

LESSON NOTES

Survival Phrases S1 #18 How Much in Cantonese?

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TRADITIONAL CHINESE

幾錢 點 賣 褲 鞋 帽 袋 褸 **JYUTPING** 1. gei2 cin2 2. dim2 maai6 4. fu3 haai4 6. mou2

- 7. doi2
- 8. lau1

ENGLISH

- 1. how much
- 2. how to
- 3. to sell
- 4. trousers
- 5. shoes
- 6. hat
- 7. bag
- 8. jacket

VOCABULARY

Traditional	Romanization	English	Class
幾錢	gei2 cin2	how much	phrase
點	dim2	how to	noun
賣	maai6	to sell	verb
褲	fu3	trousers	noun

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帽	mou2	hat	noun
袋	doi2	bag	noun
褸	lau1	jacket	noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

全部幾錢? cyun4 bou6 gei2 cin2?	呢個點用? ni1 go3 dim2 jung6?	
How much is it in total?	How do I use this?	
唔賣。 M4 maai6.	我想買條紫色褲。 ngo5 soeng5 maai5 tiu4 zi2 sik1 fu3。	
I'm not selling it.	I want to buy a pair of purple trousers.	
高中生在綁鞋帶。 gou1 zung1 sang1 zoi6 bong2 haai4 daai5。	我鍾意戴牛仔帽。 ngo5 zung1 ji3 daai3 ngau4 zai2 mou2。	
The high school student is tying his shoe lace.	I like to wear cowboy hats.	
有些名牌袋的價錢與一輛車差不多。 jau5 se1 ming4 paai4 doi5 dik1 gaa3 cin4 jyu5 jat1 loeng6 ce1 caa1 bat1 do1。 Some brand name bags cost as much as a car.	我想買一件黑色皮褸。 ngo5 soeng2 maai5 jat1 gin6 hak1 sik1 pei2 lau1。 I want to buy a black leather jacket.	

GRAMMAR

To find out how much a product is while shopping, ask 兜個幾錢? *(ni1 go3 gei2 cin2 ?)* - "How much is this one?" This sentence is made up of two parts: the first is 兜個 ("this one"),

which was covered in previous lessons, and the second part is 幾錢 (*gei2 cin2?*) - "How much money?" You can also replace 吃個 ("this") with 嗰個 ("that"). "How much is that one?" would be 嗰個幾錢.

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Quick Tip

Hong Kong has many outdoor markets. Don't worry about finding the deals because the deals will find you. Many street vendors will walk the streets, many from India and Pakistan offering to make you a nice suit or shirt. If you are in the market for a suit or shirt, this is quite convenient. If, however, you are not, the sales gimmicks soon become annoying.