

LESSON NOTES

Culture Class: Essential Cantonese Vocabulary S1 #20 Natural disasters

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TRADITIONAL CHINESE

1. What are the five common natural disasters in Hong Kong?
2. 1. 颱風
3. 2. 山泥傾瀉
4. 3. 水浸
5. 4. 禽流感
6. 5. 山火

JYUTPING

1. What are the five common natural disasters in Hong Kong?
2. 1. toi4 fung1
3. 2. saan1 nai4 king1 se3
4. 3. seoi2 zam3
5. 4. kam4 lau4 gam2
6. 5. saan1 fo2

ENGLISH

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1. What are the five common natural disasters in Hong Kong?
2. 1. Typhoon
3. 2. Landslide
4. 3. Flood
5. 4. Bird flu; avian influenza
6. 5. Wildfire

VOCABULARY

Traditional	Romanization	English	Class
禽流感	kam4 lau4 gam2	bird flu; avian influenza	
山火	saan1 fo2	wildfire	
山泥傾瀉	saan1 nai4 king1 se3	landslide	
颱風	toi4 fung1	typhoon	noun
水浸	seoi2 zam3	flood	noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>禽流感隨時會爆發，最重要係注意衛生。</p> <p><i>kam4 lau4 gam2 ceoi4 si4 wui5 baau3 faat3, zeoi3 zung6 yiu3 hai6 zyu3 ji3 wai6 sang1.</i></p> <p>There could be an avian flu outbreak any time. The most important thing is to maintain good hygiene.</p>	<p>秋天天氣乾燥，成日都發生山火。</p> <p><i>cau1 tin1 tin1 hei3 gon1 cou3, sing4 jat6 dou1 faat3 sang1 saan1 fo2.</i></p> <p>Autumn weather is so dry that it causes a lot of wildfires.</p>
<p>1997年係香港有史而來最多雨嘅一年，全年總共有548宗山泥傾瀉。</p> <p><i>jat1 gau2 gau2 cat1 nin4 hai6 hoeng1 gong2 jau5 si2 ji4 loi4 zeoi3 do1 jyu5 ge3 jat1 nin4, cyun4 nin4 zung2 gung6 jau5 ng5 baak3 sei3 sap6 baat3 zung1 saan1 nai4 king1 se3.</i></p> <p>1997 was the wettest year in Hong Kong history. There were 548 landslides reported that year.</p>	<p>香港成日都有颱風，但好彩好少會死人。</p> <p><i>hoeng1 gong2 sing4 jat6 dou1 jau5 toi4 fung1, daan6 hou2 coi2 hou2 siu2 wui5 sei2 jan4.</i></p> <p>Hong Kong always has typhoons, but fortunately there is a very low number of casualties.</p>
<p>香港經常畀颱風入侵。</p> <p><i>hoeng1 gong2 ging1 soeng4 bei2 toi4 fung1 jap6 cam1 .</i></p> <p>Hong Kong always has typhoons.</p>	<p>上環啲海味鋪試過水浸浸到啲貨壞晒，損失慘重。</p> <p><i>soeng6 waan4 di1 hoi2 mei2 pou2 si3 gwo3 sei2 zam3 zam3 dou3 di1 fo3 wai6 sai3, syun2 sat1 caam2 zung6.</i></p> <p>The dried seafood stores in Sheung Wan have experienced flooding which ruins all the stock, resulting in heavy losses.</p>
<p>吉普車穿過洪水。</p> <p><i>gat1 pou2 ce1 cyun1 gwo3 hung4 sei2</i></p> <p>The jeep is pushing through the flood.</p>	

CULTURAL INSIGHT

1. Typhoon

Hong Kong is frequently hit by typhoons in summer, causing varying degrees of damage and, on rare occasions, injuries and deaths. The typhoon warning system using the designations T1, T3, T8, and T10 indicates the degree of storm intensity.

2. Landslide

The Hong Kong Observatory and the Geotechnical Engineering Office issue a landslide warning whenever there is a high risk of landslides due to heavy rainfall.

3. Flood

Hong Kong sees very heavy rainstorms and has one of the highest average rainfall amounts among all the cities in the Pacific Rim. During particularly heavy storms, floods often occur in rural low-lying areas and natural flood plains.

4. Bird flu; avian influenza

Cases of avian flu in humans have been noted since 1997 in Hong Kong and Asia. One strain of bird flu is H5N1, which is transmitted from infected birds to humans.

5. Wildfire

On average, over 10,000 wildfires occur in Hong Kong every year, killing or injuring more than 600 people. Most of the fires are caused by carelessness or negligence