

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Culture Class: Essential Cantonese Vocabulary S1 #11 Notable figures

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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 11! In this lesson you'll learn five essential words related to Society and Culture. These are five notable Cantonese figures. 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: 孫中山

Gabriella: Sun Yat-sen

Olivia: (slow) 孫中山 (regular) 孫中山

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 孫中山

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: Sun Yat-sen was a Chinese revolutionary and the Republic of China's founding father and first president.

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

Olivia: (normal) 孫中山出生喺農村家庭，細細個已經上山打柴。

Gabriella: Sun Yat-sen was born into a farming family. He had to gather firewood in the mountains when he was a kid.

Olivia: (slow) 孫中山出生喺農村家庭，細細個已經上山打柴。

Gabriella: Okay, what's the next word?

Olivia: 彭定康

Gabriella: Chris Patten

Olivia: (slow) 彭定康 (regular) 彭定康

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 彭定康

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: Chris Patten was Hong Kong's last governor and commander-in-chief. He handled the handover to the People's Republic of China in 1997.

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

Olivia: (normal) 彭定康係香港最後一位港督。

Gabriella: Chris Patten was the last governor of Hong Kong.

Olivia: (slow) 彭定康係香港最後一位港督。

Gabriella: Okay, what's the next word?

Olivia: 董建華

Gabriella: Tung Chee Hwa

Olivia: (slow) 董建華 (regular) 董建華

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 董建華

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: Tung Chee Hwa was the first chief executive and president of the Executive Council of Hong Kong, starting with the transfer of sovereignty on July 1, 1997 until March 12, 2005.

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

Olivia: (normal) 董建華係香港第一個行政長官。

Gabriella: Tung Chee Hwa was the first chief executive of Hong Kong.

Olivia: (slow) 董建華係香港第一個行政長官。

Gabriella: Okay, what's the next word?

Olivia: 李小龍

Gabriella: Bruce Lee

Olivia: (slow) 李小龍 (regular) 李小龍

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 李小龍

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: Bruce Lee was a famous actor from Hong Kong who appeared in many American films and was known for his martial arts expertise. He is considered by many to be one of the most influential martial artists of all time.

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

Olivia: (normal) 李小龍嘅死到而家都仍然係一個謎。

Gabriella: Bruce Lee's death is still a mystery after all these years.

Olivia: (slow) 李小龍嘅死到而家都仍然係一個謎。

Gabriella: Okay, what's the last word?

Olivia: 梁朝偉

Gabriella: Tony Leung

Olivia: (slow) 梁朝偉 (regular)

梁朝偉

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 梁朝偉

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: Tony Leung is an actor from Hong Kong who starred in three films that won the Venice Film Festival Golden Lion award. He also received the award for Best Actor at the Cannes Film Festival.

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

Olivia: (normal) 梁朝偉咁多套戲我最鍾意《重慶森林》。

Gabriella: "Chungking Express" is my favorite among the films starring Tony Leung.

Olivia: (slow) 梁朝偉咁多套戲我最鍾意《重慶森林》。

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: 孫中山

[pause] Gabriella: Sun Yat-sen

Olivia: 彭定康

[pause] Gabriella: Chris Patten

Olivia: 董建華

[pause] Gabriella: Tung Chee Hwa

Olivia: 李小龍

[pause] Gabriella: Bruce Lee

Olivia: 梁朝偉

[pause] Gabriella: Tony Leung

OUTRO

Gabriella: There you have it – five notable figures 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!