



Survival Phrases S1

Hong Kong Currency

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Traditional Chinese

港紙
蚊
毫子
個
半
散紙

Jyutping

gong2 zi2
man1
hou4 zi2
go3
bun3
saan2 zi2

English

Hong Kong dollar
Hong Kong dollar
10 cents
measure word
half
change (coins)

Vocabulary

Traditional	Jyutping	English
港紙	gong2 zi2	Hong Kong dollar
蚊	man1	measure word for Hong Kong dollar
毫子	hou4 zi2	???
個	go3	(measure word)

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半	bun3	half
散紙	saan2 zi2	change (coins)

Vocabulary Sample Sentences

我有兩個姊姊。

ngo5 jau5 loeng5 go3 ze4 ze1. I have two older sisters.

Grammar Points

In Hong Kong, the currency is 港紙 or gong2 zi2 ("Hong Kong Paper"). When talking about money and referring to only dollars and no cents, you use 蚊. For example, "one hundred Hong Kong dollars" (一百蚊, jat1 baak3 man1). If cents are included when talking about a value, then we use 毫子 (hou4 zi2). For example, 兩毫子, loeng5 hou4 zi2 ("twenty cents"). Since the smallest denomination in Hong Kong currency is ten cents, you simply need to say only the numbers one through nine, depending on the value.

Cultural Insight

Quick Tip

Hong Kong can get pricey very fast, but you can still have a good time on a budget. Keep in mind that most meals will cost between thirty and sixty HKD. Taking taxis are rather expensive, so stick to the MTR, and hop on the ferry when possible. Coins are heavily in use in Hong Kong, so expect to hear a little jingle in your pocket when you are walking around town.

