

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

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

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# 18

# INTRODUCTION

Gabriella: Hi everyone, I'm Gabriella.

Olivia: And I'm Olivia!

Gabriella: And welcome to Culture Class: Essential Cantonese Vocabulary, Lesson 18! In this lesson you'll learn five essential words related to people and homes. These are five common words you will hear in the homes of Cantonese speakers. 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: 神枱

Gabriella: household shrines

Olivia: (slow) 神枱 (regular) 神枱

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 神枱

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: 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.

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

Olivia: (normal) 臨走記得喺神枱上兩炷香呀。

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

Olivia: (slow) 臨走記得喺神枱上兩炷香呀。

Gabriella: Okay, what's the next word?

Olivia: 麻雀

Gabriella: Mahjong

Olivia: (slow) 麻雀 (regular) 麻雀

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 麻雀

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: 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.

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

Olivia: (normal)

隔離屋成日打麻雀，嘈死人喇！

Gabriella: My neighbor plays mahjong everyday. It's so noisy!

Olivia: (slow) 隔離屋成日打麻雀，嘈死人喇！

Gabriella: Okay, what's the next word?

Olivia: 冷氣機

Gabriella: air conditioner

Olivia: (slow) 冷氣機 (regular) 冷氣機

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 冷氣機

[pause - 5 sec.]

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

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

Olivia: (normal) 香港咁潮濕，真係唔開冷氣機唔得。

Gabriella: Hong Kong is so humid, it's inevitable to use an air conditioner.

Olivia: (slow) 香港咁潮濕，真係唔開冷氣機唔得。

Gabriella: Okay, what's the next word?

Olivia: 晾衫架

Gabriella: drying racks

Olivia: (slow) 晾衫架 (regular) 晾衫架

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 晾衫架

[pause - 5 sec.]

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

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

Olivia: (normal) 佢見過晾衫架跌落街，所以唔敢喺下面行。

Gabriella: He saw a drying rack fall out of the building, so he does not dare walk down there.

Olivia: (slow) 佢見過晾衫架跌落街，所以唔敢喺下面行。

Gabriella: Okay, what's the last word?

Olivia: 外傭

Gabriella: foreign domestic helpers

Olivia: (slow) 外傭 (regular) 外傭

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia:

外傭

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: There are more than 320,000 foreign domestic helpers employed by Hong Kong families, which make up approximately 3 percent of the population. They usually live in their employer's residence and perform various household duties.

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

Olivia: (normal) 香港大部分外傭都係嚟自菲律賓。

Gabriella: Most of the foreign domestic helpers in Hong Kong are from the Philippines.

Olivia: (slow) 香港大部分外傭都係嚟自菲律賓。

## 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: 神枱

[pause] Gabriella: household shrines

Olivia: 麻雀

[pause] Gabriella: Mahjong

Olivia: 冷氣機

[pause] Gabriella: air conditioner

Olivia: 晾衫架

[pause] Gabriella: drying racks

Olivia: 外傭

[pause] Gabriella: foreign domestic helpers

## OUTRO

Gabriella: There you have it – five common words you'll hear in a home 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!