



## Survival Phrases S1

How Do You Read This in Cantonese?

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## Traditional Chinese

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呢個點讀？  
嗰個點讀？  
咩意思？

## Jyutping

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ni1 go3 dim2 duk6 ?  
go2 go3 dim2 duk6 ?  
me1 ji3 si1 ?

## English

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How do you read this?  
How do you read that?  
What does it mean?

## Vocabulary

Traditional	Jyutping	English
咩	me1	what
意思	ji3 si1	meaning
讀	duk6	to read; to pronounce

## Vocabulary Sample Sentences

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你叫咩名？  
咩意思？  
呢個唔識讀。

nei5 giu3 me1 meng2 ?  
me1 ji3 si1?  
ni1 go3 m4 sik1 duk6.

What's your name?  
What does it mean?  
I don't know how to read this.

## Cultural Insight

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### Quick Tip

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Cantonese romanization systems are based on the accent of Canton and Hong Kong, and have helped define the concept of Standard Cantonese. The major systems are Barnett–Chao, Meyer–Wempe, the Chinese government's Guangdong Romanization, Yale and Jyutping.

