

## LESSON NOTES

# Lower Intermediate S1 #5

## Do You Need a Pharmacy in China?

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## TRADITIONAL CHINESE

1. A: 彌敦道……嘉連威老道……
2. B: 先生，需唔需要幫手？
3. A: 請問呢條係咩街？
4. B: 你要去邊度？
5. A: 我搵緊藥房。
6. B: 前面街口轉左就有間。
7. A: 唔該晒！

## JYUTPING

1. A: nei4 deon1 dou6... gaa1 lin4 wai1 lou5 dou6...
2. B: sin1 saang1, seoi1 m4 seoi1 jiu3 bong1 sau2?
3. A: cing2 man6 ni1 tiu4 hai6 me1 gaai1?
4. B: nei5 jiu3 heoi3 bin1 dou6?
5. A: ngo5 wan2 gan2 joek6 fong4.
6. B: cin4 min6 gaai1 hau2 zyun3 zo2 zau6 jau5 gaan1.
7. A: m4 goi1 saai3!

## ENGLISH

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1. A: Nathan Road...Granville Road...
2. B: Sir, do you need any help?
3. A: Could you tell me the name of this street?
4. B: Where are you going?
5. A: I'm looking for a pharmacy.
6. B: There's one on the left corner ahead.
7. A: Thanks!

## VOCABULARY

Traditional	Romanization	English	Class
嘉連威老道	gaa1 lin4 wai1 lou5 dou6	Granville road	street name
彌敦道	nei4 deon1 dou6	Nathan Road	street name
街口	gaa1 hau2	corner	noun
街名	gaa1 meng2	street name	noun
搵	wan2	to look for	verb
藥房	joek6 fong4	pharmacy	noun
幫手	bong1 sau2	to help	verb

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>嘉連威老道有好多舖頭。 gaa1 lin4 wai1 lou5 dou6 jau5 hou2 do1 pou3 tau2.</p> <p>There are a lot of stores on Granville Road.</p>	<p>彌敦道係九龍區最重要嘅一條馬路。 nei4 deon1 dou6 hai6 gau2 lung4 keoi1 zeoi3 zung6 jiu3 ge3 jat1 tiu4 maa5 lou6.</p> <p>Nathan Road is the main road in Kowloon district.</p>
<p>喺前面街口轉右。 hai2 cin4 min6 gaai1 hau2 zyun3 jau6.</p> <p>Turn right at the next corner.</p>	<p>澳門有好多好得意嘅街名。 ou3 mun2 jau5 hou2 do1 hou2 dak1 ji3 ge3 gaai1 meng2.</p> <p>Macau has a lot of funny street names.</p>
<p>我要搵你哋經理。 ngo5 jiu3 wan2 nei5 dei2 ging1 lei5.</p> <p>I'm looking for your manager.</p>	<p>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。 jan1 wai6 hou2 do1 daai6 luk6 jau4 haak3 lei4 hoeng1 gong2 maa5 joek6 tung4 naai5 fan2, so2 ji5 di1 joek6 fong4 jyut6 hoi1 jyut6 do1.</p> <p>Many mainland tourists come to buy medicine and milk powder in Hong Kong. Therefore, more and more drugstores have opened up.</p>
<p>呢度有冇藥房？ ni1 dou6 jau5 mou5 joek6 fong4?</p> <p>Is there a pharmacy here?</p>	<p>你可唔可以過嚟幫手搬個雪櫃？ nei5 ho2 ng4 ho2 ji5 gwo3 lei4 bong1 sau2 bun1 go3 syut3 gwai6?</p> <p>Can you come over to help move the refrigerator?</p>

## GRAMMAR

**The Focus of this Lesson is on Asking for Things we need**

**需唔需要幫手？**

**seoi1 m4 seoi1 jiu3 bong1 sau2**

**"Do you need help?"**

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In our dialogue we ran into the verb phrase 需唔需要 (*seoi1 m4 seoi1 jiu3*) "to need or not to need". This is one of the most direct ways of asking if someone needs something. In our grammar point today, we are going to extend this to review three other critical verb phrases that are often used when translating sentences about needing or wanting something in English. In Cantonese, there are 使唔使 (*sai2 m4 sai2*), 要唔要 (*jiu3 m4 jiu3*) and 愛唔愛 (*oi3 m4 oi3*).

You should be familiar with basic verb reduplication at this point. One of the common ways of asking a question in Cantonese is to repeat the verb in first the positive and then negative sense. To form a more complex question, simply position these three phrases before either a verb or a noun, as with our following examples:

1. 你使唔使幫手?  
*nei5 sai2 m4 sai2 bong1 sau2*  
"Do you need help?"
2. 你要唔要去彌敦道?  
*nei5 jiu3 m4 jiu3 heoi3 nei4 deon1 dou6*  
"Do you need to go to Nathan Road?"
3. 你愛唔愛杯咖啡?  
*nei5 oi3 m4 oi3 bui1 gaa3 fe1*  
"Do you need a coffee?"

These phrases are of varying strength. 使唔使 (*sai2 m4 sai2*) is the most forceful, followed by 要唔要 (*jiu3 m4 jiu3*) which is somewhat softer. Finally, remember that 愛唔愛 (*oi3 m4 oi3*) is used only when talking about food: you'll hear it in restaurants and cafes when waiters and waitresses ask you what you would like to eat or drink.

## CULTURAL INSIGHT

### Hong Kong Hospital

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Need something more than a pharmacy? The two main hospitals on Hong Kong island are the Queen Mary Hospital, located in Pok Fu Lam, as well as the Tung Wah Hospital in Sheung Wan. There are many more hospitals on the mainland including the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Kowloon Hospital and Princess Margaret Hospital. Most doctors and medical professionals in these major medical centers speak English.