

LESSON NOTES

Culture Class: Essential Cantonese Vocabulary S1 #18 Inside a Hong Kong Home

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TRADITIONAL CHINESE

1. What are five common things in homes in Hong Kong?
2. 1. 神枱
3. 2. 麻雀
4. 3. 冷氣機
5. 4. 晾衫架
6. 5. 外傭

JYUTPING

1. What are five common things in homes in Hong Kong?
2. 1. san4 toi2
3. 2. maa4 zoek2
4. 3. laang5 hei3 gei1
5. 4. long6 saam1 gaa2
6. 5. ngoi6 jung4

ENGLISH

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1. What are five common things in homes in Hong Kong?
2. 1. Household shrines
3. 2. Mahjong
4. 3. Air conditioner
5. 4. Drying racks
6. 5. Foreign domestic helpers

VOCABULARY

| Traditional | Romanization | English | Class |
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| 外傭 | ngoi6 jung4 | foreign domestic helpers | |
| 晾衫架 | long6 saam1 gaa2 | drying racks | |
| 冷氣機 | laang5 hei3 gei1 | air conditioner | noun |
| 麻雀 | maa4 zoek2 | Mahjong | |
| 神枱 | san4 toi2 | household shrines | |

SAMPLE SENTENCES

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| <p>香港大部分外傭都係嚟自菲律賓。 <i>hoeng1 gong2 daai6 bou6 fan6 ngoi6 jung4 dou1 hai6 lei4 zi6 fei1 leot6 ban1.</i></p> <p>Most of the foreign domestic helpers in Hong Kong are from the Philippines.</p> | <p>佢見過晾衫架跌落街，所以唔敢喺下面行。 <i>keoi5 gin3 gwo3 long6 saam1 gaa2 dit3 lok6 gaai1, so2 ji5 m4 gam2 hai2 haa6 min6 hang4.</i></p> <p>He saw a drying rack fall out of the building, so he does not dare walk down there.</p> |
| <p>香港咁潮濕，真係唔開冷氣機唔得。 <i>hoeng1 gong2 gam3 ciu4 sap1, zan1 hai6 m4 hoi1 laang5 hei3 gei1 m4 dak1.</i></p> <p>Hong Kong is so humid, it's inevitable to use an air conditioner.</p> | <p>隔離屋成日打麻雀，嘈死人喇！ <i>gaak3 lei6 uk1 sing4 jat6 daa2 maa4 zoek2, cou2 sei2 jan4 laa6!</i></p> <p>My neighbor plays mahjong everyday. It's so noisy!</p> |

臨走記得喺神枱上兩炷香呀。

lam4 zau2 gei3 dak1 hai2 san4 toi2 soeng5 loeng5 zyu3 hoeng1 aa6.

Remember to burn some incense at the household shrine before leaving.

CULTURAL INSIGHT

1. Household shrines

Small household shrines are very common among the Chinese and those from Southeast Asia. Usually a small lamp and small offerings are kept by the shrine.

2. Mahjong

Mahjong is a game that originated in China which is commonly played by four players. Most households in Hong Kong have at least one mahjong set.

3. Air conditioner

People in Hong Kong love to use their air conditioners, which is contributing to the major air pollution the city has.

4. Drying racks

Not many Hong Kong households own a dryer, so drying racks and outside drying sticks for clothing are very common.

5. Foreign domestic helpers

There are more than 320,000 foreign domestic helpers employed by Hong Kong families, which make up approximately three percent of the population. They usually live in their employer's residence and perform various household duties.