

LESSON NOTES

Top 25 Cantonese Questions You Need to Know S1 #16 How Are You? in Cantonese

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TRADITIONAL CHINESE

1. Q: 你好嗎?
2. A: 我幾好。
3. A: 我好好。
4. A: 我非常好。
5. A: 我唔係幾好。

JYUTPING

1. Q: nei5 hou2 maa1?
2. A: ngo5 gei2 hou2
3. A: ngo5 hou2 hou2
4. A: ngo5 fei1 soeng4 hou2
5. A: ngo5 m4 hai6 gei2 hou2

ENGLISH

1. Q: How are you?
2. A: I'm fine.

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3. A: I'm great.
4. A: I'm very good.
5. A: I'm not so well.

VOCABULARY

Traditional	Romanization	English	Class
唔係幾好	m4 hai6 gei1 hou2	not so well	adverb
你	nei5	you (singular)	pronoun
好	hou2	good, okay, alright	adjective
嗎	maa1	question marking particle	particle
我	ngo5	I	pronoun
幾	gei2	pretty	adverb
好好	hou2 hou2	very good	phrase
非常好	fei1 soeng4 hou2	excellent	adjective

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>你被邀請。</p> <p><i>nei5 bei6 jiu1 cing2.</i></p> <p>You are invited.</p>	<p>你最近點呀?</p> <p><i>nei5 zeoi3 gan6 dim2 aa3 ?</i></p> <p>How have you been lately?</p>
<p>好啊!</p> <p><i>hou2 a3!</i></p> <p>Okay!</p>	<p>我叫Nicole。</p> <p><i>ngo5 giu3 Nicole.</i></p> <p>I'm (called) Nicole.</p>

我個姪仔咁嘅歲數嚟講都幾厚面皮。

*ngo5 go3 zat6 zai2 gam2 ge3 sei3 sou3 lei4
gong2 dou1 gei2 hau5 min6 pei4.*

My nephew is pretty cheeky for a child of his age.

我好好。

ngo5 hou2 hou2.

I'm very good/well.

呢個係一個非常好嘅方法，嚟向顧客介紹我哋嘅公司。

*ni1 go3 hai6 jat1 go3 fei1 soeng4 hou2 ge3 fong1 faat3, lei4 hoeng3 gu3 haak3 gaai3 siu6 ngo5 dei6
ge3 gung1 si1.*

This is an excellent way to introduce our company to the customers.

GRAMMAR

The focus of this lesson is how to say "How are you?" in Cantonese.

The question is broken down into 3 words:

	Cantonese	Jyutping	English
Word 1	你	<i>nei5</i>	you (singular)
Word 2	好	<i>hou2</i>	good, okay
Word 3	嗎	<i>maa1</i>	question marking particle