

LESSON NOTES

Survival Phrases S1 #20

Hong Kong Currency

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TRADITIONAL CHINESE

1. 港紙
2. 蚊
3. 毫子
4. 個
5. 半
6. 散紙

JYUTPING

1. gong2 zi2
2. man1
3. hou4 zi2
4. go3
5. bun3
6. saan2 zi2

ENGLISH

CONT'D OVER

1. Hong Kong dollar
2. Hong Kong dollar
3. 10 cents
4. measure word
5. half
6. change (coins)

VOCABULARY

Traditional	Romanization	English	Class
港紙	gong2 zi2	Hong Kong dollars	noun
蚊	man1	measure word for Hong Kong dollar	noun
毫子	hou4 zi2	one-tenth of a HK dollar	measure word
個	go3	(measure word)	measure word
半	bun3	half	phrase
散紙	saan2 zi2	change (coins)	phrase

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>對唔住，我身上冇港紙。 deoi3 ng4 zyu6 ngo5 san1 soeng6 mou5 gong2 zi2。</p> <p>Sorry, I don't have any Hong Kong dollars with me.</p>	<p>總數係一百蚊。 zung2 sou3 hai6 jat1 baak3 man1。</p> <p>The total comes to 100 Hong Kong dollars.</p>
<p>你有兩毫子嗎？ nei5 jau5 loeng5 hou4 zi2 maa3 ?</p> <p>Do you have 20 cents?</p>	<p>我有兩個姊妹。 ngo5 jau5 loeng5 go3 ze4 ze1。</p> <p>I have two older sisters.</p>
<p>他一個人吃了半個蛋糕。 taa1 jat1 go3 jan4 hek3 liu5 bun3 go3 daan6 gou1。</p> <p>He finished half of the cake all by himself.</p>	<p>我通常將散紙放在書架上。 ngo5 tung1 soeng4 zoeng1 saan2 zi2 fong3 zoi6 syu1 gaa2 soeng6。</p> <p>I usually put my loose change on the shelf.</p>

GRAMMAR

In Hong Kong, the currency is 港紙 or *gong2 zi2* ("Hong Kong Paper.") When talking about money and referring to only dollars and no cents, you use 蚊. For example, "one hundred Hong Kong dollars" (一百蚊, *jat1 baak3 man1*). If cents are included when talking about a value, then we use 毫子 (*hou4 zi2*). For example, 兩毫子 (*loeng5 hou4 zi2*) - "twenty cents." Since the smallest denomination in Hong Kong currency is ten cents, you simply need to say only the numbers one through nine, depending on the value.

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Quick Tip

Hong Kong can get pricey very fast, but you can still have a good time on a budget. Keep in mind that most meals will cost between thirty and sixty HKD. Taking taxis are rather expensive, so stick to the MTR, and hop on the ferry when possible. Coins are heavily in use in Hong Kong, so expect to hear a little jingle in your pocket when you are walking around town.