

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

# Top 25 Cantonese Questions You Need to Know S1 #3 Where Do You Live? in Cantonese

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A: Top 25 Cantonese Questions You Need to Know - Lesson 3: Where do you live? 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 “Where do you live?” In Cantonese this is

B: 你住喺邊度?

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: 住

A: meaning “to live.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 住

A: Now repeat.

B: 住

{Pause}

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

B: 你住

{pause}

And after that

B: 喺

A: meaning “to be located at” or “in”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 喺

A: Now repeat.

B: 喺

{Pause}

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

B: 你住嘅

{pause}

And next

B: 邊度

A: meaning “where.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 邊度

A: Now repeat.

B: 邊度

{Pause}

Listen to the entire question and repeat.

B: 你住嘅邊度

{pause}

A: It literally means “You live in where?”

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

B: 我住嚟紐約。

A: "I live in New York." Again, slowly. Repeat the phrase.

B: (Slow) 我住嚟紐約。

{pause}

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

B: 我

A: means "I."

B: (Slow, by syllable) 我

A: Now repeat

B: 我

{Pause}

A: And next

B: 住

meaning "to live."

B: (Slow, by syllable) 住

A: Now repeat.

B: 住

{Pause}

A: And after that

B: 喺

A: meaning “to be located at” or “in”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 喺

A: Now repeat.

B: 喺

{Pause}

A: And next

B: 紐約

which means “New York.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 紐約

A: Now repeat.

B: 紐約

{Pause}

A: Listen to the speaker say, "I live in New York.", and then repeat.

B: 我住喺紐約。

{pause}

A: To expand on the pattern, replace New York with Hong Kong.

B: 香港

A: Hong Kong

B: (slow) 香港 (regular) 香港

A: Listen to the phrase again, this time with Hong Kong

B: 我住喺香港。

A: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace New York with Hong Kong. Say "I live in Hong Kong."

{pause}

B: 我住喺香港。

A: To expand on the pattern, replace Hong Kong with Shanghai.

B: 上海

A: Shanghai

B: (slow) 上海 (regular) 上海

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

B: 我住喺上海。

A: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace Hong Kong with Shanghai. Say “I live in Shanghai.”

{pause}

B: 我住喺上海。

A: To expand on the pattern, replace Shanghai with Tokyo.

B: 東京

A: Tokyo

B: (slow) 東京 (regular) 東京

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

B: 我住喺東京。

A: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace Shanghai with Tokyo. Say “I live in Tokyo.”



{pause}

B: 我住喺東京。

Now it's time for a quiz. Imagine you are visiting Hong Kong and someone asks where you live. You live in New York. Respond to the question.

B: 你住喺邊度? (five seconds) 我住喺紐約。

A: Imagine you live in Hong Kong. Respond to the question.

B: 你住喺邊度? (five seconds) 我住喺香港。

A: Imagine you live in Shanghai. Answer the speaker's question.

B: 你住喺邊度? (five seconds) 我住喺上海。

A: Imagine you live in Tokyo. Respond to the question.

B: 你住喺邊度? (five seconds) 我住喺東京。

A: Now you want to ask that person where they live. Ask the question.

(5 seconds)

B: 你住喺邊度?

{pause}

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

B: 你住喺邊度?

{pause}

A: This is the end of Lesson 3