



Survival Phrases S1

Asking Permission to Take a Photo in Cantonese

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Traditional Chinese

可唔可以幫我哋影張相？
可唔可以幫我影張相？

Jyutping

ho2 m4 ho2 ji5 bong1 ngo5 dei6 jing2 zoeng1 soeng3 ?
ho2 m4 ho2 ji5 bong1 ngo5 jing2 zoeng1 soeng3 ?

English

Can you take our picture?
Can you take my picture?

Vocabulary

Traditional	Jyutping	English
幫	bong1	to help
影相	jing2 soeng2	to take a picture
張	zoeng1	measure word for picture
相	soeng2	photo

Vocabulary Sample Sentences

多謝你幫我。
我鍾意影相。
可唔可以幫我哋影張相？

do1 ze6 nei5 bong1 ngo5。
ngo5 zung1 ji3 jing2 soeng2。
ho2 m4 ho2 ji5 bong1 ngo5
dei6 jing2 zoeng1 soeng2 ?
ni1 zoeng1 soeng2 hou2
leng3。

Thank you for helping me.
I like taking pictures.
Can you take our picture?

呢張相好靚。

This picture is beautiful.

Cultural Insight

Quick Tip

In English, before someone takes a picture, the person taking the picture may say, "1, 2, 3, cheese." In Cantonese, you might hear "cheese" here and there, and counting 1,2,3 in Cantonese is, jat ji saam, jat ji saam.

This literally means, "one, two three, one, two, three." Let's try it next time you have someone take your picture!