) 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。

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

Olivia: (slow) 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。

Gabriella: Okay, what's the last word?

Olivia: 豪宅

Gabriella: luxury apartments

Olivia: (slow) 豪宅 (regular) 豪宅

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 豪宅

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: 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.

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

Olivia: (normal) 個明星不停澄清自己有買豪宅。

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

Olivia: (slow) 個明星不停澄清自己有買豪宅。

## 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: 公屋

[pause] Gabriella: public housing

Olivia: 劏房

[pause] Gabriella: partitioned flats

Olivia: 居屋

[pause] Gabriella: Home Ownership Scheme flat

Olivia: 私人屋苑

[pause] Gabriella: private estates

Olivia: 豪宅

[pause] Gabriella: luxury apartments

## OUTRO

Gabriella: There you have it – five places to live in Hong Kong! We have more vocab lists available at [CantoneseClass101.com](http://CantoneseClass101.com), so be sure to check them out. Thanks everyone, see you next time!

Olivia: 拜拜!