

LESSON NOTES

# Culture Class: Essential Cantonese Vocabulary S1 #13 Plants

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# 13

# TRADITIONAL CHINESE

1. What are the five most popular plants in Hong Kong?
2. 1. 洋紫荊
3. 2. 蘭花
4. 3. 荷花
5. 4. 水仙
6. 5. 劍蘭

# JYUTPING

1. What are the five most popular plants in Hong Kong?
2. 1. joeng4 zi2 ging1
3. 2. laan4 faa1
4. 3. ho4 faa1
5. 4. seoi2 sin1
6. 5. gim3 laan4

# ENGLISH

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1. What are the five most popular plants in Hong Kong?
2. 1. Bauhinia
3. 2. Orchid
4. 3. Lotus
5. 4. Narcissus
6. 5. Gladiolus

## VOCABULARY

Traditional	Romanization	English
洋紫荊	joeng4 zi2 ging1	bauhinia
蘭花	laan4 faa1	orchid
荷花	ho4 faa1	lotus
水仙	seoi2 sin1	narcissus
劍蘭	gim3 laan4	gladiolus

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>洋紫荊係香港嘅市花。  <i>joeng4 zi2 ging1 hai6 hoeng1 gong2 ge3 si2 faa1.</i></p> <p>Bauhinia is the floral emblem of Hong Kong.</p>	<p>有一次搭泰航，落機前佢哋送每人一朵蘭花。  <i>jau5 jat1 ci3 daap3 taai3 hong4, lok6 gei1 cin4 keoi5 dei6 sung3 mui5 jan4 jat1 do2 laan4 faa1.</i></p> <p>Once I flew with Thai Airways; they gave each person an orchid before disembarking.</p>
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香港動植物公園有個好靚嘅荷花池。

*hoeng1 gong2 dung6 zik6 mat6 gung1 jyun2 jau5 go3 hou2 leng3 ge3 ho4 faa1 ci4.*

The Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens has a beautiful lotus pond.

新年擺啲水仙擺個好意頭。

*san1 nin4 baai2 di1 sei2 sin1 lo2 go3 hou2 ji3 tau4.*

Having some narcissus at home is believed to be auspicious.

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劍蘭有好多種顏色，不過香港人通常都買紅色。

*gim3 laan4 jau5 hou2 do1 zung2 ngaan4 sik1, bat1 gwo3 hoeng1 gong2 jan4 tung1 soeng4 dou1 maai5 hung4 sik1.*

Gladiolus has a variety of colors, but most people in Hong Kong buy the red ones.

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## CULTURAL INSIGHT

### 1. Bauhinia

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Bauhinia is Hong Kong's floral emblem. The orchid tree flower appears on the Hong Kong flag.

### 2. Orchid

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Orchids have been used in traditional Chinese medicine for thousands of years to treat a variety of diseases and ailments.

### 3. Lotus

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The sacred lotus is native to Asia. It is commonly cultivated and used in Chinese medicine and cooking.

### 4. Narcissus

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It is believed that narcissus brings good luck and fortune to homes, so it is one of the most common gifts exchanged during Lunar New Year.

## **5. Gladiolus**

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Hong Kong provides an ideal growing climate for gladiolus.