

LESSON NOTES

Survival Phrases S1 #48

Asking for Help in Cantonese

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TRADITIONAL CHINESE

1. 救命!
2. 救我!
3. 警察!
4. 報警。
5. 搶嘢
6. 偷嘢

JYUTPING

1. gau3 meng6 !
2. gau3 ngo5 !
3. ging2 caat3 !
4. bou3 ging2 .
5. coeng2 je5
6. tau1 je5

ENGLISH

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1. Help!
2. Help me!
3. Police!
4. Call the police.
5. robbery
6. stealing

VOCABULARY

Traditional	Romanization	English	Class
救命	gau3 meng6	help	phrase
警察	ging2 caat3	police	noun
報警	bou3 ging2	to call the police	phrase
偷嘢	tau1 je5	to steal	verb phrase
搶	coeng2	to rob	verb

SAMPLE SENTENCES

救命！我又唔記得咗我嘅密碼！ <i>gau3 meng6 ! ngo5 jau6 ng4 gei3 dak1 zo2 ngo5 ge3 mat6 maa5 !</i> Help! I forgot my password again!	我係警察。 <i>ngo5 hai6 ging2 caat3.</i> I'm a policeman.
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而家報警。

ji4 gaa1 bou3 ging2.

Call the police now.

有人偷嘢。

jau5 jan4 tau1 je5.

Someone's stealing.

搶嘢!

coeng2 ye5!

Robbery!

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Quick Tip: 1

Hong Kong films have often portrayed triads (黑社會) as gun wielding gangsters who fear nobody, but that only happens in the movies. Even in their heyday, triads tended to engage only in prostitution, counterfeiting or loan-sharking and lived underground lives, and rarely targeted the average person on the street. Just stay away from the triads by avoiding loan sharks and illegal betting.

Call **999** when you urgently need help from the Police, Fire and Ambulance services. Hong Kong has a strict service control system, so once you call 999, the police should show up within ten minutes in most cases, usually less.