

## LESSON NOTES

# Top 25 Cantonese Questions You Need to Know S1 #4 What Do You Do? in Cantonese

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## TRADITIONAL CHINESE

1. Q: 你做咩嘍?
2. A: 我係教師。
3. A: 我係警察。
4. A: 我係護士。
5. A: 我係司機。

## JYUTPING

1. Q: nei5 zou6 me1 gaa2 ?
2. A: ngo5 hai6 gaau1 si1
3. A: ngo5 hai6 ging2 caat3
4. A: ngo5 hai6 wu6 si6
5. A: ngo5 hai6 si1 gei1

## ENGLISH

1. Q: What do you do?
2. A: I'm a teacher.

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3. A: I'm a police officer.
4. A: I'm a nurse.
5. A: I'm a driver.

## VOCABULARY

| Traditional | Romanization | English                                   | Class    |
|-------------|--------------|---|----------|
| 司機          | si1 gei1     | driver                                    | noun     |
| 你           | nei5         | you (singular)                            | pronoun  |
| 做           | zou6         | to do; to work                            | verb     |
| 咩           | me1          | what                                      | pronoun  |
| 㗎           | gaa3         | particle that indicates question or doubt | particle |
| 我           | ngo5         | I   | pronoun  |
| 係           | hai6         | to be                                     | verb     |
| 教師          | gaau3 si1    | teacher                                   | noun     |
| 警察          | ging2 caat3  | police                                    | noun     |
| 護士          | wu6 si6      | nurse                                     | noun     |

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

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| <p>你被邀請。</p> <p><i>nei5 bei6 jiu1 cing2.</i></p> <p>You are invited.</p> | <p>你最近點呀？</p> <p><i>nei5 zeoi3 gan6 dim2 aa3 ?</i></p> <p>How have you been lately?</p> |
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| <p>我唔知做乜好。<br/><i>ngo5 m4 zi1 zou6 mat1 hou2.</i></p> <p>I don't know what to do.</p>  | <p>最近好多嘢做。<br/><i>zeoi3 gan6 hou2 do1 je5 zou6.</i></p> <p>(There's) a lot of stuff to do lately.</p> |
| <p>發生咩事?<br/><i>Faat3 saang1 me1 si6 ?</i></p> <p>What happened?</p>   | <p>你叫咩名?<br/><i>nei5 giu3 me1 meng2 ?</i></p> <p>What's your name?</p>                                |
| <p>水晶球占卜? 得唔得㗎?<br/><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>係未㗎?<br/><i>hai6 mei6 gaa3?</i></p> <p>Is it?</p>  |
| <p>我叫Nicole。<br/><i>ngo5 giu3 Nicole.</i></p> <p>I'm (called) Nicole.</p>  | <p>我係學生。<br/><i>Ngo5 hai6 hok6 saang1.</i></p> <p>"I am a student."</p>                               |
| <p>英文教師</p> <p>English teacher.</p>  | <p>我係警察。<br/><i>ngo5 hai6 ging2 caat3.</i></p> <p>I'm a policeman.</p>                                |
| <p>你見咗護士先。<br/><i>nei5 gin3 zo2 wu6 si6 sin1.</i></p> <p>Why don't you see a nurse first.</p>  |   |

## GRAMMAR

The focus of this lesson is how to say "Where do you live?" in Cantonese.

The question is broken down into 4 words:

|               | Cantonese | Jyutping    | English        |
|---------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|
| <b>Word 1</b> | 你         | <i>nei5</i> | you (singular) |

|               |   |             |                              |
|---------------|---|-------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Word 2</b> | 做 | <i>zou6</i> | to do, to work               |
| <b>Word 3</b> | 咩 | <i>me1</i>  | what                         |
| <b>Word 4</b> | 㗎 | <i>gaa2</i> | question marking<br>particle |