

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Top 25 Cantonese Questions You Need to Know S1 #23 Whose Is This? in Cantonese

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A: Top 25 Cantonese Questions You Need to Know - Lesson 23: Whose is this? 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 “Whose is this?” In Cantonese this is

B: 呢個係邊個嘍?

The first word in the question is

B: 呢個

A: meaning “this” in English.

B: (Slow, by syllable) 呢個

A: Listen again and repeat.

B: 呢個

{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: 係

A: meaning “to be.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 係

A: Now repeat.

B: 係

{Pause}

Listen to the the first 2 words of the question and repeat.

B: 呢個係

{pause}

Next is

B: 邊個

A: meaning “who” or “whose.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 邊個

A: Now repeat.

B: 邊個

{Pause}

Listen to the the first 3 words of the question and repeat.

B: 呢個係邊個

{pause}

And after that

B: 㗎

A: Sentence-ending particle.

B: (Slow, by syllable) 㗎

A: Now repeat.

B: 㗎

{Pause}

Listen to the entire question and repeat.

B: 呢個係邊個㗎

{pause}

A: It literally means “this is whose?”

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

B: 係我嘅。

A: "It's mine." Again, slowly. Repeat the phrase.

B: (Slow) 係我嘅。

{pause}

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

B: 係

A: means "to be."

B: (Slow, by syllable) 係

A: Now repeat

B: 係

{Pause}

A: And after that

B: 我

meaning "I."

B: (Slow, by syllable) 我

A: Now repeat.

B: 我

{Pause}

A: And next

B: 嘅

A: the possessive particle

B: (Slow, by syllable) 嘅

A: Now repeat.

B: 嘅

{Pause}

A: Listen to the speaker say, "It's mine." and then repeat.

B: 係我嘅。

{pause}

A: To expand on the pattern, replace "mine" with "his."

B: 佢嘅

A: meaning “his.” It also means “hers.”

B: (slow) 佢嘅 (regular) 佢嘅

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

B: 係佢嘅。

A: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace “mine” with “his.” Say “It's his.”

{pause}

B: 係佢嘅。

A: To use a different phrase, replace “his” with “my mother's.”

B: 我媽媽嘅

A: “my mother's

B: (slow) 我媽媽嘅 (regular) 我媽媽嘅

A: Listen to the phrase again, this time with “my mother's”

B: 係我媽媽嘅。

A: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace “his” with “my mother's.” Say “It's my mother's.”

{pause}

B: 係我媽媽嘅。

A: To expand on the pattern, replace “my mother's” with “boss's.”

B: 老闆嘅

A: boss's

B: (slow) 老闆嘅 (regular) 老闆嘅

A: Listen to the phrase again, this time with “boss's”

B: 係老闆嘅。

A: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace “my mother's” with “boss's.” Say “It's my boss's.”

{pause}

B: 係老闆嘅。

Now it's time for a quiz. Imagine you are visiting Hong Kong, and someone asks you whom something belongs to. You want to say “It's mine.” Respond to the question.

B: 呢個係邊個嘅? (five seconds) 係我嘅。

A: Now, you want to say “it's his.” or “it's hers.” Respond to the question.

B: 呢個係邊個嘅? (five seconds) 係佢嘅。

A: Now, you want to say “it’s my mother’s.” Answer the speaker’s question.

B: 呢個係邊個嘅? (five seconds) 係我媽媽嘅。

A: Now, you want to say “It’s my boss’s.” Respond to the question.

B: 呢個係邊個嘅? (five seconds) 係老闆嘅。

A: Imagine that you find something, and you want to know who it belongs to. Ask the question.

(5 seconds)

B: 呢個係邊個嘅?

{pause}

A: This is the end of Lesson 23.