

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Top 25 Cantonese Questions You Need to Know S1 #15 Do You Have a Cell Phone? in Cantonese

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A: Top 25 Cantonese Questions You Need to Know - Lesson 15: Do you have a cell phone? 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 a cell phone?” In Cantonese this is

B: 你有冇手提電話?

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 after that

B: 手提電話

A: meaning “cellphone.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 手提電話

A: Now repeat.

B: 手提電話

{Pause}

Listen to the entire question and repeat.

B: 你有冇手提電話?

{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 a cell phone?”

B: 有呀, 我有部 iPhone。

A: “Yes, I have an iPhone.” Again, slowly. Repeat the phrase.

B: (Slow) 有呀, 我有部iPhone。

{pause}

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

B: 有呀

A: means something like “Yes, I have” or “Yes, there is.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 有呀

A: Now repeat

B: 有呀

{Pause}

A: And next

B: 我

meaning "I."

B: (Slow, by syllable) 我

A: Now repeat.

B: 我

{Pause}

A: And after that

B: 有

meaning "to have."

B: (Slow, by syllable) 有

A: Now repeat.

B: 有

{Pause}

A: Next is

B: 部

A: A measure word for machines such as phones, computers, or cars.

B: (Slow, by syllable) 部

A: Now repeat.

B: 部

{Pause}

A: And after that

B: iPhone

meaning iPhone.

B: (Slow, by syllable) iPhone

A: Now repeat.

B: iPhone

{Pause}

A: Listen to the speaker say, "Yes, I have an iPhone.", and then repeat.

B: 有呀, 我有部iPhone。

{pause}

A: To use a different phrase, replace “iPhone” with “Samsung.”

B: 三星

A: Samsung

B: (slow) 三星 (regular) 三星

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

B: 有呀，我有部三星。

A: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace “iPhone” with “Samsung.” Say “Yes, I have a Samsung.”

{pause}

B: 有呀，我有部三星。

A: To expand on the pattern, replace “Samsung” with “Xiaomi.”

B: 小米

A: Xiaomi

B: (slow) 小米 (regular) 小米

A: Listen to the phrase again, this time with Xiaomi

B: 有呀，我有部小米。

A: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace “Samsung” with “Xiaomi.” Say “Yes, I have a Xiaomi.”

{pause}

B: 有呀，我有部小米。

A: To expand on the pattern, replace “Xiaomi” with “Sony.”

B: Sony

A: Sony

B: (slow) Sony (regular) Sony

A: Listen to the phrase again, this time with Sony

B: 有呀，我有部Sony。

A: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace “Xiaomi” with “Sony.” Say “Yes, I have a Sony.”

{pause}

B: 有呀，我有部Sony。

Now it's time for a quiz. Imagine you are visiting Hong Kong and someone asks you if you have a cell phone. You have an iPhone. Respond to the question.

B: 你有冇手提電話? (five seconds) 有呀，我有部iPhone。

A: Now imagine you have a Samsung. Respond to the question.

B: 你有冇手提電話? (five seconds) 有呀, 我有部三星。

A: Now imagine you have a Xiaomi. Answer the speaker's question.

B: 你有冇手提電話? (five seconds) 有呀, 我有部小米。

A: Now imagine you have a Sony. Respond to the question.

B: 你有冇手提電話? (five seconds) 有呀, 我有部Sony。

A: You want to ask that person if they have a cell phone. Ask the question.

(5 seconds)

B: 你有冇手提電話?

{pause}

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

B: 你有冇手提電話?

{pause}

A: This is the end of Lesson 15