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## Intermediate S1

Getting your Chinese Chicken Fix

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## Traditional Chinese

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- A 你哋有冇廿隻雞髀呀？  
B 冇，我哋淨係賣雞翼。  
A 你哋有冇廿隻雞翼呀？  
B 冇，不過啲雞未割。  
A 咁，你哋有冇廿隻雞先？  
B 冇。  
A 我要兩隻呀，唔該。

## Jyutping

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- A nei5 dei6 jau5 mou5 jaa6 zek3 gail bei2 aa6 ?  
B mou5, ngo5 dei6 zing6 hai6 maa6 gail jik6.  
A nei5 dei6 jau5 mou5 jaa6 zek3 gail jik6 aal ?  
B jau5, bat1 gwo3 dil gail mei6 tong1.  
A gam2, nei5 dei6 jau5 mou5 jaa6 zek3 gail sin1 ?  
B jau5.  
A ngo5 jiu3 loeng5 zek3 aal, m4 goil.

## English

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- A Do you have twenty chicken legs?  
B No. We only sell chicken wings.  
A Do you have twenty chicken wings?  
B Yes. But the chickens are alive.  
A So, you have twenty chickens then?  
B Yes.  
A Give me two, please.

## Vocabulary

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Traditional	Jyutping	English
雞髀	gail bei2	chicken legs
雞翼	gail jik6	chicken wings
雞腳	gail goek3	chicken feet
鳳爪	fung6 zaau2	chicken feet
割雞	tong1 gail	to kill chickens
豉油雞飯	si6 jau4 gail faan6	soy sauce chicken rice
白切雞飯	baak6 cit3 gail faan6	chicken cubes on rice

## Vocabulary Sample Sentences

我最鍾意食豉油雞髀。	ngo5 zeoi3 zung1 ji3 sik6 si6 jau4 gail bei2.	My favorite food is chicken legs and soy sauce.
你識唔識整可樂雞翼？	nei5 sik1 m4 sik1 zing2 ho2 lok6 gail jik6 ?	Can you make cola chicken wings?
好多人唔敢食雞腳。	hou2 dol jan4 m4 gam2 sik6 gail goek3.	A lot of people don't dare to eat chicken feet.
鳳爪係香港嘅一道出名美食。	fung6 zaau2 hai6 hoeng1 gong2 ge3 jat1 dou6 ceot1 meng2 mei5 sik6.	Chicken feet is a famous dish in Hong Kong cuisine.
我阿媽割雞好叻。	ngo5 aa3 maal tong1 gail hou2 lek1.	My mother really knows how to slaughter chicken.
呢間餐廳嘅豉油雞飯好好食。	ni1 gaan1 caan1 teng1 ge3 si6 jau4 gail faan6 hou2 hou2 sik6.	This restaurant's soy sauce chicken with rice is excellent.
一般香港茶餐廳都會有白切雞飯。	jat1 bun2 hoeng1 gong2 caa4 caan1 teng1 dou1 wui5 jau5 baak6 cit3 gail faan6.	Most Hong Kong restaurant can make chicken and white rice.

## Grammar Points

The Focus of This Lesson is 有冇.....先.

咁，你哋有冇廿隻雞先？

"So, do you have at least twenty chickens?"

Our grammar point for this lesson is this pattern 有冇.....先. By adding a noun

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in the middle between 有冇 and 先, we are asking a question which communicates the idea "Do you have a minimum of something?" In the dialogue, we hear 咁, 你哋有冇廿隻雞先 ("So, do you have at least 20 chickens?"). By using this pattern, the speaker means he needs at least twenty chickens. We also can use this pattern to communicate a basic condition. For other samples, check out the following sentences:

1. 有冇畢業證書先?  
"Do you (at least) have a college diploma?"
2. 你話你鍾意香港, 有冇去過先?  
"You said you like Hong Kong, have you ever at least been there before?"

Be careful of the emotion when you use this pattern because the meaning "at least" can sometimes make it sound like you are questioning the validity of other people.