

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Culture Class: Essential Cantonese Vocabulary S1 #22 Shops or services in town

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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 22! In this lesson you'll learn five essential words related to transportation and around town. These are five common shops and services 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: 便利店

Gabriella: convenience store

Olivia: (slow) 便利店 (regular) 便利店

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 便利店

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: Convenience stores in Hong Kong are open 24 hours a day and can be found on almost every street. They have all sorts of things for sale.

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

Olivia: (normal) 話明係便利店，梗係24小時營業啦！

Gabriella: It's a convenience store, so of course it's open 24 hours.

Olivia: (slow) 話明係便利店，梗係24小時營業啦！

Gabriella: Okay, what's the next word?

Olivia: 藥房

Gabriella: drugstore

Olivia: (slow) 藥房 (regular) 藥房

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 藥房

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: Watsons and Manning's are the two major drugstores in Hong Kong. They offer healthcare items, food and beverages, skin care products, and baby care products, as well as cosmetics.

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

Olivia: (normal) 因為好多大陸遊客嚟香港買藥同奶粉，所以啲藥房越開越多。

Gabriella: Many mainland tourists come to buy medicine and milk powder in Hong Kong. Therefore, more and more drugstores have opened up.

Olivia: (slow) 因為好多大陸遊客嚟香港買藥同奶粉，所以啲藥房越開越多。

Gabriella: Okay, what's the next word?

Olivia: 商場

Gabriella: shopping mall

Olivia: (slow) 商場 (regular) 商場

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 商場

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: In Hong Kong, shopping malls are plentiful, with most of them being in the New Territories and attached to large residential developments or transit hubs. Malls in Kowloon and Hong Kong Island are found below office towers.

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

Olivia: (normal) 而家啲商場入面好多都係連鎖店，度度都差唔多。

Gabriella: Nowadays the shops in shopping malls are mostly chain stores, so everywhere looks similar.

Olivia: (slow) 而家啲商場入面好多都係連鎖店，度度都差唔多。

Gabriella: Okay, what's the next word?

Olivia: 超市

Gabriella: supermarket

Olivia: (slow) 超市 (regular) 超市

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 超市

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: ParknShop and Wellcome are the two major supermarket chains in Hong Kong. They both offer generic brands.

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

Olivia: (normal) 去超市買嘢記得帶環保袋，用膠袋要俾錢㗎。

Gabriella: Remember to bring your own bag when going grocery shopping. It costs money to use the plastic bags.

Olivia: (slow) 去超市買嘢記得帶環保袋，用膠袋要俾錢㗎。

Gabriella: Okay, what's the last word?

Olivia:

咖啡室

Gabriella: coffee shop; cafe

Olivia: (slow) 咖啡室 (regular) 咖啡室

Gabriella: Listeners, please repeat:

Olivia: 咖啡室

[pause - 5 sec.]

Gabriella: Hong Kong has a lot of chains as well as independent coffee shops.

Recently, Hong Kong's coffee culture has expanded to an international standing.

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

Olivia: (normal) 而家多咗好多上樓咖啡室，好有特色。

Gabriella: There are many upstairs cafes now, and each one of them is unique.

Olivia: (slow) 而家多咗好多上樓咖啡室，好有特色。

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: 便利店

[pause] Gabriella: convenience store

Olivia: 藥房

[pause] Gabriella: drugstore

Olivia: 商場

[pause] Gabriella: shopping mall

Olivia: 超市

[pause] Gabriella: supermarket

Olivia: 咖啡室

[pause] Gabriella: coffee shop; cafe

OUTRO

Gabriella: There you have it – five shops and services in town 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!