

LESSON NOTES

Learn Cantonese in Three Minutes #10 Making Plans

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VOCABULARY

Traditional	Romanization	English	Class
做	zou6	to do; to work	verb
聽日	ting1 jat6	tomorrow	noun
咩	me1	what	pronoun
禮拜一	lai5 baai3 jat1	Monday	noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

最近好多嘢做。 <i>zeoi3 gan6 hou2 do1 je5 zou6。</i> (There's) a lot of stuff to do lately.	聽日放假。 <i>ting1 jat6 fong3 gaa3。</i> "Tomorrow is a holiday."
發生咩事? <i>Faat3 saang1 me1 si6 ?</i> What happened?	你叫咩名? <i>nei5 giu3 me1 meng2 ?</i> What's your name?
禮拜一要返工。 <i>Lai5 baai3 jat1 jiu3 faan1 gung1。</i> On Monday, we have to work.	

GRAMMAR

The focus of this Lesson is Talk about your plans in Cantonese

Topic 1: How to ask someone's plans

Sentence from the lesson:

今個禮拜六日有咩做呀?

gaam1 go3 lai5 baai6 luk6 jat6 jau5 me1 zou6 aa6?

"What are you doing this weekend?"

1. 今個 *gaam1 go3* → is "this"
禮拜六日 *lai5 baai6 luk6 jat6* → is "Saturday and Sunday."
(Since it is common to use English words in Cantonese, you can also say 今個 weekend *gaam1 go3 weekend*, which is much easier.)
2. 有咩做呀 *jau5 me1 zou6 aa6?* → means "anything to do?"
有 *jau5* is "to have"
咩 *me1* is "what"
做 *zou6* is "to do"
呀 *aa6* is a question particle
3. What if you're not asking about this weekend?
Asking about a different time period is as easy as replacing 今個禮拜六日 *gam1 go3 lai5 baai6 luk6 jat6*.
"Tomorrow" is 聽日 *ting1 jat6*.
Or, you could also put in any weekday, like 禮拜一 *lai5 baai6 jat1* "Monday" or 禮拜五 *lai5 baai6 ng5* which is "Friday."

For Example:

聽日有咩做呀?

ting1 jat6 jau5 me1 zou6 aa6?

"What are you doing tomorrow?"

Topic 2: How to answer the question about your plans

我去公園

ngo5 heoi3 gung1

"I'm going to the park."

我去 *ngo5 heoi3* means "I go"

公園 *gung1 jyun2* means "park"

Language

Tip!

The phrase 有咩做呀 *jau5 me1 zou6 aa6*, also means "is there anything to do?"

So next time when you're bored and looking for something to do, try asking your friends: 有咩做呀? *jau5 me1 zou6 aa6?*