

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Top 25 Cantonese Questions You Need to Know S1 #6 How Long Have You Been Studying Cantonese

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A: Top 25 Cantonese Questions You Need to Know - Lesson 6: How long have you been studying 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 long have you been studying Cantonese? In Cantonese this is

B: 你學咗廣東話幾耐?

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: 學咗

A: meaning “to have learned.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 學咗

A: Now repeat.

B: 學咗

{Pause}

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

B: 你學咗

{pause}

And after that

B: 廣東話

A: meaning “Cantonese language.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 廣東話

A: Now repeat.

B: 廣東話

{Pause}

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

B: 你學咗廣東話

{pause}

And next

B: 幾耐

A: meaning “how long”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 幾耐

A: Now repeat.

B: 幾耐

{Pause}

Listen to the entire question and repeat.

B: 你學咗廣東話幾耐?

{pause}

A: It literally means “You’ve learned Cantonese how long?”

A: You will hear this common question again and again throughout your studies.
Master the following pattern and responses to the question How long have you been

studying Cantonese?

B: 一個月。

A: "For 1 month." Again, slowly. Repeat the phrase.

B: (Slow) 一個月。

{pause}

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

B: 一個

A: meaning "one" followed by the measure word for months

B: (Slow, by syllable) 一個

A: Now repeat

B: 一個

{Pause}

A: And next

B: 月

meaning "month."

B: (Slow, by syllable) 月

A: Now repeat.

B: 月

{Pause}

A: Listen to the speaker say, "For 1 month.", and then repeat.

B: 一個月。

{pause}

A: If you've learned Cantonese for one year, you can say..

B: 一年

A: "for one year.

B: (slow) 一年 (regular) 一年

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

B: 一

A: means "one"

B: (Slow, by syllable) 一

A: Now repeat

B: 一

{Pause}

A: And next

B: 年

means “year.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 年

A: Now repeat.

B: 年

{Pause}

A: Listen to the speaker say, “For one year.” and then repeat.

B: 一年

{pause}

A: If you’ve learned Cantonese for three months, you can say...

B: 三個月

A: “for three months”.

B: (slow) 三個月 (regular) 三個月

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

B: 三

A: means “three”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 三

A: Now repeat

B: 三

{Pause}

A: And next

B: 個

A: This is a measure word

B: (Slow, by syllable) 個

A: Now repeat

B: 個

{Pause}

A: And next

B: 月

meaning “month.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 月

A: Now repeat.

B: 月

{Pause}

A: Listen to the speaker say, “For three months.” and then repeat.

B: 三個月

{pause}

A: If you’ve learned Cantonese for two years, you can say..

B: 兩年

A: “for two years.”

B: (slow) 兩年 (regular) 兩年

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

B: 兩

A: meaning “two”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 兩

A: Now repeat

B: 兩

{Pause}

A: And next

B: 年

meaning “year.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 年

A: Now repeat.

B: 年

{Pause}

A: Listen to the speaker say, “For two years.” and then repeat.

B: 兩年

{pause}

Now it's time for a quiz. Imagine you are visiting Hong Kong and someone asks you how long you have been studying Cantonese. You have been studying it for 1 month. Respond to the question.

B: 你學咗廣東話幾耐? (five seconds) 一個月。

A: Imagine you've been studying it for one year. Respond to the question.

B: 你學咗廣東話幾耐? (five seconds) 一年。

A: Imagine you've been studying it for three months. Answer the speaker's question.

B: 你學咗廣東話幾耐? (five seconds) 三個月。

A: Imagine you've been studying it for two years. Respond to the question.

B: 你學咗廣東話幾耐? (five seconds) 兩年。

A: Now you want to ask someone how long they have been studying Cantonese. Ask the question

(5 seconds)

B: 你學咗廣東話幾耐?

{pause}

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

B: 你學咗廣東話幾耐?

{pause}

A: This is the end of Lesson 6