



Survival Phrases S1

How Much in Cantonese?

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Traditional Chinese

幾錢
點
賣
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Jyutping

gei1 cin2
dim2
maai6
fu3
haai4
mou2
doi2
lau1

English

how much
how to
to sell
trousers
shoes
hat
bag
jacket

Vocabulary

Traditional	Jyutping	English
幾錢	gei2 cin2	how much
點	dim2	how to
賣	maai6	to sell
褲	fu3	trousers
鞋	haai4	shoe
帽	mou2	hat
袋	doi2	bag
褸	lau1	jacket

Vocabulary Sample Sentences

全部幾錢？	cyun4 bou6 gei2 cin2 ?	How much is it in total?
呢個點用？	ni1 go3 dim2 jung6 ?	How do I use this?
唔賣。	m4 maai6。	I'm not selling it.
我想買條紫色褲。	ngo5 soeng5 maai5 tiu4 zi2 sik1 fu3。	I want to buy a pair of purple trousers.
高中生在綁鞋帶。	gou1 zung1 sang1 zoi6 bong2 haai4 daai5。	The high school student is tying his shoe lace.
我鍾意戴牛仔帽。	ngo5 zung1 ji3 daai3 ngau4 zai2 mou2。	I like to wear cowboy hat.
有些名牌袋的價錢與一輛車差不多。	jau5 se1 ming4 paai4 doi5 dik1 gaa3 cin4 jyu5 jat1 loeng6 ce1 caa1 bat1 do1	Some brand name bags cost as much as a car.
我想買一件黑色皮褸。	ngo5 soeng2 maai5 jat1 gin6 hak1 sik1 pei2 lau1。	I want to buy a black leather jacket.

Grammar Points

To find out how much a product is while shopping, ask 呢個幾錢？ (ni1 go3 gei1 cin2 ?) - "How much is this one?" This sentence is made up of two parts: the first is 呢個 ("this one"), which was covered in previous lessons, and the second part is 幾錢 (gei1 cin2?) - "How much money?" You can also replace 呢個 ("this") with 嗰個 ("that"). "How much is that one?" would be 嗰個幾錢。

Cultural Insight

Quick Tip

Hong Kong has many outdoor markets. Don't worry about finding the deals because the deals will find you. Many street vendors will walk the streets, many from India and Pakistan offering to make you a nice suit or shirt. If you are in the market for a suit or shirt, this is quite convenient. If, however, you are not, the sales gimmicks soon become annoying.