

LESSON NOTES

Survival Phrases S1 #32

Asking Permission to Take a Photo in Cantonese

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TRADITIONAL CHINESE

1. 可唔可以幫我哋影張相?
2. 可唔可以幫我影張相?

JYUTPING

1. ho2 m4 ho2 ji5 bong1 ngo5 dei6 jing2 zoeng1 soeng2 ?
2. ho2 m4 ho2 ji5 bong1 ngo5 jing2 zoeng1 soeng2 ?

ENGLISH

1. Can you take our picture?
2. Can you take my picture?

VOCABULARY

Traditional	Romanization	English	Class
幫	bong1	to help	verb
影相	jing2 soeng2	to take a picture	phrase
張	zoeng1	measure word for picture	noun
相	soeng2	photo	noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>多謝你幫我。 <i>do1 ze6 nei5 bong1 ngo5.</i></p> <p>Thank you for helping me.</p>	<p>我鍾意影相。 <i>ngo5 zung1 ji3 jing2 soeng2.</i></p> <p>I like taking pictures.</p>
<p>可唔可以幫我哋影張相? <i>ho2 m4 ho2 ji5 bong1 ngo5 dei6 jing2 zoeng1 soeng2 ?</i></p> <p>Can you take a picture for us?</p>	<p>呢張相好靚。 <i>ni1 zoeng1 soeng2 hou2 leng3.</i></p> <p>This picture is beautiful.</p>

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Quick Tip

In English, before someone takes a picture, the person taking the picture may say, "1, 2, 3, cheese." In Cantonese, you might hear "cheese" here and there, and counting 1,2,3 in Cantonese is, *jat ji saam, jat ji saam.*

This literally means, "one, two three, one, two, three." Let's try it next time you have someone take your picture!