

LESSON NOTES

Top 25 Cantonese Questions You Need to Know S1 #22 What's This? in Cantonese

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TRADITIONAL CHINESE

1. Q: 呢個係咩?
2. A: 係一部相機。
3. A: 係一部打字機。
4. A: 係一部電視。
5. A: 係一部電話。

JYUTPING

1. Q: ne1 go3 hai6 me1?
2. A: hai6 jat1 bou6 soeng1 gei1
3. A: hai6 jat1 bou6 daa2 zi6 gei1
4. A: hai6 jat1 bou6 din6 si6
5. A: hai6 jat1 bou6 din6 waa2

ENGLISH

1. Q: What's this?
2. A: It's a camera.

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3. A: It's a typewriter.
4. A: It's a television.
5. A: It's a telephone.

VOCABULARY

Traditional	Romanization	English	Class
係	hai6	to be	verb
咩	me1	what	pronoun
一部	jat1 bou6	one, a thing, one thing	phrase
相機	soeng1 gei1	camera	noun
打字機	daa1 zi6 gei1	typewriter	noun
電視	din6si6	television	noun
電話	din6 waa2	telephone	noun
邊個	bin1 go3	who	pronoun
㗎	gaa3	particle that indicates question or doubt	particle
個	go3	(measure word)	measure word
呢	ni1	this	pronoun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>我係學生。 <i>Ngo5 hai6 hok6 saang1.</i></p> <p>"I am a student."</p>	<p>發生咩事? <i>Faat3 saang1 me1 si6 ?</i></p> <p>What happened?</p>
<p>你叫咩名? <i>nei5 giu3 me1 meng2 ?</i></p> <p>What's your name?</p>	<p>家人在一起看電視。 <i>Gaa1 jan4 zoi6 jat1hei2 hon3 din6si6.</i></p> <p>The family is watching television.</p>
<p>有冇我電話? <i>jau5 mou5 ngo5 din6 waa2?</i></p> <p>Are there any phone calls for me?</p>	<p>我唔理係邊個打嚟，你唔可以用呢度個電話。 <i>ngo5 m4 lei5 hai6 bin1 go3 daa2 lei4, nei5 m4 ho2 ji3 jung6 ni1 dou6 go3 din6 waa2.</i></p> <p>I don't care who is calling, you cannot use the phone here.</p>
<p>你係邊個? <i>nei5 hai6 bin1 go3?</i></p> <p>Who are you?</p>	<p>水晶球占卜？得唔得啲？ <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>係未啲？ <i>hai6 mei6 gaa3?</i></p> <p>Is it?</p>	<p>我有兩個姊妹。 <i>ngo5 jau5 loeng5 go3 ze4 ze1.</i></p> <p>I have two older sisters.</p>
<p>呢個係婆婆俾我嘅。 <i>ni1 go3 hai6 po4 po2 bei2 ngo5 ge3.</i></p> <p>My grandmother gave me this.</p>	<p>呢件衫好好睇。 <i>ni1 gin6 saam1 hou2 hou2 tai2.</i></p> <p>This clothing looks really good.</p>

GRAMMAR

The focus of this lesson is how to say "What's this?" in Cantonese.

The question is broken down into 4 words:

	Cantonese	Jyutping	English
Word 1	呢	<i>ne1</i>	this
Word 2	個	<i>go3</i>	(measure word), thing
Word 3	係	<i>hai6</i>	to be
Word 4	咩	<i>me1</i>	what