



Survival Phrases S1

Can You Write It Down in Cantonese?

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Traditional Chinese

可唔可以寫低？
可唔可以幫我寫低？
唔該寫低。

Jyutping

ho2 m4 ho2 ji5 se2 dai1 ?
ho2 m4 ho2 ji5 bong1 ngo5 se2 dai1 ?
m4 goi1 se2 dai1.

English

Can you write it down?
Can you help me write it down?
Please write it down.

Vocabulary

Traditional	Jyutping	English
可唔可以	ho2 m4 ho2 ji5	can or cannot
寫低	se2 dai1	to write down
唔該	m4 goi1	please; thank you; excuse me

Vocabulary Sample Sentences

可唔可以借洗手間？	ho2 m4 ho2 ji5 ze3 sai2 sau2 gaan1 ?	Can I use the washroom?
寫低你個名。	se2 dai1 nei5 go3 meng2.	Write down your name.
唔該細聲啲。	m4 goi1 sai3 seng1 di1.	Please lower your volume.



Cultural Insight

Quick Tip

Asking someone to write something down for you can be very helpful...if it is in your own language! Remember that the Jyutping (the romanization of Cantonese Characters) alphabet is different from the English, so unless you study the Jyutping letters, you should ask how to write it down in English. 唔該寫低個英文。(m4 goi1 se2 dai1 go3 jing1 man2.) - "Please write down the English for me."

