

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Culture Class: Essential Cantonese Vocabulary S1 #21

Frequently used modes of transportation

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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 21! In this lesson you'll learn five essential words related to transportation and around town. These are five frequently used modes of transportation in Cantonese. 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: 地鐵

Gabriella: subway; metro

Olivia: (slow) 地鐵 (regular) 地鐵

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 地鐵

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: Hong Kong has an extensive subway network with ten lines and a total of 83 public railway stations and 68 light rail stops. Public transport trains are operated by the MTR Corporation Limited.

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

Olivia: (normal) 搭地鐵過海最快，但係好迫。

Gabriella: Crossing the harbor by subway is the fastest, but it's so crowded.

Olivia: (slow) 搭地鐵過海最快，但係好迫。

Gabriella: Okay, what's the next word?

Olivia: 小巴

Gabriella: minibus

Olivia: (slow) 小巴 (regular) 小巴

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 小巴

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: Minibuses carry up to 16 passengers and run through parts of Hong Kong in which the standard bus lines can't or don't run as often. Green minibuses operate along specific routes, while red minibuses operate along varied routes and allow passengers

to get on and off almost anywhere.

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

Olivia: (normal) 啲小巴開得好快, 好容易撞車。

Gabriella: The minibus drivers drive really fast, which causes traffic accidents easily.

Olivia: (slow) 啲小巴開得好快, 好容易撞車。

Gabriella: Okay, what's the next word?

Olivia: 巴士

Gabriella: bus

Olivia: (slow) 巴士 (regular) 巴士

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 巴士

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: Buses in Hong Kong are plentiful and comfortable, covering almost all of Hong Kong, and most are air-conditioned.

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

Olivia: (normal) 香港有啲巴士有無線上網, 咁塞車都有咁悶。

Gabriella: Some Hong Kong buses have Wi-Fi, so it's less boring when you're stuck in a traffic jam.

Olivia: (slow) 香港有啲巴士有無線上網, 咁塞車都有咁悶。

Gabriella: Okay, what's the next word?

Olivia: 渡輪

Gabriella: ferry

Olivia: (slow) 渡輪 (regular) 渡輪

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 渡輪

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: Hong Kong has regularly operating ferry routes that connect Hong Kong Island, Kowloon, and the outlying islands. The Star ferries sailing between Hong Kong Island and Kowloon offer a great way to admire the skyline on both sides of the harbor.

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

Olivia: (normal) 搭渡輪過海最平, 而且都好方便。

Gabriella: It's cheapest to cross the harbor by ferry, and it's convenient.

Olivia: (slow) 搭渡輪過海最平, 而且都好方便。

Gabriella: Okay, what's the last word?

Olivia: 電車

Gabriella:

tram

Olivia: (slow) 電車 (regular) 電車

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 電車

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: The Hong Kong Tramways is the tram system in Hong Kong, but it provides service to only parts of Hong Kong Island. It runs on a double track along the northern coast of Hong Kong Island, from Kennedy Town to Shau Kei Wan.

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

Olivia: (normal) 香港大部分電車都有冷氣。

Gabriella: Most trams in Hong Kong do not have air-conditioning.

Olivia: (slow) 香港大部分電車都有冷氣。

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: 地鐵

[pause] Gabriella: subway; metro

Olivia: 小巴

[pause] Gabriella: minibus

Olivia: 巴士

[pause] Gabriella: bus

Olivia: 渡輪

[pause] Gabriella: ferry

Olivia: 電車

[pause] Gabriella: tram

OUTRO

Gabriella: There you have it – five frequently used modes of transportation in Hong Kong! We have more vocab lists available at CantoneseClass101.com, so be sure to check them out. Thanks everyone, and see you next time!

Olivia: 拜拜!