

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Top 25 Cantonese Questions You Need to Know S1 #14 How Tall Are You? in Cantonese

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A: Top 25 Cantonese Questions You Need to Know - Lesson 14: How tall are you? 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 “How tall are you?” In Cantonese this is

B: 你幾高?

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: 幾

A: meaning “how.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 幾

A: Now repeat.

B: 幾

{Pause}

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

B: 你幾

{pause}

And after that

B: 高

A: meaning “tall.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 高

A: Now repeat.

B: 高

{Pause}

Listen to the entire question and repeat.

B: 你幾高?

{pause}

A: It literally means "You, how tall?"

A: You will hear this common question again and again throughout your studies. Master the following pattern and responses to the question "How tall are you?"

B: 我高一米八。

A: "I'm 180 cm tall." Again, slowly. Repeat the phrase.

B: (Slow) 我高一米八。

{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: 高

meaning “tall.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 高

A: Now repeat.

B: 高

{Pause}

A: And next

B: 一米八

meaning “180 cm.” or literally “1.8 m.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 一米八

A: Now repeat.

B: 一米八

{Pause}

A: Listen to the speaker say, “I’m 180 cm tall” or literally “I’m 1.8 m tall”, and then repeat.

B: 我高一米八。

{pause}

A: To expand on the pattern, replace 180 cm with 150 cm.

B: 一米五

A: meaning “150 centimeters” or literally “1.5 meter.”

B: (slow) 一米五 (regular) 一米五

A: Listen to the phrase again, this time with 150 cm.

B: 我高一米五。

A: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace 180 cm with 150 cm. Say “I’m 150 cm tall.” or literally “I’m 1.5 m tall.”

{pause}

B: 我高一米五。

A: To use a different phrase, replace 150 cm with 160 cm.

B: 一米六

A: meaning “160 centimeters” or literally “1.6 meter”.

B: (slow) 一米六 (regular) 一米六

A: Listen to the phrase again, this time with 160 cm.

B: 我高一米六。

A: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace 150 cm with 160 cm. Say “I'm 160cm tall.” or literally “I'm 1.6 m tall.”

{pause}

B: 我高一米六。

A: To make another phrase, replace 160 cm with 190 cm.

B: 一米九

A: meaning “190 centimeters” or literally “1.9 meter”.

B: (slow) 一米九 (regular) 一米九

A: Listen to the phrase again, this time with 190 cm.

B: 我高一米九。

A: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace 160 cm with 190 cm. Say “I'm 190cm tall.” or literally “I'm 1.9 m tall.”

{pause}

B: 我高一米九。

Now it's time for a quiz. Imagine you are visiting Hong Kong and someone asks you how tall you are. You are 180 cm tall. Respond to the question.

B: 你幾高? (five seconds) 我高一米八。

A: Imagine you are 150cm tall. Respond to the question.

B: 你幾高? (five seconds) 我高一米五。

A: Now imagine you are 160cm tall. Answer the speaker's question.

B: 你幾高? (five seconds) 我高一米六。

A: Imagine you're 190cm tall. Respond to the question.

B: 你幾高? (five seconds) 我高一米九。

A: Now you want to ask that person how tall he or she is. Ask the question

(5 seconds)

B: 你幾高?

{pause}

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

B: 你幾高?

{pause}

A: This is the end of Lesson 14