

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Top 25 Cantonese Questions You Need to Know S1 #1 What's Your Name? in Cantonese

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A: Top 25 Cantonese Questions You Need to Know - Lesson 1: What's your name? in Cantonese. In each lesson of this 25 part series, you'll master a common question for Cantonese learners, and then learn how to answer it like a native speaker. You'll learn how these key phrases work by breaking them down into each component. Then through repetition and new vocabulary, you'll expand your understanding of the question, its answers, and any variations..

In this lesson, you'll learn how to respond to the common question “What's your name?” In Cantonese this is

B: 你叫咩名?

The first word in the question is

B: 你

A: meaning “you” in English.

B: (Slow, by syllable) 你

A: Listen again and repeat.

B: 你

{Pause}

A: This pattern of first introducing a word at natural speed, providing the translation, breaking it down, and then giving it again at natural speed will be repeated throughout the series. Try to speak aloud as often as possible. The next word in the question is

B: 叫

A: meaning “to call”, or “to be called.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 叫

A: Now repeat.

B: 叫

{Pause}

Listen to the the first 2 words of the question and repeat.

B: 你叫

{pause}

Next is

B: 咩

A: meaning “what.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 咩

A: Now repeat.

B: 咩

{Pause}

Listen to the the first 3 words of the question and repeat.

B: 你叫咩

{pause}

And next

B: 名

A: meaning "name"

B: (Slow, by syllable) 名

A: Now repeat.

B: 名

{Pause}

Listen to the entire question and repeat.

B: 你叫咩名?

A: It literally means "You're called what name?"

{pause}

A: You will hear this common question again and again throughout your studies. Master the following pattern and responses to the question What's your name?

B: 我叫欣怡。

A: "My name is Yan-ye." It literally means "I'm called Yan-ye." Again, slowly. Repeat the phrase.

B: (Slow) 我叫欣怡。

{pause}

A: Let's break it down from the beginning. The first word:

B: 我

A: meaning "I".

B: (Slow, by syllable) 我

A: Now repeat

B: 我

{Pause}

A: And next

B: 叫

meaning "to be called."

B: (Slow, by syllable) 叫

A: Now repeat.

B: 叫

{Pause}

A: And next

B: 欣怡

which is the female name “Yan-ye.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 欣怡

A: Now repeat.

B: 欣怡

{Pause}

A: Listen to the speaker say, “My name is Yan-ye.”, and then repeat.

B: 我叫欣怡。

{pause}

A: To expand on the pattern, replace Yan-ye with Chun-kit.

B: 俊傑

A: Chun-kit

B: (slow) 俊傑 (regular) 俊傑

A: Listen to the phrase again, this time with Chun-kit

B: 我叫俊傑。

A: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace Yan-yee with Chun-kit. Say “My name is Chun-kit.”

{pause}

B: 我叫俊傑。

A: To expand on the pattern, replace Chun-kit with Wing-shan.

B: 詠珊

A: Wing-shan

B: (slow) 詠珊 (regular) 詠珊

A: Listen to the phrase again, this time with Wing-shan

B: 我叫詠珊。

A: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace the name Chun-kit with Wing-shan. Say “My name is Wing-shan.”

{pause}

B: 我叫詠珊。

A: To expand on the pattern, replace Wing-shan with Wai-man.

B: 偉文

A: Wai-man

B: (slow) 偉文 (regular) 偉文

A: Listen to the phrase again, this time with Wai-man.

B: 我叫偉文。

A: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace the name Wing-shan with Wai-man. Say My name is Wai-man.

{pause}

B: 我叫偉文。

Now it's time for a quiz. Imagine you're visiting Hong Kong and someone asks your name. Your name is Yan-yee. Respond to the question.

B: 你叫咩名? (five seconds) 我叫欣怡。

A: Now, your name is Chun-kit. Respond to the question.

B: 你叫咩名? (five seconds) 我叫俊傑。

A: Imagine your name is Wing-shan. Answer the speaker's question.

B: 你叫咩名? (five seconds) 我叫詠珊。

A: Imagine your name is Wai-man. Respond to the question.

B: 你叫咩名? (five seconds) 我叫偉文。

A: You want to learn that person's name. Ask the question.

(5 seconds)

B: 你叫咩名?

{pause}

A: Now it's time to answer the question with actual information about yourself.

B: 你叫咩名?

[pause]

A: This is the end of Lesson 1