

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Top 25 Cantonese Questions You Need to Know S1 #25 How Much Is This? in Cantonese

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

B: 呢個幾錢?

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: 幾錢

A: meaning “how much money”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 幾錢

A: Now repeat.

B: 幾錢

{Pause}

Listen to the entire question and repeat.

B: 呢個幾錢

{pause}

A: Master the following pattern and responses to the question How much is this?

B: 港幣五十蚊。

A: "It's HK\$0." Again, slowly. Repeat the phrase.

B: (Slow) 港幣五十蚊。

{pause}

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

B: 港幣

A: means “Hong Kong Dollar.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 港幣

A: Now repeat

B: 港幣

{Pause}

A: And next

B: 五十

meaning “fifty (50).”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 五十

A: Now repeat.

B: 五十

{Pause}

A: And next

B: 蚊

A: A measure word for Hong Kong dollar.

B: (Slow, by syllable) 蚊

A: Now repeat.

B: 蚊

{Pause}

A: Listen to the speaker say, "It's HK\$0.", and then repeat.

B: 港幣五十蚊。

{pause}

A: To expand on the pattern, replace 50 with 100.

B: 一百

A: 100

B: (slow) 一百 (regular) 一百

A: Listen to the phrase again, this time with 100.

B: 港幣一百蚊。

A: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace 50 with 100. Say "It's HK\$00."

{pause}

B: 港幣一百蚊。

A: To use a different phrase, replace 100 with 2,000.

B: 二千

A: 2,000

B: (slow) 二千 (regular) 二千

A: Listen to the phrase again, this time with 2,000.

B: 港幣二千蚊。

A: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace 100 with 2,000. Say "It's HK\$2000."

{pause}

B: 港幣二千蚊。

A: To expand on the pattern, replace 2,000 with 200.

B: 兩百

A: 200

B: (slow) 兩百 (regular) 兩百

A: Listen to the phrase again, this time with 200

B: 港幣兩百蚊。

A: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace 2,000 with 200. Say "It's HK\$200."

{pause}

B: 港幣兩百蚊。

Now it's time for a quiz. Imagine you are visiting Hong Kong and someone asks you how much something is. It is HK\$50. Respond to the question.

B: 呢個幾錢? (five seconds) 港幣五十蚊。

A: Now imagine It's HK\$100. Respond to the question.

B: 呢個幾錢? (five seconds) 港幣一百蚊。

A: Imagine It's HK\$2,000. Answer the speaker's question.

B: 呢個幾錢? (five seconds) 港幣二千蚊。

A: Now imagine It's HK\$200. Respond to the question.

B: 呢個幾錢? (five seconds) 港幣兩百蚊。

A: You want to learn how much something is. Ask the question.

(5 seconds)

B: 呢個幾錢?

{pause}

A: This is the end of Lesson 25