

LESSON NOTES

Survival Phrases S1 #36 How Do You Read This in Cantonese?

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TRADITIONAL CHINESE

- 1. 呢個點讀?
- 2. 嗰個點讀?
- 3. 咩意思?

JYUTPING

- 1. ni1 go3 dim2 duk6 ?
- 2. go2 go3 dim2 duk6 ?
- 3. me1 ji3 si1 ?

ENGLISH

- 1. How do you read this?
- 2. How do you read that?
- 3. What does it mean?

VOCABULARY

Traditional	Romanization	English	Class
咩	me1	what	pronoun
意思	ji3 si1	meaning	noun

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讀	duk6	to read; to pronounce	verb	

SAMPLE SENTENCES

發生咩事?	你叫咩名?
Faat3 saang1 me1 si6 ?	nei5 giu3 me1 meng2?
What happened?	What's your name?
咩意思?	呢個唔識讀。
me1 ji3 si1?	ni1 go3 m4 sik1 duk6。
What does it mean?	I don't know how to read this.

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Quick Tip

Cantonese romanization systems are based on the accent of Canton and Hong Kong, and have helped define the concept of Standard Cantonese. The major systems are Barnett– Chao, Meyer–Wempe, the Chinese government's Guangdong Romanization, Yale and Jyutping.