



Survival Phrases S1

Buying a Cell Phone with Cantonese

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Traditional Chinese

我要買一部手機。
我要買兩部手機。
我要買三部手機。
打去美國幾錢？

Jyutping

ngo5 jiu3 maai5 jat1 bou6 sau2 gei1.
ngo5 jiu3 maai5 loeng5 bou6 sau2 gei1.
ngo5 jiu3 maai5 saam1 bou6 sau2 gei1.
daa2 heoi2 mei5 gwok3 gei2 cin2 ?

English

I'd like to buy a cellphone.
I'd like to buy two phones.
I'd like to buy three phones.
How much are calls for the US?

Vocabulary

Traditional	Jyutping	English
買	maai5	to buy
部	bou6	measure word for phone, computer, car, etc.
手機	sau2 gei1	cellphone
打	daa2	to dial; to hit
去	heoi3	to go
幾錢	gei2 cin2	how much money; how much does it cost
美國	mei5 gwok3	America

Vocabulary Sample Sentences

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我買。 我想買部二手車。	ngo5 maai5。 ngo5 soeng2 maai5 bou6 ji6 sau2 ce1。	I'll buy it. I want to buy a second-hand car.
我想買部新手機。	ngo5 soeng2 maai5 bou6 san1 sau2 gei1。	I want to buy a new cell phone.
打俾我。 去唔去天星碼頭？	daa2 bei2 ngo5。 heoi3 m4 heoi3 tin1 sing1 maa5 tau4?	Call me. Does it go to the star ferry port?
我鍾意去酒吧。	ngo5 zung1 ji3 heoi3 zau2 baa1。	I like going to bars.
兩張飛幾錢？	loeng5 zoeng1 fei1 gei2 cin2 ?	How much does it cost for two tickets?
你有冇去過美國？	nei5 jau5 mou5 heoi3 gwo3 mei5 gwok3?	Have you been to America?

Cultural Insight

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