

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Culture Class: Essential Cantonese Vocabulary S1 #13 Plants

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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 13! In this lesson you'll learn five essential words related to geography and nature. These are five common plants 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: 洋紫荊

Gabriella: bauhinia

Olivia: (slow) 洋紫荊 (regular) 洋紫荊

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 洋紫荊

[pause - 5 sec.]

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

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

Olivia: (normal) 洋紫荊係香港嘅市花。

Gabriella: Bauhinia is the floral emblem of Hong Kong.

Olivia: (slow) 洋紫荊係香港嘅市花。

Gabriella: Okay, what's the next word?

Olivia: 蘭花

Gabriella: orchid

Olivia: (slow) 蘭花 (regular) 蘭花

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 蘭花

[pause - 5 sec.]

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

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

Olivia: (normal)

有一次搭泰航，落機前佢哋送每人一朵蘭花。

Gabriella: Once I flew with Thai Airways, they gave each person an orchid before disembarking.

Olivia: (slow) 有一次搭泰航，落機前佢哋送每人一朵蘭花。

Gabriella: Okay, what's the next word?

Olivia: 荷花

Gabriella: lotus

Olivia: (slow) 荷花 (regular) 荷花

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 荷花

[pause - 5 sec.]

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

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

Olivia: (normal) 香港動植物公園有個好靚嘅荷花池。

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

Olivia: (slow) 香港動植物公園有個好靚嘅荷花池。

Gabriella: Okay, what's the next word?

Olivia: 水仙

Gabriella: narcissus

Olivia: (slow) 水仙 (regular) 水仙

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 水仙

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: 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.

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

Olivia: (normal) 新年擺啲水仙擺個好意頭。

Gabriella: Having some narcissus at home is believed to be auspicious.

Olivia: (slow) 新年擺啲水仙擺個好意頭。

Gabriella: Okay, what's the last word?

Olivia: 劍蘭

Gabriella: gladiolus

Olivia: (slow) 劍蘭 (regular) 劍蘭

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia:

劍蘭

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: Hong Kong provides an ideal growing climate for gladiolus.

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

Olivia: (normal) 劍蘭有好多種顏色，不過香港人通常都買紅色。

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

Olivia: (slow) 劍蘭有好多種顏色，不過香港人通常都買紅色。

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: 洋紫荊

[pause] Gabriella: bauhinia

Olivia: 蘭花

[pause] Gabriella: orchid

Olivia: 荷花

[pause] Gabriella: lotus

Olivia: 水仙

[pause] Gabriella: narcissus

Olivia: 劍蘭

[pause] Gabriella: gladiolus

OUTRO

Gabriella: There you have it – five plants 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!