

LESSON NOTES

Culture Class: Essential Cantonese Vocabulary S1 #14 Geographical features

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TRADITIONAL CHINESE

1. What are the five most famous geographical features in Hong Kong?
2. 1. 山
3. 2. 海港
4. 3. 河
5. 4. 島
6. 5. 沙灘

JYUTPING

1. What are the five most famous geographical features in Hong Kong?
2. 1. saan1
3. 2. hoi2 gong2
4. 3. ho4 faa1
5. 4. dou2
6. 5. saa1 taan1

ENGLISH

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1. What are the five most famous geographical features in Hong Kong?
2. 1. mountain
3. 2. harbor
4. 3. river
5. 4. island
6. 5. beach

VOCABULARY

Traditional	Romanization	English	Class
沙灘	saa1 taan1	beach	
海港	hoi2 gong2	harbor	
山	saan1	mountain	noun
河	ho4	river	noun
島	dou2	island	noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>香港都有幾個好靚嘅沙灘，例如大浪灣。</p> <p><i>hoeng1 gong2 dou1 jau5 gei2 go3 hou2 leng3 ge3 saa1 taan1, lai6 jyu4 daai6 long6 waan1.</i></p> <p>Hong Kong has some nice beaches, such as Big Wave Bay.</p>	<p>維多利亞海港嘅夜景真係好靚。</p> <p><i>wai4 do1 lei6 aa3 hoi2 gong2 ge3 je6 ging2 zan1 hai6 hou2 leng3.</i></p> <p>The night view of Victoria Harbor is really beautiful.</p>
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<p>冇嘢做，不如上山兜個圈。 <i>mou5 je4 zou6, bat1 jyu4 soeng5 saan1 dau1 go3 hyun1.</i></p> <p>We've got nothing to do. Let's take a drive to the mountain.</p>	<p>爺爺身體好健壯，經常上山採藥。 <i>je4 je4 san1 tai2 hou2 gin6 zong3, ging1 soeng4 soeng5 saan1 coi2 joek6.</i></p> <p>My grandfather's very healthy and always goes to pick herbs in the mountains.</p>
<p>好多人喺城門河扒獨木舟。 <i>hou2 do1 jan4 hai2 sing4 mun4 ho4 paa4 duk6 muk6 zau1.</i></p> <p>A lot of people canoe at the Shing Mun River.</p>	<p>灰熊在河裡跑。 <i>fui1 hung4 zoi6 ho4 lei5 paau2</i></p> <p>The grizzly bear is running in the river.</p>
<p>週末可以去附近啲島仔玩下，遠離城市煩囂。 <i>zau1 mut6 ho2 ji5 heoi3 fu6 gan6 di1 dou2 zai2 waan2 haa5, jyun5 lei4 sing4 si5 faan4 hui1.</i></p> <p>On weekends you can visit a nearby island and get away from the city hustle and bustle.</p>	<p>島被水包圍。 <i>An island is surrounded by water.</i></p>

CULTURAL INSIGHT

1. Mountain

The tallest mountain in Hong Kong is *Tai Mo Shan*, which is literally "big hat mountain." Its elevation is 957 meters.

2. Harbor

One of the most well-known harbors in Hong Kong is the Victoria Harbor, which is situated between Hong Kong Island and the Kowloon Peninsula. The harbor's deep, sheltered waters and strategic location on the South China Sea were instrumental in Hong Kong's establishment as a British colony and trading center.

3. River

Many rivers in Hong Kong can be found in the New Territories district, where rice growing and fish farming were once everywhere across the many river systems running through there.

4. Island

There are 263 islands in Hong Kong that are bigger than 500 square meters. The largest is Lantau Island, while the second largest is Hong Kong Island.

5. Beach

Hong Kong has a long coastline full of twists and turns with many bays and beaches. The majority of beaches suitable for swimming there are managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department.