

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Top 25 Cantonese Questions You Need to Know S1 #21 Are You Hungry? in Cantonese

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A: Top 25 Cantonese Questions You Need to Know - Lesson 21: Are you hungry? 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 “Are you hungry?” In Cantonese this is

B: 你肚唔肚餓?

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: 肚唔肚餓

A: meaning “to be hungry or to not be hungry.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 肚唔肚餓

A: Now repeat.

B: 肚唔肚餓

{Pause}

Listen to the entire question and repeat.

B: 你肚唔肚餓

{pause}

A: You will hear this common question again and again throughout your studies. Master the following pattern and responses to the question “Are you hungry?”

B: 少少啦。

A: "I'm a little hungry." Again, slowly. Repeat the phrase.

B: (Slow) 少少啦。

{pause}

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

B: 少少

A: means “a bit”, “a little bit.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 少少

A: Now repeat

B: 少少

{Pause}

A: And next

B: 啦

A: The sentence-ending particle.

B: (Slow, by syllable) 啦

A: Now repeat.

B: 啦

{Pause}

A: Listen to the speaker say, “I’m a little hungry.”, and then repeat.

B: 少少啦。

{pause}

A: To use a different phrase, replace “a little” with “a bit.”

B: 有啲

A: a bit

B: (slow) 有啲 (regular) 有啲

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

B: 有啲啦。

A: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace “a little” with “a bit.” Say “I’m a bit hungry.”

{pause}

B: 有啲啦。

A: To use a different phrase, replace “a bit” with “quite.”

B: 幾

A: quite

B: (slow) 幾 (regular) 幾

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

B: 幾啦。

A: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace “a bit” with “quite.” Say “I’m quite hungry.”

{pause}

B: 幾啦。

To say "no", in a simple way, just say:

B: 唔肚餓。

A: Which is like saying “I’m not hungry.” in English. Let's hear it slowly.

B: (Slowly) 唔肚餓。

A: And one more time at normal speed:

B: 唔肚餓。

A: To say "I’m not hungry at all", just say:

B: 一啲都唔肚餓。

A: which means something like “Not even one bit.” in English. Let's hear it slowly.

B: (Slowly) 一啲都唔肚餓。

A: And one more time at normal speed:

B: 一啲都唔肚餓。

{pause}

B: 一啲都唔肚餓。

Now it's time for a quiz. Imagine you are visiting Hong Kong and a someone asks you if you're hungry. You want to answer "I'm a little hungry." Respond to the question.

B: 你肚唔肚餓? (five seconds) 少少啦。

A: Now you want to say "I'm a bit hungry." Respond to the question.

B: 你肚唔肚餓? (five seconds) 有啲啦。

A: You want to say "I'm quite hungry." Answer the speaker's question.

B: 你肚唔肚餓? (five seconds) 幾啦。

A: You want to say "I'm not hungry." Respond to the question.

B: 你肚唔肚餓? (five seconds) 唔肚餓。

A: You want to ask someone if they are hungry. Ask the question

(5 seconds)

B: 你肚唔肚餓?

{pause}

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

B: 你肚唔肚餓?

{pause}

A: This is the end of Lesson 21