

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Top 25 Cantonese Questions You Need to Know S1 #13 Do You Have Any Brothers or Sisters? in Cantonese

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A: Top 25 Cantonese Questions You Need to Know - Lesson 13: Do you have any brothers or sisters? 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. 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, "Do you have any brothers or sisters?" In Cantonese this is

B: 你有冇兄弟姊妹?

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: 有冇

A: meaning “to have or to not have.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 有冇

A: Now repeat.

B: 有冇

{Pause}

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

B: 你有冇

{pause}

And next

B: 兄弟姊妹

A: meaning “brothers or sisters” or “siblings.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 兄弟姊妹

A: Now repeat.

B: 兄弟姊妹

{Pause}

Listen to the entire question and repeat.

B: 你有有兄弟姊妹?

{pause}

A: You will hear this common question again and again throughout your studies. Master the following pattern and responses to the question Do you have any brothers or sisters?

B: 我有一個妹妹。

A: "I have a younger sister." Again, slowly. Repeat the phrase.

B: (Slow) 我有一個妹妹。

{pause}

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

B: 我

A: means "I."

B: (Slow, by syllable) 我

A: Now repeat

B: 我

{Pause}

A: Next is

B: 有

meaning “to have.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 有

A: Now repeat.

B: 有

{Pause}

A: Next is

B: 一個

A: meaning “one”, followed by the measure word for siblings.

B: (Slow, by syllable) 一個

A: Now repeat.

B: 一個

{Pause}

A: And next

B: 妹妹

A: meaning “younger sister.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 妹妹

A: Now repeat.

B: 妹妹

{Pause}

A: Listen to the speaker say, “I have a younger sister.”, and then repeat.

B: 我有一個妹妹。

{pause}

A: To use a different phrase, replace “a younger sister” with “an elder brother.”

B: 哥哥

A: an elder brother

B: (slow) 哥哥 (regular) 哥哥

A: Listen to the phrase again, this time with an elder brother

B: 我有一個哥哥。

A: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace “a younger sister” with “an elder brother.”
Say “I have an elder brother.”

{pause}

B: 我有一個哥哥。

A: To expand on the pattern, replace “an elder brother” with “an elder sister.”

B: 家姐

A: an elder sister

B: (slow) 家姐 (regular) 家姐

A: Listen to the phrase again, this time with “an elder sister”

B: 我有一個家姐。

A: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace “an elder brother” with “an elder sister.”
Say “I have an elder sister.”

{pause}

B: 我有一個家姐。

A: To make another phrase, replace “an elder sister” with “a younger brother.”

B: 細佬

A: a younger brother

B: (slow) 細佬 (regular) 細佬

A: Listen to the phrase again, this time with “younger brother”

B: 我有一個細佬。

A: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace “an elder sister” with “a younger brother.”
Say “I have a younger brother.”

{pause}

B: 我有一個細佬。

Now it's time for a quiz. Imagine you are visiting Hong Kong and someone asks you if you have any brothers or sisters. You want to say you have a younger sister. Respond to the question.

B: 你有有兄弟姊妹? (five seconds) 我有一個妹妹。

A: Now imagine you have an elder brother. Respond to the question.

B: 你有有兄弟姊妹? (five seconds) 我有一個哥哥。

A: Imagine you have an elder sister. Answer the speaker's question.

B: 你有有兄弟姊妹? (five seconds) 我有一個家姐。

A: Imagine you have a younger brother. Respond to the question.

B: 你有有兄弟姊妹? (five seconds) 我有一個細佬。

A: You want to ask someone if they have any brothers or sisters. Ask the question.

(5 seconds)

B: 你有有兄弟姊妹?

{pause}

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

B: 你有有兄弟姊妹?

{pause}

A: This is the end of Lesson 13