

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Top 25 Cantonese Questions You Need to Know S1 #7 Where Did You Learn Cantonese?

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A: Top 25 Cantonese Questions You Need to Know - Lesson 7: Where did you learn 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 did you learn Cantonese?” In Cantonese this is

B: 你喺邊度學廣東話?

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: 喺

A: meaning something like “at.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 喺

A: Now repeat.

B: 喺

{Pause}

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

B: 你喺

{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 the first 3 words of the question and repeat.

B: 你喺邊度

{pause}

Next is

B: 學

A: meaning “to learn.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 學

A: Now repeat.

B: 學

{Pause}

Listen to the the first 4 words of the question and repeat.

B: 你喺邊度學

{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 entire question and repeat.

B: 你喺邊度學廣東話

{pause}

A: It literally means “You at where, learned Cantonese?”

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

B: 我喺學校學㗎。

A: “I learned it in school.” Again, slowly. Repeat the phrase.

B: (Slow) 我喺學校學㗎。

{pause}

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

B: 我

A: meaning "I."

B: (Slow, by syllable) 我

A: Now repeat

B: 我

{Pause}

A: And next

B: 喺

A: meaning "to be (somewhere)" or "to be located at."

B: (Slow, by syllable) 喺

A: Now repeat.

B: 喺

{Pause}

A: And after that

B: 學校

meaning “school.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 學校

A: Now repeat.

B: 學校

{Pause}

A: And after that

B: 學

meaning “to learn.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 學

A: Now repeat.

B: 學

{Pause}

A: And next

B: 㗎

A: a final particle for making assertions

B: (Slow, by syllable) 㗎

A: Now repeat.

B: 㗎

{Pause}

A: Listen to the speaker say, "I learned it in school" and then repeat.

B: 我喺學校學㗎。

{pause}

A: To use a different phrase, replace "school" with "online."

B: 網上

A: online

B: (slow) 網上 (regular) 網上

A: Listen to the phrase again, this time with "online"

B: 我喺網上學㗎。

A: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace "school" with "online." Say "I learned it in online."

{pause}

B: 我喺網上學㗎。

A: To expand on the pattern, replace “online” with “university.”

B: 大學

A: university

B: (slow) 大學 (regular) 大學

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

B: 我喺大學學㗎。

A: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace “online” with “university.” Say “I learned it in university.”

{pause}

B: 我喺大學學㗎。

A: To expand on the pattern, replace “university” with “language school.”

B: 語言學校

A: language school

B: (slow) 語言學校 (regular) 語言學校

A: Listen to the phrase again, this time with “language school”

B: 我喺語言學校學㗎。

A: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace “university” with “language school.” Say “I learned it in language school.”

{pause}

B: 我喺語言學校學㗎。

Now it's time for a quiz. Imagine you are visiting Hong Kong and someone asks you where you learned Cantonese. You learned it at school. Respond to the question.

B: 你喺邊度學廣東話? (five seconds) 我喺學校學㗎。

A: Now, imagine you learned it online. Respond to the question.

B: 你喺邊度學廣東話? (five seconds) 我喺網上學㗎。

A: Imagine you learned it at a university. Answer the speaker's question.

B: 你喺邊度學廣東話? (five seconds) 我喺大學學㗎。

A: Imagine you learned it at a language school. Respond to the question.

B: 你喺邊度學廣東話? (five seconds) 我喺語言學校學㗎。

A: Now you want to ask someone where they learned Cantonese. Ask the question

(5 seconds)

B: 你喺邊度學廣東話?

{pause}

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

B: 你喺邊度學廣東話?

{pause}

A: This is the end of Lesson 7