

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Top 25 Cantonese Questions You Need to Know S1 #8 Can You Eat Cantonese Food?

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A: Top 25 Cantonese Questions You Need to Know - Lesson 8: Can you eat Cantonese food? 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 “Can you eat Cantonese food?” In Cantonese this is

B: 你食唔食到廣東菜?

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: 食唔食到

A: meaning “to be able to eat or not”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 食唔食到

A: Now repeat.

B: 食唔食到

{Pause}

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

B: 你食唔食到

{pause}

And after that

B: 廣東菜

A: meaning “Cantonese cuisine.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 廣東菜

A: Now repeat.

B: 廣東菜

{Pause}

Listen to the entire question and repeat.

B: 你食唔食到廣東菜

{pause}

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

B: 食到, 好好味。

A: "Yes. It's delicious." Again, slowly. Repeat the phrase.

B: (Slow) 食到, 好好味。

{pause}

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

B: 食到

A: meaning “to be able to eat.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 食到

A: Now repeat

B: 食到

{Pause}

A: And next

B: 好

meaning something like “very; quite; fairly.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 好

A: Now repeat.

B: 好

{Pause}

A: And next

B: 好味

meaning “delicious” or “tasty.”

B: (Slow, by syllable) 好味

A: Now repeat.

B: 好味

{Pause}

A: Listen to the speaker say, “Yes, it's delicious.” Then repeat.

B: 食到, 好好味。

{pause}

A: To expand on the pattern, replace “delicious” with “awful.”

B: 難食

A: awful

B: (slow) 難食 (regular) 難食

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

B: 食到, 好難食。

A: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace “delicious” with “awful.” Say “Yes, it's awful.”

{pause}

B: 食到, 好難食。

A: To use a different phrase, replace “awful” with “a lot of variety.”

B: 多種類

A: a lot of variety

B: (slow) 多種類 (regular) 多種類

A: Listen to the phrase again, this time with “a lot of variety”

B: 食到, 好多種類。

A: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace “awful” with “a lot of varieties.” Say “Yes, it has a lot of variety.”

{pause}

B: 食到, 好多種類。

A: To expand on the pattern, replace “a lot of variety” with “rich in flavor.”

B: 濃味

A: rich in flavor

B: (slow) 濃味 (regular) 濃味

A: Listen to the phrase again, this time with “rich in flavor”

B: 食到, 好濃味。

A: It mostly stays the same. Simply replace “a lot of variety” with “rich in flavor.” Say “Yes, it's rich in flavor.”

{pause}

B: 食到, 好濃味。

To say "no", in a simple way, just say:

B: 食唔到。

A: Which is like saying "No, I can't eat it." in English. Let's hear it slowly.

B: (Slowly) 食唔到。

A: And one more time at normal speed:

B: 食唔到。

Now it's time for a quiz. Imagine you are visiting Hong Kong and someone asks if you can eat Cantonese foods. You want to answer that it is delicious. Respond to the question.

B: 你食唔食到廣東菜? (five seconds) 食到, 好好味。

A: Now, you want to say that it's awful. Respond to the question.

B: 你食唔食到廣東菜? (five seconds) 食到, 好難食。

A: Now, you want to say that it has a lot of variety. Answer the speaker's question.

B: 你食唔食到廣東菜? (five seconds) 食到, 好多種類。

A: Now, you want to say that it's rich in flavor. Respond to the question.

B: 你食唔食到廣東菜? (five seconds) 食到, 好濃味。

A: Now you want to ask someone if they can eat Cantonese food. Ask the question

(5 seconds)

B: 你食唔食到廣東菜?

{pause}

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

B: 你食唔食到廣東菜?

{pause}

A: This is the end of Lesson 8