

LESSON NOTES

Survival Phrases S1 #40

Post Office with Cantonese 2: What's in the Package?

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TRADITIONAL CHINESE

1. 我要寄呢個包裹去意大利。
2. 包裹入面有乜嘢?

JYUTPING

1. ngo5 jiu3 gei3 ni1 go3 baau1 gwo2 heoi3 ji3 daai6 lei6.
2. baau1 gwo2 jap6 min6 jau5 mat1 je5 ?

ENGLISH

1. I'd like to send this package to Italy.
2. What's in the package?

VOCABULARY

Traditional	Romanization	English	Class
意大利	ji3 daai6 lei6	Italy	noun
寄	gei3	to mail	verb
去	heoi3	to go	verb
乜	mat1	what	pronoun
嘢	je5	thing, things	noun
有	jau5	to have	verb

入面	jap6 min6	inside	noun
包裹	baau1 gwo2	package	noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>我嚟自意大利。 <i>ngo5 lai4 zi4 ji3 daai6 lei6。</i></p> <p>I come from Italy.</p>	<p>幾時寄？ <i>gei2 si4 gei3?</i></p> <p>When (do you) mail (it)?</p>
<p>去唔去天星碼頭？ <i>heoi3 m4 heoi3 tin1 sing1 maa5 tau4?</i></p> <p>Does it go to the star ferry port?</p>	<p>我鍾意去酒吧。 <i>ngo5 zung1 ji3 heoi3 zau2 baa1。</i></p> <p>I like going to bars.</p>
<p>乜都唔識。 <i>mat1 dou1 m4 sik1。</i></p> <p>(One) Doesn't know anything.</p>	<p>一齊食嘢。 <i>jat1 cai4 sik6 je5。</i></p> <p>Eat together.</p>
<p>有三個。 <i>jau5 saam1 go3</i></p> <p>(I) have three.</p>	<p>佢喺入面。 <i>keoi5 hai2 jap6 min6。</i></p> <p>She's inside.</p>
<p>你有一個包裹。 <i>nei5 jau5 jat1 go3 baau1 gwo2。</i></p> <p>You have a package.</p>	

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Quick Tip

Buying stamps in the Cantonese world is very simple. They sell normal stamps at 郵局 (*jau4*)

guk4), so saying 我要郵票 (*ngo5 jiu3 jau4 piu3*) - "I would like some stamps" is the simplest and most common way of asking for them. Remembering your numbers comes in handy here, as they will most likely ask you how many you want.