



Survival Phrases S1

Post Office with Cantonese 2: What's in the Package?

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Traditional Chinese

我要寄呢個包裹去意大利。
包裹入面有乜嘢？

Jyutping

ngo5 jiu3 gei3 ni1 go3 baau1 gwo2 heoi3 ji3 daai6 lei6.
baau1 gwo2 jap6 min6 jau5 mat1 je5 ?

English

I'd like to send this package to Italy.
What's in the package?

Vocabulary

Traditional	Jyutping	English
意大利	ji3 daai6 lei6	Italy
寄	gei3	to mail
去	heoi3	to go
乜	mat1	what
嘢	je5	thing, things
有	jau5	to have
入面	jap6 min6	inside
包裹	baau1 gwo2	package

Vocabulary Sample Sentences

我嚟自意大利。
幾時寄？
去唔去天星碼頭？

ngo5 lai4 zi4 ji3 daai6 lei6.
gei2 si4 gei3?
heoi3 m4 heoi3 tin1 sing1
maa5 tau4?
ngo5 zung1 ji3 heoi3 zau2

I come from Italy.
When (do you) mail (it)?
does it go to the star ferry
port?
I like going to bars.

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乜都唔識。
一齊食嘢。
有三個。
佢喺入面。
你有一個包裹。

baa1。
mat1 dou1 m4 sik1。
jat1 cai4 sik6 je5。
jau5 saam1 go3。
keoi5 hai2 jap6 min6。
nei5 jau5 jat1 go3 baau1
gwo2。

(One) Doesn't know anything.
Eat together.
(I) have three.
She's inside.
You have a package.

Cultural Insight

Quick Tip

Buying stamps in the Cantonese world is very simple. They sell normal stamps at 郵局 (jau4 guk4), so saying 我要郵票 (ngo5 jiu3 jau4 piu3) - "I would like some stamps" is the simplest and most common way of asking for them. Remembering your numbers comes in handy here, as they will most likely ask you how many you want.