

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Culture Class: Essential Cantonese Vocabulary S1 #20 Natural disasters

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INTRODUCTION

Gabriella: Hi everyone, I'm Gabriella.

Olivia: And I'm Olivia!

Gabriella: And welcome to Culture Class: Essential Cantonese Vocabulary, Lesson 20!

In this lesson you'll learn five essential words related to health and emergencies.

These are five natural disasters in Hong Kong. Hand picked. You can find a complete list of vocabulary at CantoneseClass101.com.

FIVE KEY VOCABULARY ITEMS

Gabriella: Olivia, what's our first word?

Olivia: 颱風

Gabriella: typhoon

Olivia: (slow) 颱風 (regular) 颱風

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 颱風

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: 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.

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

Olivia: (normal) 香港成日都有颱風，但好彩好少會死人。

Gabriella: Hong Kong always has typhoons, but fortunately there is a very low number of casualties.

Olivia: (slow) 香港成日都有颱風，但好彩好少會死人。

Gabriella: Okay, what's the next word?

Olivia: 山泥傾瀉

Gabriella: landslide

Olivia: (slow) 山泥傾瀉 (regular) 山泥傾瀉

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 山泥傾瀉

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: 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.

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

Olivia: (normal) 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。

Gabriella: 1997 was the wettest year in Hong Kong history. There were 548 landslides reported that year.

Olivia: (slow) 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。

Gabriella: Okay, what's the next word?

Olivia: 水浸

Gabriella: flood

Olivia: (slow) 水浸 (regular) 水浸

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 水浸

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: 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.

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

Olivia: (normal) 上環啲海味鋪試過水浸浸到啲貨壞晒，損失慘重。

Gabriella: The dried seafood stores in Sheung Wan have experienced flooding which ruins all the stock, resulting in heavy losses.

Olivia: (slow) 上環啲海味鋪試過水浸浸到啲貨壞晒，損失慘重。

Gabriella: Okay, what's the next word?

Olivia: 禽流感

Gabriella: bird flu; avian influenza

Olivia: (slow) 禽流感 (regular) 禽流感

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 禽流感

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: 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.

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

Olivia: (normal) 禽流感隨時會爆發，最重要係注意衛生。

Gabriella: There could be an avian flu outbreak any time. The most important thing is

to maintain good hygiene.

Olivia: (slow) 禽流感隨時會爆發，最重要係注意衛生。

Gabriella: Okay, what's the last word?

Olivia: 山火

Gabriella: wildfire

Olivia: (slow) 山火 (regular) 山火

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 山火

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: 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.

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

Olivia: (normal) 秋天天氣乾燥，成日都發生山火。

Gabriella: Autumn weather is so dry that it causes a lot of wildfires.

Olivia: (slow) 秋天天氣乾燥，成日都發生山火。

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: 颱風

[pause] Gabriella: typhoon

Olivia: 山泥傾瀉

[pause] Gabriella: landslide

Olivia: 水浸

[pause] Gabriella: flood

Olivia: 禽流感

[pause] Gabriella: bird flu; avian influenza

Olivia: 山火

[pause] Gabriella: wildfire

OUTRO

Gabriella: There you have it – five natural disasters that are common in Hong Kong!
We have more vocab lists available at CantoneseClass101.com, so be sure to check them out. Thanks everyone, see you next time!

Olivia: 拜拜!