

LESSON NOTES

Top 25 Cantonese Questions You Need to Know S1 #2 Where Are You From? in Cantonese

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TRADITIONAL CHINESE

1. Q: 你邊度嚟㗎?
2. A: 我美國嚟嘅。
3. A: 我英國嚟嘅。
4. A: 我中國嚟嘅。
5. A: 我德國嚟嘅。

JYUTPING

1. Q: nei5 bin1 dou6 lei4 gaa2 ?
2. A: ngo5 mei5 gwok3 lei4 ge3
3. A: ngo5 jing1 gwok3 lei4 ge3
4. A: ngo5 zung1 gwok3 lei4 ge3
5. A: ngo5 dak1 gwok3 lei4 ge3

ENGLISH

1. Q: Where are you from?
2. A: I'm from the U.S.

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3. A: I'm from England.
4. A: I'm from China.
5. A: I'm from Germany.

VOCABULARY

Traditional	Romanization	English	Class
德國	dak1 gwok3	Germany	noun
你	nei5	you (singular)	pronoun
邊度	bin1 dou6	where	pronoun
嚟	lei4 / lai4	to come	verb
㗎	gaa3	particle that indicates question or doubt	particle
我	ngo5	I	pronoun
美國	mei5 gwok3	America	noun
嘅	ge3	possessive particle	possessive particle
英國	jing1 gwok3	England	noun
中國	zung1 gwok3	China	noun

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>
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<p>廁所喺邊度? <i>ci3 so2 hai2 bin1 dou6?</i></p> <p>Where is the toilet?</p>	<p>你屋企喺邊度? <i>nei5 uk1 kei2 hai2 bin1 dou6 ?</i></p> <p>Where's your house?</p>
<p>邊度有廁所? <i>bin1 dou6 jau5 ci3 so2 ?</i></p> <p>Where is the washroom?</p>	<p>我知你唔想我嚟個PARTY。 <i>ngo5 zi1 nei5 m4 soeng2 ngo5 lei4 go3 PARTY.</i></p> <p>I know you don't want me to come to the party.</p>
<p>點解你唔嚟? <i>dim2 gai2 nei5 m4 lei4?</i></p> <p>Why don't you come?</p>	<p>我嚟幫你。 <i>ngo5 lai4 bong1 nei5.</i></p> <p>Let me (come) help you.</p>
<p>水晶球占卜? 得唔得㗎? <i>seoi2 zing1 kau4 zim1 buk1? dak1 m4 dak1 gaa3?</i></p> <p>Using a crystal ball to tell fortunes? Are you sure it works?</p>	<p>係未㗎? <i>hai6 mei6 gaa3?</i></p> <p>Is it?</p>
<p>我叫Nicole。 <i>ngo5 giu3 Nicole.</i></p> <p>I'm (called) Nicole.</p>	<p>你有冇去過美國? <i>nei5 jau5 mou5 heoi3 gwok3 mei5 gwok3?</i></p> <p>Have you been to America?</p>
<p>呢個係我嘅收藏品。 <i>ni1 go3 hai6 ngo5 ge3 sau1 cong4 ban2 .</i></p> <p>This is my collection.</p>	<p>我嘅單車唔見咗。 <i>ngo5 ge3 daan1 ce1 m4 gin3 zo2.</i></p> <p>My bike is missing.</p>
<p>我唔鍾意英國嘅天氣。 <i>ngo5 m4 zung1 ji3 jing1 gwok3 ge3 tin1 hei3.</i></p> <p>I don't like the weather in England.</p>	<p>北京係中國首都。 <i>baak1 ging1 hai6 zung1 gwok3 sau2 dou1.</i></p> <p>Beijing is the capital of China.</p>
<p>我從中國嚟。 <i>ngo5 zi1 nei5 m4 soeng2 ngo5 lei4 go3 PARTY.</i></p> <p>I come from China.</p>	

GRAMMAR

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

The question is broken down into 4 words:

	Cantonese	Jyutping	English
Word 1	你	nei5	you (singular)
Word 2	邊度	bin1 dou6	where
Word 3	嚟	lei4	to come
Word 4	㗎	gaa2	question marking particle