

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

# Culture Class: Essential Cantonese Vocabulary S1 #14 Geographical features

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# 14

# INTRODUCTION

Gabriella: Hi everyone, I'm Gabriella.

Olivia: And I'm Olivia!

Gabriella: And welcome to Culture Class: Essential Cantonese Vocabulary, Lesson 14! In this lesson you'll learn five essential words related to geography and nature. These are five geographical features 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: 山

Gabriella: mountain

Olivia: (slow) 山 (regular) 山

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 山

[pause - 5 sec.]

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

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

Olivia: (normal) 冇嘢做，不如上山兜個圈。

Gabriella: We've got nothing to do. Let's take a drive to the mountain.

Olivia: (slow) 冇嘢做，不如上山兜個圈。

Gabriella: Okay, what's the next word?

Olivia: 海港

Gabriella: harbor

Olivia: (slow) 海港 (regular) 海港

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 海港

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: 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.

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

Olivia: (normal) 維多利亞海港嘅夜景真係好靚。

Gabriella: The night view of Victoria Harbor is really beautiful.

Olivia: (slow) 維多利亞海港嘅夜景真係好靚。

Gabriella: Okay, what's the next word?

Olivia: 河

Gabriella: river

Olivia: (slow) 河 (regular) 河

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 河

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: 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.

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

Olivia: (normal) 好多人喺城門河扒獨木舟。

Gabriella: A lot of people canoe at the Shing Mun River.

Olivia: (slow) 好多人喺城門河扒獨木舟。

Gabriella: Okay, what's the next word?

Olivia: 島

Gabriella: island

Olivia: (slow) 島 (regular) 島

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 島

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: 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.

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

Olivia: (normal) 週末可以去附近嘅島仔玩下, 遠離城市煩囂。

Gabriella: On weekends you can visit a nearby island and get away from the city hustle and bustle.

Olivia: (slow) 週末可以去附近嘅島仔玩下, 遠離城市煩囂。

Gabriella: Okay, what's the last word?

Olivia: 沙灘

Gabriella:

beach

Olivia: (slow) 沙灘 (regular) 沙灘

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 沙灘

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: 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.

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

Olivia: (normal) 香港都有幾個好靚嘅沙灘，例如大浪灣。

Gabriella: Hong Kong has some nice beaches, such as Big Wave Bay.

Olivia: (slow) 香港都有幾個好靚嘅沙灘，例如大浪灣。

## 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: 山

[pause] Gabriella: mountain

Olivia: 海港

[pause] Gabriella: harbor

Olivia: 河

[pause] Gabriella: river

Olivia: 島

[pause] Gabriella: island

Olivia: 沙灘

[pause] Gabriella: beach

## OUTRO

Gabriella: There you have it – five geographical features 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!