

Basic Expressions

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Unit 1 Numbers 1-100

1.1 0 - 100

1	yāt	一
2	yih	二
3	sāam	三
4	sei	四
5	ńgh	五
6	luhk	六
7	chāt	七
8	baat	八
9	gáu	九
10	sahp	十
100	yāt-baak	一百

1.2 Remarks

- When people say “two of something”, “léuhng” is used instead of “yih”.
- “Die” or “dead” sounds: “séi”, sounds like “4: sei”. Therefore Chinese don’t like the number of “4”
- “5” should be pronounced as “ńgh” according to dictionaries. However most people say “ńh” instead and it is generally accepted by most people.

1.3 The short form of numbers

- Most of the time, native speakers use the short form instead, even though it is not much shorter, it makes the sounds smoother.
- In short forms:
21-29: yih-sahp is changed into yah
31-39: sāam-sahp is changed into sā-ah
41-99: sahp is changed into ah

1.4 11-99

English	Original Form	Short Form	Chinese
11	sahp yāt	-	十一
12	sahp yih	-	十二
13	sahp sāam	-	十三
14	sahp sei	-	十四
15	sahp ñgh	-	十五
16	sahp luhk	-	十六
17	sahp chāt	-	十七
18	sahp baat	-	十八
19	sahp gáu	-	十九
20	yih sahp		二十
21	yih sahp yāt	yah yāt	二十一
22	yih sahp yih	yah yih	二十二
23	yih sahp sāam	yah sāam	二十三
24	yih sahp sei	yah sei	二十四
25	yih sahp ñgh	yah ñgh	二十五
26	yih sahp luhk	yah luhk	二十六
27	yih sahp chāt	yah chāt	二十七
28	yih sahp baat	yah baat	二十八
29	yih sahp gáu	yah gáu	二十九
30	sāam-sahp		三十
31	sāam-sahp yāt	sā-ah yāt	三十一
32	sāam-sahp yih	sā-ah yih	三十二
33	sāam-sahp sāam	sā-ah sāam	三十三
34	sāam-sahp sei	sā-ah sei	三十四
35	sāam-sahp ñgh	sā-ah ñgh	三十五
36	sāam-sahp luhk	sā-ah luhk	三十六
37	sāam-sahp chāt	sā-ah chāt	三十七
38	sāam-sahp baat	sā-ah baat	三十八
39	sāam-sahp gáu	sā-ah gáu	三十九

40	sei-sahp		四十
41	sei-sahp yāt	sei-ah yāt	四十一
42	sei-sahp yih	sei-ah yih	四十二
43	sei-sahp sāam	sei-ah sāam	四十三
44	sei-sahp sei	sei-ah sei	四十四
45	sei-sahp ñgh	sei-ah ñgh	四十五
46	sei-sahp luhk	sei-ah luhk	四十六
47	sei-sahp chāt	sei-ah chāt	四十七
48	sei-sahp baat	sei-ah baat	四十八
49	sei-sahp gáu	sei-ah gáu	四十九
50	ñgh-sahp		五十
51	ñgh-sahp yāt	ñgh-ah yāt	五十一
52	ñgh-sahp yih	ñgh-ah yih	五十二
53	ñgh-sahp sāam	ñgh-ah sāam	五十三
54	ñgh-sahp sei	ñgh-ah sei	五十四
55	ñgh-sahp ñgh	ñgh-ah ñgh	五十五
56	ñgh-sahp luhk	ñgh-ah luhk	五十六
57	ñgh-sahp chāt	ñgh-ah chāt	五十七
58	ñgh-sahp baat	ñgh-ah baat	五十八
59	ñgh-sahp gáu	ñgh-ah gáu	五十九
60	luhk-sahp		六十
61	luhk-sahp yāt	luhk-ah yāt	六十一
62	luhk-sahp yih	luhk-ah yih	六十二
63	luhk-sahp sāam	luhk-ah sāam	六十三
64	luhk-sahp sei	luhk-ah sei	六十四
65	luhk-sahp ñgh	luhk-ah ñgh	六十五
66	luhk-sahp luhk	luhk-ah luhk	六十六
67	luhk-sahp chāt	luhk-ah chāt	六十七
68	luhk-sahp baat	luhk-ah baat	六十八
69	luhk-sahp gáu	luhk-ah gáu	六十九
70	chāt-sahp		七十
71	chāt-sahp yāt	chāt-ah yāt	七十一

72	chāt-sahp yih	chāt-ah yih	七十二
73	chāt-sahp sāam	chāt-ah sāam	七十三
74	chāt-sahp sei	chāt-ah sei	七十四
75	chāt-sahp ígh	chāt-ah ígh	七十五
76	chāt-sahp luhk	chāt-ah luhk	七十六
77	chāt-sahp chāt	chāt-ah chāt	七十七
78	chāt-sahp baat	chāt-ah baat	七十八
79	chāt-sahp gáu	chāt-ah gáu	七十九
80	baat-sahp		八十
81	baat-sahp yāt	baat-ah yāt	八十一
82	baat-sahp yih	baat-ah yih	八十二
83	baat-sahp sāam	baat-ah sāam	八十三
84	baat-sahp sei	baat-ah sei	八十四
85	baat-sahp ígh	baat-ah ígh	八十五
86	baat-sahp luhk	baat-ah luhk	八十六
87	baat-sahp chāt	baat-ah chāt	八十七
88	baat-sahp baat	baat-ah baat	八十八
89	baat-sahp gáu	baat-ah gáu	八十九
90	gáu-sahp		九十
91	gáu-sahp yāt	gáu-ah yāt	九十一
92	gáu-sahp yih	gáu-ah yih	九十二
93	gáu-sahp sāam	gáu-ah sāam	九十三
94	gáu-sahp sei	gáu-ah sei	九十四
95	gáu-sahp ígh	gáu-ah ígh	九十五
96	gáu-sahp luhk	gáu-ah luhk	九十六
97	gáu-sahp chāt	gáu-ah chāt	九十七
98	gáu-sahp baat	gáu-ah baat	九十八
99	gáu-sahp gáu	gáu-ah gáu	九十九

1.5 The short form of 20, 30 etc

If talking about twenty, thirty etc, it's too short to use the short form, so people still say the original form.

However if people talk about twenty of something (20 units), thirty of

something etc, people use the short form.

dollar	mān	蚊
\$20	yah mān	廿蚊
\$30	sā-ah mān	三呀蚊
\$40	sei-ah mān	四呀蚊
\$50	ígh-ah mān	五呀蚊
\$60	luhk-ah mān	六呀蚊
\$70	chāt-ah mān	七呀蚊
\$80	baat-ah mān	八呀蚊
\$90	gáu-ah mān	九呀蚊

1.6 New vocab

1	yāt	一
2	yih	二
3	sāam	三
4	sei	四
5	ígh	五
6	luhk	六
7	chāt	七
8	baat	八
9	gáu	九
10	sahp	十
20	yah	廿
100	yāt-baak	一百
dollar	mān	蚊

1.7 Exercise

1.7.1 Use the original form

- 1) 11 _____
sahp yāt 十一
- 2) 17 _____
sahp chāt 十七
- 3) 25 _____
yih-sahp nígh 二十五
- 4) 36 _____
sāam-sahp-luhk 三十六

1.7.2 Use the short form

- 1) 66 _____
luhk-ah-luhk 六呀六
- 2) 74 _____
chāt-ah-sei 七呀四
- 3) 86 _____
baat-ah-luhk 八呀六
- 4) 98 _____
gáu-ah-baat 九呀八
- 5) 100 _____
yāt-baak (no short form)
- 6) \$20 _____
yah mān 廿蚊
- 7) \$28 _____
yah-baat mān 廿八蚊

- 5) \$49 _____
sei-sahp-gáu mān 四十九蚊
- 6) \$18 _____
sahp-baat mān 十八蚊
- 7) \$80 _____
baat-sahp mān 八十蚊
- 8) \$99 _____
gáu-sahp gáu mān 九十九蚊

Unit 2 Money

2.1 Less than \$1

dime (10cents)	hòuh-jí	毫子
one dime (10 cents)	yāt hòuh-jí	一毫子
two dimes (20 cents)	léuhng hòuh-jí	兩毫子
five dimes (50 cents)	nígh hòuh-jí	五毫子

When people say “two of something”, “léuhng” is used instead of “yih”.

2.2 More than \$1 – Whole numbers

\$1	yāt mān	一蚊
\$2	léuhng mān	兩蚊
\$12	sahp-yih mān	十二蚊
\$20	yih-sahp mān	二十蚊
\$50	nígh-sahp mān	五十蚊

2.3 For decimal

- “go” is the measure word for the coins of dollars, measure words will be talked about in more detail in another chapter. Here “go” is used instead of “dollar” and, so “dollar: mān” is not said.
- For decimals, where you put the “point”, such as “one point one dollar”, you put “go”.

2.4 \$1.1 – \$1.9

For \$1.1-\$1.9, the first “yāt, one” is skipped.

MW	go	個
\$1.1	go yāt	個一
\$1.2	go yih	個二
\$1.3	go sāam	個三
\$1.4	go sei	個四

\$1.5	go bun *	個半
\$1.6	go luhk	個六
\$1.7	go chāt	個七
\$1.8	go baat	個八
\$1.9	go gáu	個九

* “bun: half” is used instead of “ígh: 5” here

2.5 \$2.1 and up

\$2.1	léuhng	go yāt	兩個一
\$2.2	léuhng	go yih	兩個二
\$2.3	léuhng	go sāam	兩個三
\$2.4	léuhng	go sei	兩個四
\$2.5	léuhng	go bun	兩個半
\$10.5	sahp	go bun	十個半
\$17.2	sahp-chāt	go yih	十七個二
\$65.8	luhk-sahp-ígh	go baat	六十五個八
\$99.9	gáu-sahp-gáu	go gáu	九十九個九

2.6 New Vocab

dime (10 cents)	hòuh-jí	毫子
2 (two of something)	léuhng	兩
MW (measure word)	go	個
half	bun	半

2.7 Exercise

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1) two dimes (20¢) | 10) \$10 _____
sahp-mān 十蚊 |
| léuhng hòuh-jí 兩毫子 | 11) \$10.6 _____
sahp go luhk 十個六 |
| 2) five dimes (50¢) | 12) \$18.3 _____
sahp-baat go sāam 十八個三 |
| ńgh hòuh-jí 五毫子 | 13) \$12 _____
sahp-yih mān 十二蚊 |
| 3) \$1.5 _____
go-bun 個半 | 14) \$20.5 _____
yih-sahp go bun 二十個半 |
| 4) \$1.6 _____
go-luhk 個六 | 15) \$37 _____
sāam-sahp chāt mān 卅呀七蚊 |
| 5) \$2.2 _____
léuhng go yih 兩個二 | 16) \$60 _____
luhk-sahp mān 六十蚊 |
| 6) \$3.7 _____
sāam go chāt 三個七 | 17) \$99.8 _____
gáu-sahp-gáu go baat
九十九個八 |
| 7) \$4.5 _____
sei go bun 四個半 | 18) \$100 _____
yāt-baak mān 一百蚊 |
| 8) \$8 _____
baat mān 八蚊 | |
| 9) \$9.9 _____
gáu go gáu 九個九 | |

Unit 3 Modal Particles

3.1 Modal Particles

“PM, Particle Modal” stands for “Modal Particle” and which shows different modals or intonations.

3.2 Modal Particle “a”

“a” in the following questions is a modal particle which helps to show the intonation or give a sign of a question. Sometimes people call “a” here a “question particle”.

Some speakers may skip the “a” here. However using “a” can make the tone milder and be more polite. Most native speakers do say “a” in the following questions.

1) How do you say “wash room”?

“Wash room” dím góng a? “Wash room” 點講呀?

“Wash room” how say PM?

2) “Wash room” is “sái-sáu-gāan”

“Wash room” haih “sái-sáu-gāan” “Wash room” 係“洗手間”

“Wash room” is “sâang-yaht faai-lohk”

3) What is the meaning of “chī-sin”?

“chī-sin” dím gáai a? “鴉纏”點解呀?
“crazy” how explain PM?

4) “chī-sin” means “crazy”

“chī-sin” jík-haih “crazy” “鴉纏”即係“crazy”
“chī-sin” means “crazy”

3.3 New Vocab

how do you say?	dím-góng	點講
what does it mean?	dím-gáai	點解
how	dím	點
say/speak	góng	講
explain	gáai	解
be	haih	係

means	jík-haih	即係
washroom	sái-sáu-gāan	洗手間
crazy	chī-sin	鴉纏
excuse me	m̄h-hóu yi-si	唔好意思
MTR	deih-tit	地鐵
MTR station	deih-tit-jaahm	地鐵站
idiot	baahk-chī	白痴
big sale	daaih-gáam-ga	大減價
PM – questions	a	呀

3.4 Exercise

1) How do you say “excuse me”? _____
“excuse me” is “m̄h-hóu yi-si” _____

A: “excuse me” dím góng a? “excuse me” 點講呀?

B: “excuse me” haih “m̄h-hóu yi-si” “excuse me” 係“唔好意思”

2) How do you say “MTR station”? _____
“MTR station” is “deih-tit-jaahm” _____

A: “MTR station” dím góng a? “MTR station” 點講呀?

B: “MTR station” haih “deih-tit-jaahm” “MTR station” 係“地鐵站”

3) What is the meaning of “baahk-chī”? _____
“baahk-chī” means “idiot” _____

A: “baahk-chī” dím gáai a? “baahk-chī” 點解呀?

B: “baahk-chī” jík-haih “idiot” “baahk-chī” 即係“idiot”

4) What is the meaning of “daaih-gáam-ga”? _____
“daaih-gáam-ga” means “big sale” _____

A: “daaih-gáam-ga” dím gáai a? “daaih-gáam-ga” 點解呀?

B: “daaih-gáam-ga” jík-haih “big sale” “daaih-gáam-ga” 即係“big sale”

Unit 4 Greetings & Thanks

4.1 Greeting and Goodbye

1) Good morning

jóu sàhn 早晨
early/morning morning

Ordinarily, Cantonese do not say good afternoon and good evening to each others. Only telephone operators and TV or radio presenters do.

Moreover, people don't say good night, but just before going to sleep, people say jóu tǎu.

If someone says “jóu tǎu lá” (where “lá” is the modal particle) to another person during daytime, he means the addressee bothers him and asks him to go away. This is because the literal meaning for “jóu tǎu” is “early rest” but not “good night.”

2) Nice to meet you / I wish you well

néih hóu 你好 (formal greeting words)
you good

It is rather formal. people use it when first meeting a new friend; the usage is then the same as ‘nice to meet you’.

You can also use **néih hóu** to greet your friends that you already know . But it must not be for old friends and teenage people, supposing that greeting them should be in a casual way; saying **Hi, Hey or Hello** are much more common. The usage is the same as that in English and quite often people will nod their heads a little bit the same that English speakers do. These are also common casual greetings when people first meet a new friend in casual situations.

If someone says **néih hóu** to you, you should also say **néih hóu** back to him,

Native Hong Kong Cantonese do not say “How are you /néih hóu ma/?” to each others as English speakers and Mandarin speakers do in daily greetings

3) Bye

bāai baai 拜拜

4.2 Thanks

1) Thanks for help /service

m̄h gōi 唔該
not should be

For e.g., you should say it when someone opens the door for you, helps you to hold the lift. Also, you can say this to the staff of shops or restaurants

2) Thanks for a gift

dō jeh 多謝
many thanks

It's a common saying for a sales person to their customers. But if you are the customer, do not say “dō jeh”, instead you should say “-h gōi” as in above.

You can also say dō-je when someone gives you compliments or congratulations

3) You are welcome , don't mention it, it doesn't matter.

m̄h sái (haak hei) 唔駛(客氣)
no need polite

Cantonese do not say ‘you are welcome’, instead they say ‘need not be so polite’.

4.3 Requests

1) Please ...

m̄h gōi ... 唔該 ...

“-h gōi” has two meanings, one means ‘thanks for service’ and the second one is used in request, means ‘please’.

In English, people say “Excuse me” when they start to ask strangers questions. However quite often, Cantonese say “please: -h gōi” instead.

2) Please wait a moment.

m̄h gōi dáng dáng 唔該等等
please wait wait

When Cantonese repeat the verbs, it means the actions last for a short while.

3) Please make way for me

m̄h gōi (je je) 唔該(借借)
please borrow borrow

Here means “borrow” the way from others. However very often, it is skipped if it is obvious, such as when people try to get off public transport

4.4 Apologies

1) Sorry / Excuse me

m̄h hóu yi si 唔好意思
not good meaning

2) I'm sorry, I am late .

m̄h hóu yi si, ngóh chìh dou 唔好意思，我遲到
sorry , / late (arrive)

3) Never mind

m̄h gán yiu 唔緊要
not important

4) No problem

móuh mahn tàih 冇問題
have not problem

Cantonese do not say “don’t worry” when someone apologize.

4.5 Meeting a new friend

1) What is your name?

néih giu māt-yéh méng a? 你叫乜嘢名呀?
you called what name a?

2) I’m called Kelvin

ngóh giu Kelvin 我叫 Kelvin
I called Kelvin

4.6 Word order for a question

The order of a question is the same as the order of a statement or of the answer.

1) What is his name? (He called what name?)

kéuih giu māt-yéh méng a? 佢叫乜嘢名呀?
he called what name a?

2) He is called Martin

kéuih giu Martin 佢叫 Martin
he called Martin

3) Where are you going? (You go where?)

néih heui bīn-douh a? 你去邊嘅呀?
you go where a?

4) I will go to Central

ngóh heui Jūng-Wàahn 我去中環
I go Central

4.7 New Vocab

good morning	jóu-sàhn	早晨
you	néih	你
good	hóu	好
goodbye	bāai-baai	拜拜
thank/please	mh-gōi	唔該
thank	dō-jeh	多謝
need not (no need)	mh-sái	唔駛
polite	haak-hei	客氣
wait	dáng	等

borrow	je	借
excuse me / sorry	mh-hóu-yi-si	唔好意思
I	ngóh	我
late (late arrive)	chìh-dou	遲到
not	mh	唔
important	gán-yiu	緊要
don’t have	móuh	冇
problem	mahn-tàih	問題
call	giu	叫
what	māt-yéh	乜嘢
name	méng	名
he/she/it/him/her	kéuih	佢
go	heui	去
where	bīn-douh	邊嘅
Central	Jūng-wàahn	中環
Admiralty	Gām-jūng	金鐘
Wan Chai	Wāan-jái	灣仔
Tsim Sha Tsui	Jim-sā-jéui	尖沙咀

4.8 Exercise

4.8.1 What do you say?

- Someone opens the door for you. _____
mh-gōi 唔該
- Your friend gives you a birthday present. _____
dō-jeh 多謝
- You are a customer and want to say thanks to the sales person

mh-gōi 唔該
- You are a sales person and want to say thanks to your customer for buying things from your shop.

dō-jeh 多謝

- 5) You are a sales person, you drop a pen, a customer helps you to pick it up.
What do you say to him/her?

mh-gōi 唔該

- 6) You ask someone to make the way for you in order to get off the MTR

mh-gōi (je je) 唔該(借借)

- 7) You sneeze in the library and you want to say “excuse me” to others

mh-hóu yi-si 嘴好意思

4.8.2 Dialogues

- 1) A: Please wait _____
B: No problem _____
A: Thanks _____
B: You are welcome. _____

A: mh-gōi dāng dāng 唔該等等

B: móuh mahn-tàih 有問題

A: mh-gōi 唔該

B: mh-sái (haak-hei) 嘴駛(客氣)

- 2) A: I'm sorry, I'm late. _____
B: What is the meaning of “chìh-dou”? _____
A: “chìh-dou” means “late” _____
B: Never mind, no problem _____
- A: mh-hóu yi-si, ngóh chìh-dou 嘴好意思，我遲到
B: “chìh-dou” dím gáai a? “遲到”點解呀?
A: “chìh-dou” jík-haih “late” “遲到”即係“late”
B: mh gán-yiu, móuh mahn-tàih 嘴緊要,冇問題

- 3) A: Good morning, nice to meet you _____
B: Nice to meet you _____
A: What is your name? _____
B: I'm called Kelvin. _____
A: Where will you go? _____
B: I will go to Tsim Sha Tsui _____
A: jóu-sàhn, néih hóu 早晨,你好
B: néih hóu 你好
A: néih giu māt-yéh méng a? 你叫乜嘢名呀?
B: ngóh giu Kelvin 我叫 Kelvin
A: néih heui bīn-douh a? 你去邊度呀?
B: ngóh heui Jīm-sā-jéui 我去尖沙咀

Unit 5 Measure Words

- 1) A measure word (MW) is used before nouns for measuring purposes. It is like the function of “piece” in “a piece of paper.”
- 2) There are only a few nouns that don’t need measure words. Those nouns are somehow measurable by themselves, eg. years, days, nights, minutes, seconds, pages and lessons.
- 3) Different categories of objects may take different MWs. While “**go**” is the most general MW, if you do not know which MW has to be used, it is best to use “**go**” instead of just leaving it out. Although it maybe wrong, it’s easier for Hong Kong people to understand you.
- 4) Some books call measure words “noun classifiers”
- 5) Measure words are used in two cases, after a number and for specific reference. If the nouns are not used in these two cases, do not put measure words before the nouns.

5.2 After a number

- 1) a person
yāt go yāhn
1 MW person
- 2) two people
léuhng go yāhn
2 MW person
- 3) three people
sāam go yāhn
3 MW person

一個人

兩個人

三個人

5.3 Specific reference

- 1) This piece of clothing
nī gihn sāam
this MW clothing
- 2) That piece of clothing
gó gihn sāam
that MW clothing
- 3) The clothing
gihn sāam
MW clothing

呢件衫

嗰件衫

件衫

Cantonese has the word “**sāam**” which is used to refer to clothing which is worn on the top.

For example, shirts, T-shirts and overcoats are kinds of “**sāam**”. “**sāam**” is a common word in Cantonese

5.4 More Nouns and their MWs

Description	MWs	Nouns	Char.
people related nouns	yāt go yāhn	a person	一個人
	yāt go hohk-sāang	a student	一個學生
clothes	yāt gihn sāam	an item of clothing	一件衫
	yāt gihn T-sēut	a T-shirt	一件 T 恤
long, thin objects	yāt tiuh fu	a pair of trousers	一條褲
	yāt tiuh kwāhn	a dress	一條裙
cylindrical objects (eg. a bottle of sth.)	yāt jī bāt	a pen	一支筆
	yāt jī hó-lohk	a coke	一支可樂
round objects	yāt jek sáu-biū	a watch	一隻手錶
	yāt jek CD	a CD	一隻手錶

5.5 New Vocab

this ...	nī	呢
that ...	gó	嗰
person	yāhn	人
student	hohk-sāang	學生
clothes/clothing	sāam	衫
T-shirt	T-sēut	T 恤
trousers	fu	褲
dress	kwāhn	裙
pen	bāt	筆
coke	hó-lohk	可樂
watch	sáu-biū	手錶

hand	sáu	手
MW - people related nouns	go	個 (U2)
MW - clothes	gihñ	件
MW - long, thin objects	túuh	條
MW - cylindrical objects	jí	支
MW - round objects	hek	隻

5.6 Exercise

- 1) 4 people _____
sei-go yahn 四個人
- 2) Two students _____
léuhng-go hohk-saang 兩個學生
- 3) That T-shirt _____
gó-gihñ T-séut 嘴件 T 桖
- 4) This pen _____
nī-jí bāt 呢支筆
- 5) the pen _____
jí bāt 支筆
- 6) One coke (in bottle shape) _____
yāt-jí hó-lohk 一支可樂
- 7) the watch _____
hek sáu-biū 雙手錶

Unit 6 Shopping – price and request

6.1 How much ?

- 1) How much is this ?

nī go géi chíñ a ?
this MW how money PM?

- 2) How much is this piece of clothing ?

nī gihñ sāam géi chíñ a ?
this MW clothing how (much)money PM?

- 3) How much is this T-shirt ?

nī gihñ tī sēut géi chíñ a ?
this MW T-shirt how (much)money PM?

- 4) This is \$70

nī go chāt sahp mān
this MW 70 dollar

- 5) One please

mīh gōi yāt go á
please 1 MW PM

6.2 Modal Particle “á”

PM “á” in high level is used for requests and help to give a polite intonation.

6.3 Habits in ordering things

People seldom say something like “please give me one” or “May I have this one”. They say it much shorter and direct no matter if in shops or restaurants. Quite often, as the object that one is going to buy is understood, people skip the object but they still have to say the MW. (MWs are always used after numbers) When people make requests to someone, they usually put “-h-gōi” at the beginning of a sentence. It sounds more polite than putting it at the end. However in shopping, it's okay to put “please: -h gōi” at the beginning or at the end.

- 1) Two please (refer to clothes)

mīh-gōi léuhng gihñ á
please 2 MW PM

2) Three please (refer to pens)
m̄h-gōi sāam jī ā
 please 3 MW PM

唔該三支吖

6.4 Take a look

“want: séung” is not used in ordering, it only shows the intention of doing something. It is always followed by a verb but not a noun.

1) I want to take a look at this please.

m̄h goī ngóh séung tái tái nī go 我想睇睇呢個
 please / want look look this one

6.5 Try

1) May I try it? (Can it be tried?)

yáuh móuh dāk si ga? 有冇得試㗎?
 have not have PS try PM?

“dāk” is a structural particle which shows the potential of doing something.

2) Yes, you can

yáuh dāk si 有得試
 have PS try

You have to answer with what people ask. Since people ask “yáuh móuh dāk”, the answer should be “have: yáuh” or “not have: móuh”.

3) I'm sorry, you can't

m̄h hóu yi si, móuh dāk si 唔好意思,冇得試
 sorry, not have PS try

4) I want to try these trousers

ngóh séung si si nī tiuh fu 我想試試呢條褲
 I want try try this MW trousers

6.6 Repeat the verbs

Under the following situations, the verbs will be repeated

1) short duration of the actions

2) try something out

3) sounds more polite

1) Please wait a moment.

m̄h gōi dāng dāng
 please wait wait

唔該等等

2) take a look.

tái tái
 look look

睇睇

3) try it out

si si
 try try

試試

6.7 New Vocab

this one	nī go (MW)	呢個
money	chín	錢
how much	géi-chín	幾錢
want	séung	想
watch, look	tái	睇
try	si	試
have	yáuh	有
PS – potential	dāk	得
PM - request	ā	吖
PM - questions-general cases	ga	㗎

6.8 Exercises

1) A: How much for this one ? _____

B: This one is \$60 _____

A: One please _____

B: Thanks for \$60 _____

A: nī-go géi-chín a? 呢個幾錢呀?

B: nī-go luhk-sahp mān 呢個六十蚊

A: m̄h-gōi yāt-go ā 唔該一個吖

B: dō-jeh luhk-sahp mān 多謝六十蚊

2) A: How much for this pair of trousers ? _____

B: \$200 _____

A: I want to take a look please _____

B: No problem _____

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A: One please _____

A: nī-tiuh fu géi-chín a? 呢條褲幾錢呀?

B: yih-baak mān 二百蚊

A: ngóh séung tái tái 我想睇睇

B: móuh mahn tāih 有問題

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A: mh-gōi yāt-tiuh ā 唔該一條吖

3) A: Can it be tried on? _____

B: Yes _____

A: I want to try this dress _____

B: No problem _____

.....

A: One please _____

A: yáuh móuh dāk si ga? 有冇得試㗎?

B: yáuh (dāk-si) 有(得試)

A: ngóh séung si si nī tiuh kwāhn 我想試試呢條裙

B: móuh mahn tāih 有問題

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A: mh-gōi yāt-tiuh ā 唔該一條吖

4) A: How much for this item of clothing? _____

B: \$120 _____

A: I want to take a look _____

B: No problem _____

A: Can it be tried on? _____

B: I'm sorry, no _____

A: It's doesn't matter, one please _____

B: Thanks for \$120 _____

A: nī-gih sāam géi chín a? 呢件衫幾錢呀?

B: yāt-baak yih-sahp mān 一百二十蚊

A: ngóh séung tái tái 我想睇睇

B: móuh mahn tāih 有問題

A: yáuh móuh dāk si ga? 有冇得試㗎?

B: mh-hóu yi-si, móuh dāk si 嘔好意思,冇得試

A: mh gán-yiu, yāt-gih a 唔緊要,一件吖

B: dō-jeh yāt-baak yih-sahp mān 多謝一百二十蚊

5) A: How much for this watch? _____

B: \$850 _____

A: I want to try it on _____

B: No problem _____ ...

A: Two please _____

A: nī-jek sáu-biū géi chín a? 呢隻手錶幾錢呀?

B: baat-baak ñgh-sahp mān 八百五十蚊

A: ngóh séung si si 我想試試

B: móuh mahn tāih ... 有問題...

A: mh-gōi léuhng jek ā 唔該兩隻吖

Unit 7 Shopping - Size and Colour

7.1 Do you have ...

- 1) Do you have a large one ?

yáuh móuh daaih máh ga ? 有冇大碼㗎?
have not have large size PM?

- 2) Yes

yáuh 有
have

- 3) One large one please (referring to a clothing)

m̄h gōi yāt-gihm daaih máh ā 唔該一件大碼吖
please 1 MW large size PM

7.2 Modal Particle “ga”

“ga” is a modal particle which is also used in questions as the modal particle “a”. “ga” is used for general questions while “a” is used for specific questions. Quite often, “a” and “ga” are interchangeable such as here.

- 1) Do you have a larger one ?

yáuh móuh daaih-dī ga/a ? 有冇大碼㗎?
have not have large er PM?

7.3 Answer to a Yes/No question

Since Cantonese do not have the words “Yes” and “No”, when people give an answer to a Yes/No question, they just repeat what people ask

- 1) Do you have other colours?

yáuh móuh kēih tā sīk ga/a? 有冇其他色㗎?
have not have other colour PM?

- 2) Yes

yáuh 有
have

- 3) No

móuh 冇
not have

7.4 New Vocab

size	máh	碼
large	daaih	大
medium	jūng	中
small	sai	細
Suffix for adj+er	dī	啲
colour	sīk	色
black	hāak-sīk	黑色
blue	làahm-sīk	藍色
other	kēih-tā	其他

7.5 Exercise

- 1) A: Do you have a larger one? _____
B: Yes, this (referring to a clothing) is larger _____
A: How much? _____
B: \$80 _____
A: One please _____
A: yáuh móuh daaih-dī ga? 有冇大啲㗎?
B: yáuh, nī gihm daaih-dī 有,呢件大啲
A: géi chín a? 幾錢呀?
B: baat-sahp mān 八十蚊
A: yāt-gihm ā 一件吖
- 2) A: Do you have a small one? _____
B: Yes _____
A: How much? _____
B: \$100 _____
A: One small one please (referring to a clothing) _____
A: yáuh móuh sai-máh ga? 有冇細碼㗎?
B: yáuh 有
A: géi chín a? 幾錢呀?
B: yāt-baak mān 一百蚊
A: yāt-gihm sai-máh ā 一件細碼吖

- 3) A: Do you have a black one? _____
 B: Yes _____
 A: How much? _____
 B: \$ 98 _____
 A: One please (referring to a pair of jeans) _____
 A: yáuh móuh hāak-sīk ga? 有冇黑色㗎?
 B: yáuh 有
 A: géi chín a? 幾錢呀?
 B: gáu-sahp baat mān 九十八蚊
 A: yāt-tiuh ā 一條吖

 4) A: Do you have other colours? _____
 B: Yes, we have blue _____
 A: How much? _____
 B: \$ 60 _____
 A: One please (referring to a dress) _____
 A: yáuh móuh kèih-tā sīk ga? 有冇其他色㗎?
 B: yáuh, yáuh làahm sīk 有,冇藍色
 A: géi chín a? 幾錢呀?
 B: luhk-sahp mān 六十蚊
 A: yāt-tiuh ā 一條吖

Unit 8 Shopping – Asking Info

8.1 Do you sell...?

- 1) Do you sell maps?
 yáuh móuh deih tōuh maaih a? 有冇地圖賣呀?
 have not have map sell PM?
- 2) Do you sell chocolate?
 yáuh móuh jyū gū līk maaih a? 有冇朱古力賣呀?
 have not have chocolate sell PM?
- 3) Do you sell birthday card?
 yáuh móuh sāang yaht kāat maaih a? 有冇生日咁賣呀?
 have not have birthday card sell PM?

8.2 Where is ...?

- 1) Where is the soft drink kept?
 hei séui jāi hái bīn douh ga? 汽水㗎喺邊嘅?
 gas water placed at where PM?
- 2) Where is the shampoo kept?
 sái tāuh séui jāi hái bīn douh ga? 洗頭水㗎喺邊嘅?
 wash head water placed at where PM?
- 3) It's over there
 hái gó douh 嘅嗰邊
 at there
- 4) It's on the left
 hái jó bihn 嘅左边
 at left side
- 5) It's on the right
 hái yauh bihn 嘅右边
 at right side

8.3 Change goods

- 1) If it doesn't suit, can it be changed?
 yùh gwó mìh-āam, yáuh móuh dāk wuhn a?
 如果唔啱, 有冇得换呀?
 if not suit have not have PS change PM

- 2) If it's too small, can it be changed?

yùh gwó taai-sai, yáuh móuh dāk wuhn a?
如果 太細 有 有 得 換 呀?
if too small have not have PS change PM

- 3) Yes, it can be changed

yáuh dāk wuhn
have PS change

有得換

- 4) No, it can't be changed

móuh dāk wuhn
not have PS change

冇得換

8.4 Pattern – Can it be ...

yáuh-móuh dâk 有冇得 Can it be	si a? 試呀? tried?
	wuhn a? 換呀? changed?
	pèhng-dî a? 平啲呀? cheaper?

8.5 Delivery

- 1) delivery

sung fo
deliver goods

送貨

- 2) Do you deliver?

sung m̄h sung fo ga ?
deliver not deliver goods PM?

送唔送貨㗎?

- 3) Yes

sung
deliver

送

- 4) No

m̄h sung
not deliver

唔送

- 5) Add \$50 (to cover delivery)

gā n̄gh-sahp mān
add \$50

加\$50

8.6 Payment

- 1) Do you accept credit cards?

sāu m̄h sāu kāat ga?
receive not receive card PM?

收唔收咁㗎?

- 2) Do you accept EPS?

sāu m̄h sāu EPS ga?
receive not receive EPS PM?

收唔收EPS㗎?

8.7 Other Expressions

- 1) This one is okay

nī go āam
this MW suit/correct

呢個啱

- 2) This one is not okay

nī go m̄h āam
this MW not suit/correct

呢個唔啱

- 3) I don't need the bag.

m̄h sái dói la
no need bag PM

唔駛袋喇

8.8 Modal particle “la”

“la” is used in changing the current situation. Before the cashier was trying to give you a bag but now you stop her from doing it.

8.9 New Vocab

map	deih-tōuh	地圖
chocolate	jyū-gū-līk	朱古力
birthday card	sāang-yaht-kāat	生日咁
soft drink	hei-séui	汽水
shampoo	sái-tàuh-séui	洗頭水
placed/put	jāi	擠
left	jó bihn	左邊
right	yauh bihn	右邊
if	yùh-gwó	如果
correct/suit	āam	啱

change	wuhn	換
too	taai	太
deliver	sung-fo	送貨
add	gā	加
collect, receive	sāu	收
card, credit card	kāat	咁
bag	dói	袋
PM - change the current situations	la	喇
cheap	pèhng	平
cheaper	pèhng-dī	平啲

8.10 Exercises

- 1) A: Do you sell chocolate? _____
 B: Yes _____
 A: Where is it kept? _____
 B: It's over there _____

A: Thanks _____
 B: You are welcome _____

A: yáuh móuh jyū-gū-lík maaih a? 有冇朱古力賣呀?

B: yáuh 有

A: jāi-hái bīn-douh ga? 擰喺邊嘅?

B: hái gó-douh 嘿喎

A: m̄h-gōi 唔該

B: m̄h-sái (haak-hei) 唔駛(客氣)

- 2) A: How much for this item of clothing ? _____
 B: This one is \$60 _____
 A: Can it be tried? _____
 B: I'm sorry, it can't be tried _____
 A: If it doesn't suit me, can it be changed?

B: Yes, you can _____

A: One please _____

A: nī-go géi-chín a? 呢件衫幾錢呀?

B: nī-go luhk-sahp mān 呢件六十蚊

- A: yáuh móuh dāk si ga 有冇得試㗎?
 B: m̄h-hóu yi-si, móuh dāk si 唔好意思,冇得試
 A: yùh-gwó m̄h-āam, yáuh móuh dāk wuhn a? 如果唔啲冇得換呀?
 B: yáuh dāk wuhn 有得換
 A: m̄h-gōi yāt-gihñ ā 唔該一件吖

- 3) A: Do you deliver? _____
 B: Yes _____
 A: sung m̄h sung fo ga? 送唔送貨㗎?
 B: sung 送
- 4) A: Do you take credit cards ? _____
 B: No _____
 A: sāu m̄h sāu kāat ga? 收唔收咁㗎?
 B: m̄h sāu 唔收
- 5) A: Do you have a smaller one? _____
 B: Yes _____
 A: This one (clothing) is okay, how much? _____
 B: \$78 _____
 A: One please, I don't need the bag _____
 A: yáuh móuh sai-dī ga? 有冇細啲的?
 B: yáuh 有
 A: nī-gihñ āam, géi chín a? 呢件啲,幾錢呀?
 B: chat-sahp-baat mān 七十八蚊
 A: yāt- gihñ ā, m̄h-sái dói la 一件吖,唔駛袋喇

Unit 9 Shopping – Bargaining

9.1 Bargaining Habits

In bargaining, Hong Kong people do not say “too expensive”, “very expensive”, it sounds a bit rude to say this. Also, people don’t say “I have no money” in bargaining.

Instead, people may use the following expressions in bargaining.

9.2 Bargaining Expressions

- 1) Can it be cheaper ?

pèhng dī dāk mìh dāk a?
cheap er can not can PM?

平啲得唔得呀?

- 2) Can it be \$100? (How about \$100?)

yāt baak mān dāk mìh dāk a?
1 hundred dollar ok not ok PM?

一百蚊得唔得呀?

9.3 Pattern – Can it be ...

pèhng dī 平啲 cheaper	dāk →h-dāk a? 得唔得呀? Can it be ?
yih-baak mān 二百蚊 \$200	
baat-jit 八折 20% off	

9.4 Other Bargain expressions

- 1) Do you have any discount ?

yáuh móuh jit ga?
have not have discount PM?

有冇折㗎?

- 2) How much discount ?

géi dō jit a?
how much discount PM?

幾多折呀?

- 3) What is the cheapest price?

jeui pèhng géi chín a?
most cheap how money PM

最平幾錢呀?

- 4) If I pay cash, can it be cheaper?

yùh gwó béi yihh gām,
if give cash
yáuh móuh dāk pèhng dī a?
have not have PS cheaper PM?

如果畀現金，
冇冇得平啲呀?

9.5 Discount

In Cantonese, people talk about how much they pay after the discount. Here it means people just have to pay 90%.

“jit” itself is a measuring unit. “1 jit” = 10%, there “9 jit” = “90%”.

Don't not say “gáu sahp çgh jit” for 5% off, it's wrong

- 1) 10% off

gáu jit

九折

- 2) 20% off

baat jit

八折

- 3) 5% off

gáu nígh jit

九五折

- 4) 15% off

baat nígh jit

八五折

9.6 New Vocab

cash	yihngām	現金
10% (in discount)	jit	折
most	jeui	最

9.7 Exercise

- 1) A: How much for this pen? _____
 B: \$200 _____
 A: Can it be cheaper? _____
 B: \$180 _____
 A: One please _____
 A: nī-jī bāt géi chín a? 呢支筆幾錢呀?
 B: yih-baak mān 二百蚊
 A: pèhng-dī dāk mh dāk a? 平啲得唔得呀?
 B: yāt-baak baat-sahp mān 一百八十蚊
 A: yāt-jī ā
- 2) A: How much for this watch? _____
 B: \$760 _____
 A: What is the cheapest price? _____
 B: \$700 _____
 A: How about \$600? _____
 B: No. The cheapest price is \$650 _____
 A: One please _____
 A: nī-jek sáu-biū géi chín a? 呢隻手錶幾錢呀?
 B: chāt baak luhk-sahp mān 七百六十蚊
 A: jeui-pèhng géi chín a? 最平幾錢呀?
 B: chāt-baak mān 七百蚊
 A: luhk baak mān dāk mh dāk a? 六百蚊得唔得呀?
 B: mh-dāk. jeui-pèhng luhk-baak n̄gh-sahp man 唔得, 最平六百五十蚊
 A: yāt-jek ā 一隻吖

- 3) A: How much for this item of clothing? _____
 B: \$240 _____
 A: Is there any discount? _____
 B: 10% off _____
 A: One please _____
 A: nī-gihngām sāam géi-chín a? 呢件衫幾錢呀?
 B: yih-baak sei-sahp mān 二百四十蚊
 A: yāuh móuh jit ga? 有冇折㗎?
 B: gáu-jit 九折
 A: yāt-gihngām ā 一件吖
- 4) A: How much for this one? _____
 B: \$930 _____
 A: What is the cheapest price? _____
 B: \$900 _____
 A: If I pay cash, can it be cheaper? _____
 B: No _____
 A: One please _____
 A: nī-go géi chín a? 呢個衫幾錢呀?
 B: gáu-baak sāam-sahp mān 九百三十蚊
 A: jeui-pèhng géi chín a? 最平幾錢呀?
 B: gáu-baak mān 九百蚊
 A: yùh-gwó bēi yihngām, yāuh móuh dāk pèhng dī a? 如果畀現金, 有冇得平啲呀?
 B: móuh 有
 A: yāt-go ā 一個吖

Unit 10 Pronouns

10.1 Personal Pronouns

I, me	ngóh	我
you (singular)	néih	你
he, she, it, him, her	kéuih	佢
we, us	ngóh deih	我哋
you (plural)	néih deih	你哋
they, them	kéuih deih	佢哋

10.2 Demonstrative Pronouns

this	nī go (MW)	呢個
that	gó go (MW)	嗰個
these	nī dī	呢啲
those	gó dī	嗰啲
here	nī douh	呢度
there	gó douh	嗰度

10.3 MW for plural and uncountable things

“dī” is an universal measure word for plural (without stating specific number) and uncountable things (eg. water)

- 1) These pens

nī dī bāt
these MW pen 呢啲筆

- 2) Those clothes

gó dī sāam
those MW clothes 嘴啲衫

10.4 Existential Sentences

Instead of saying “There is ...”, in Cantonese, people say “There have...”

- 1) There are many people
gó-douh yáuh hóu-dō yàhn
there have many people

嘅嘅有好多人

- 2) There are many people in Hong Kong
Hēung-Góng yáuh hóu-dō yàhn
Hong Kong have many people

香港有好多人

10.5 Interrogative Pronouns

which ...	bīn	邊
who (which person)	bīn go	邊個
which (which thing)	bīn go (MW)	邊個
where (which place)	bīn douh	邊度
how ... (quantity)	géi	幾
how many (how many + ...)	géi dō	幾多
how long (how many + duration)	géi noih	幾耐
when (how many + time)	géi sìh	幾時
what time (how many + o'clock)	géi dím	幾點
why (how to + explain)	dím gáai	點解
what	māt yéh, mē ↗	乜嘢

10.6 New Vocab

Suffix-place	douh	嘅
many	hóu dō	好多
very	hóu	好
many	dō	多

10.7 Exercise

- 1) A: Where are they going? _____
B: They are going to Central _____

A: kéuih-deih heui bīn-douh a? 佢哋去邊嘅呀?

B: kéuih-deih heui Jūng-Wāahn 佢哋去中環

- 2) A: How many people? _____
B: 4 _____

A: géi-dō yāhn a? 幾多人呀?

B: sei-go 四個

- 3) A: How many people are there? _____
B: 6 _____

A: gó-douh yáuh géi-dō yāhn a? 嘸嘢有幾多人呀?

B: luhk-go 六個

- 4) A: Which pen is cheaper? _____
B: This pen is cheaper _____

A: bīn-jī bāt pèhng-dī a? 邊支筆平啲呀?

B: nī-jī bāt pèhng-dī 呢支筆平啲

- 5) A: Which piece of clothing is better? _____
B: That piece of clothing is better _____

A: bīn-gih sāam hóu-dī a? 邊邊件衫好啲呀?

B: gó-gih sāam hóu-dī 嘐件衫好啲

- 6) A: Is he a student? _____
B: No, he is not a student _____
- A: kéuih haih mìh hah hohk sāang a? 佢係唔係學生呀?
- B: mìh-haih, kéuih mìh-hah hohk-sāang 唔係,佢唔係學生

- 7) A: Is this a watch? _____
B: Yes, this is a watch _____
- A: nī-jek haih mìh haih sáu-bīu a? 呢隻係唔係手錶呀?
- B: haih, nī-jek haih sáu-bīu 係,呢隻係手錶

Unit 11 Months and Weeks

11.1 Months

month	yuht	月
January	yāt-yuht	一月
February	yih-yuht	二月
March	sāam-yuht	三月
April	sei-yuht	四月
May	ńgh-yuht	五月
June	luhk-yuht	六月
July	chāt-yuht	七月
August	baat-yuht	八月
September	gáu-yuht	九月
October	sahp-yuht	十月
November	sahp-yāt-yuht	十一月
December	sahp-yih-yuht	十二月

11.2 Week

Both “láih-baai” and “sīng-kèih” means week and both are commonly used.

“sīng-kèih” is a bit more formal than “láih-baai”

week	sīng-kèih	星期
Monday	sīng-kèih-yāt	星期一
Tuesday	sīng-kèih-yih	星期二
Wednesday	sīng-kèih-sāam	星期三
Thursday	sīng-kèih-sei	星期四
Friday	sīng-kèih-ńgh	星期五
Saturday	sīng-kèih-luhk	星期六
Sunday	sīng-kèih-yaht	星期日

week	láih-baai	禮拜
Monday	láih-baai-yāt	禮拜一
Tuesday	láih-baai-yih	禮拜二
Wednesday	láih-baai-sāam	禮拜三
Thursday	láih-baai-sei	禮拜四
Friday	láih-baai-ñgh	禮拜五
Saturday	láih-baai-luhk	禮拜六
Sunday	láih-baai-yaht	禮拜日

11.3 Adverbs are put before the verbs

The following time expressions are adverb of time, therefore they are put before the verbs.

- 1) He went to Wan Chai on Wednesday

kéuih láih-baai-sāam heui Wāan-jái 佢禮拜三去灣仔
he Wednesday go Wan Chai

- 2) When did he go to Wan Chai?

kéuih géi-sīh heui Wāan-jái a? 佢幾時去灣仔呀?
he when go Wan Chai PM?

11.4 New Vocab

Refer to the above tables

11.5 Exercise

- 1) October _____
sahp-yuht 十月
- 2) March _____
sāam-yuht 三月
- 3) July _____
chāt-yuht 七月
- 4) Monday _____
sīng-kèih-yāt / láih-baai-yāt 星期一 / 禮拜一
- 5) Sunday _____
sīng-kèih-yaht / láih-baai-yaht 星期日 / 禮拜日

- 6) Saturday _____
sīng-kèih-luhk / láih-baai-luhk 星期六 / 禮拜六
- 7) I went on Friday _____
ngóh sīng-kèih-ñgh / láih-baai-ñgh heui 我星期五/禮拜五去
- 8) A: When did you go to Wan Chai? _____
B: I went to Wan Chai on Tuesday _____
A: néih géi-sīh heui Wāan-jái ga? 你幾時去灣仔喫?
B: ngóh láih-baai-yih heui Wāan-jái 我禮拜二去灣仔
- 9) A: When did she go to Central? _____
B: She went to Central on Wednesday _____
A: kéuih géi-sīh heui Jūng-wàahn ga? 佢幾時去中環喫?
B: kéuih láih-baai-sāam heui Jūng-wàahn 佢禮拜三去中環

Unit 12 Date

12.1 Months (MW: go)

month	yuht	月
last month	seuhng-go yuht	上個月
this month	nī-go yuht	呢個月
next month	hah-go yuht	下個月
one month	yāt go yuht	一個月

12.2 Weeks (MW: go)

week	láih-baai	禮拜
last week	seuhng-go láih-baai	上個禮拜
this week	nī-go láih-baai	呢個禮拜
next week	hah-go láih-baai	下個禮拜
one week	yāt-go láih-baai	一個禮拜

12.3 Days (No MW)

day	yaht	日
yesterday	kàhm-yaht/ chàhm-yaht	琴日/ 囉日
today	gām-yaht	今日
tomorrow	tīng-yaht	聽日
one day	yāt-yaht	一日

12.4 Nights (No MW)

night	máahn	晚
last night	kàhm-máahn/ chàhm-máahn	琴晚/ 囉晚

tonight	gām-máahn	今晚
tomorrow night	tīng-máahn	聽晚
one night	yāt-máahn	一晚

12.5 New Vocab

last	seuhng-go	上個
this	nī-go	呢個(U6)
next	hah-go	下個
day	yaht	日
yesterday	kàhm-yaht/ chàhm-yaht	琴日/ 囉日
today	gām-yaht	今日
tomorrow	tīng-yaht	聽日
night	máahn	晚
last night	kàhm-máahn/ chàhm-máahn	琴晚/ 囉晚
tonight	gām-máahn	今晚
tomorrow night	tīng-máahn	聽晚

12.6 Exercise

1) Tomorrow is Friday

tīng-yaht (haih) láih-baai nīgh 聽日(係)禮拜五

2) Today is Monday

gām-yaht (haih) láih-baai yāt 今日(係)禮拜一

3) Yesterday was Sunday

chàhm-yaht (haih) láih-baai yaht 囉日(係)禮拜日

- 4) I will go to Central tonight
ngóh gām-máahn heui Jūng-wàahn 我今晚去中環

5) They won't go to Central tomorrow night
kéuih-deih tīng-máahn m̄h (wúih) heui Jūng-wàahn
佢哋聽晚唔(會)去中環

6) There were many people last night
(*last night has many people*)
chàahm-máahn yáuh hóu-dō yáhn 噠晚有好多人

7) Last month was May
seuhng-go yuht haih n̄gh yuht 上個月係五月

8) Next month is July
hah-go yuht haih chāt yuht 下個月係七月

9) This month is November
n̄i-go yuht haih sahp-yāt yuht 呢個月係十一月

Unit 13 Time Telling

13.1 Casual Time Telling

In telling the time, 'jih' = 'a five minute' is used.

A five-minute period is called as “**yāt go jih** 一個字”, very often, “**go jih**” is skipped in time telling

8:05	baat-dím-yāt	八點一
8:10	baat-dím-yih	八點二
8:15	baat-dím-sāam	八點三
8:20	baat-dím-sei	八點四
8:25	baat-dím-ńgh	八點五
8:30	baat-dím bun	八點半
8:35	baat-dím-chāt	八點七
8:40	baat-dím-baat	八點八
8:45	baat-dím-gáu	八點九
8:50	baat-dím-sahp	八點十
8:55	baat-dím-sahp-yāt	八點十一

13.2 Formal Time Telling

- 1) 8:30
baat-dím **sāam-sahp** **fān** 八點三十分
8:00 30 minute

13.3 Asking the time

- 1) What time is it now?
yìh gā géi dím a?
now what time PM?
而家幾多點呀?

2) It's 10:15 now.
yìh gā haih sahp-dím sāam
now he 10:15
而家係十點三

13.4 Time Intervals

- | | | |
|----|-----------------------------|----|
| 1) | morning
jīu-jóu | 朝早 |
| 2) | afternoon
aan-jau | 晏晝 |
| 3) | night
yeh-máahn | 夜晚 |

13.5 Time telling with time intervals

There's no "a.m." and "p.m." in Cantonese.

- | | | |
|----|---|-------|
| 1) | 9:00 am
jīu-jóu gáu-dím
<i>morning</i> <i>9:00</i> | 朝早九點 |
| 2) | 2:30 pm
aan-jau léuhng-dím bun
<i>afternoon</i> <i>2:30</i> | 晏晝兩點半 |
| 3) | 7:00 pm
yeh-máahn chāt-dím
<i>night</i> <i>7:00</i> | 夜晚七點 |

13.6 New Vocab

o'clock	dím	點
minute	fān	分
now	yìh-gā	而家
morning	jīu-jóu	朝早
afternoon	aan-jau	晏晝
night	yeh-máahn	夜晚

13.7 Exercise

- 1) 3:00 _____
sāam dím 三點
- 2) 4:30 _____
sei-dím bun 四點半
- 3) 6:10 _____
luhk-dím yih 六點二
- 4) 7:55 _____
chāt dím sahp-yāt 七點十一
- 5) 9:00 am _____
jīu-jóu gáu-dím 朝早九點
- 6) 2:40 pm _____
aan-jau léuhng-dím baat 晏晝兩點八
- 7) 7:15 pm _____
yeh-máahn chāt-dím sāam 夜晚七點三

Unit 14 Drinks

14.1 Ordering Drinks

1) One coke

yāt-go hó-lohk

one MW coke

"個 go" can be replaced by "杯 būi" which means "glass or cup"

一個可樂

2) One iced coffee

yāt-go dung ga-fē

one MW cold coffee

一個凍咖啡

3) One hot coffee

yāt-go yiht ga-fē

one MW hot coffee

一個熱咖啡

4) Please give me a glass of water

m̄h-gōi bēi (yāt) būi séui ā
please give one glass water PM

唔該畀杯水吖

Usually, the "yāt" is skipped here.

5) A moment please

dáng dóng

wait wait

等等

14.2 New Vocab

coffee	ga fē	咖啡
black coffee	jāai fē	齋啡
tea	chàh	茶
tea with milk (milk tea)	náaih-chàh	奶茶
orange juice	cháang-jāp	橙汁
water	séui	水
beer	bē-jáu	啤酒
give	béi	畀
glass/cup	būi	杯
cold	dung	凍
hot	yiht	熱

14.3 Exercise

1) A: One hot tea with milk _____
B: \$7.5 _____

A: yāt-go yiht náaih-chàh 一個熱奶茶

B: chāt-go-bun 七個半

2) A: One iced coffee _____
B: \$8 _____

A: yāt-go dung ga-fē 一個凍咖啡

B: baat-mān 八蚊

3) A: One large coke _____
B: \$8.5 _____

A: yāt go daaih hó-lohhk 一個大可樂

B: baat-go bun 八個半

4) A: One small coke _____
B: \$6.5 _____

A: yāt go sai hó-lohhk 一個細可樂

B: luhk-go bun 六個半

5) A: Two hot coffee _____
B: \$28 _____

A: léuhng-go yiht ga-fē 兩個熱咖啡

B: yah-baat mān / yih-sahp baat mān 廿八蚊/二十八蚊

6) A: Please give me a cup of water _____
B: A moment please _____

A: m̄h-gōi bēi būi séui ā 嘴該畀杯水吖

B: dág dág 等等

Unit 15 Ordering Food

15.1 Expressions

- 1) Do you have fried rice?

yáuh móuh cháau faahn a?
have not have stir-fried rice PM?

- 2) Yes

yáuh 有

- 3) No

móuh 有

- 4) Sold out

maaih saai
sell entirely

- 5) The bill please

màaih dāan
close bill

A: mh-gōi màaih-dāan 唔該埋單

B: sāam-sahp-baat mān 三十八蚊

2) A: Do you have sweet and sour pork? _____

B: sold out _____

A: Do you have fried noodles? _____

B: Yes _____

A: How much? _____

B: \$42 _____

A: One please _____

A: yáuh-móuh Gū-lōu-yuhk a? 有冇咕嚕肉呀?

B: maaih-saai 賣晒

A: yáuh-móuh cháau-mihm a? 有冇炒麵呀?

B: yáuh 有

A: géi chín a? 幾錢呀?

B: sei-sahp-yih mān 四十二蚊

A: mh-gōi yāt go ā. 唔該一個吖

15.2 New Vocab

fried rice	cháau-faahn	炒飯
fried noodles	cháau-mihm	炒麵
fried flat rice noodles	cháau hó	炒河
Sweet & sour pork	Gū-lōu-yuhk	咕嚕肉
sold out	maaih saai	賣晒
bill-the bill please	màaih dāan	埋單

- 1) A: Do you have fried rice? _____

B: Yes _____

A: One please _____

.....

A: The bill please _____

B: \$38 _____

A: yáuh-móuh cháau-faahn a? 有冇炒飯呀?

B: yáuh 有

A: mh-gōi yāt go ā. 唔該一個吖

Unit 16 Taxi and Minibus

16.1 Ask for Destination

- 1) The Central MTR station please

Jung-wàahn deih-tit-jaahm mìh-gōi 中環地鐵站唔該
Central MTR station please

- 2) 80 Nathan Road please

Nèih-dēun douh baat-sahp houh mìh-gōi 彌敦道 80 號唔該
Nathan Road 80 number please

16.2 Ask for Stop

- 1) Stop for taxi

tìhng 停

It is used for a hired vehicle only, such as a taxi. In a minibus, it sounds rude if you say “tìhng”

- 2) Stop for minibus

yáuh lohk 有落
have off

It is used for a minibus. Because they don't hire the minibus, they just say “yáuh lohk” means “someone has to get off” and then the driver will stop the minibus for the passengers

16.3 Taxi

- 1) Stop here

nī douh tìhng á 呢嘅停吖
here stop PM

- 2) Stop further ahead

chìn bihn tìhng á 前邊停吖
front side stop PM

- 3) Stop at Park'n shop

Baak Gāai tìhng á

百佳停吖

16.4 Minibus

- 1) Stop at the MTR station

deih tit jaahm yáuh lohk
MTR station have off

地鐵站有落

- 2) Stop at the street intersection / junction

gāai háu yáuh lohk
street mouth have off

街口有落

- 3) Stop at the bus stop

bā sí jaahm mìh gōi
bus station please

巴士站唔該

16.5 Payment

- 1) Keep the change

mìh sái jáau la 唔駛找喇
no need give back the change PM

(In Cantonese, “jáau” is a **verb** which means “give back the change”)

- 2) \$10 change is okay

jáau sahp-mān dāk la 找十蚊得喇
give back the change \$10 okay PM

- 3) Can you give change?

yáuh móuh dāk jáau a? 有冇得找呀
have not have PS give back the change PM?

16.6 Instructions

- 1) I'll show you the way.

ngóh daai louh á 我帶路吖
I lead road (way) PM

- 2) go straight

jihk heui 直去
straight go

- 3) turn left

jyun jó 轉左
turn left

- 4) turn right
jyun yauh
turn right
- 5) Please go faster
m̄h gōi faai dī ā
please faster PM
- 6) Please go slower
m̄h gōi maahn dī ā
please slower PM

轉右

唔該快啲吖

唔該慢啲吖

16.7 New Vocab

stop	tìhng	停
off/fall	lohk	落
front	chìhn-bih	前邊
Park'n Shop	Baak-gāai	百佳
bus	bā-sí	巴站
bus stop/station	bā-sí jaahm	巴士站
taxi	dīk-sí	的士
taxi stand	dīk-sí jaahm	的士站
intersections	gāai háu	街口
street	gāai	街
mouth	háu	口
give back the change	jáau	找
bring/lead	daai	帶
road	louh	路
go straight	jihk heui	直去
turn	jyun	轉
left	jó	左
right	yauh	右
fast	faai	快
slow	maahn	慢

16.8 Exercise

- 1) A: Go to Central please
A: Stop at Park'n shop
B: \$68
A: Keep the change
B: Thanks
A: m̄h-gōi (heui) Jūng-Wàahn 唔該(去)中環
.....
A: Baak-gāai tìhng ā 百佳停吖
B: luhk-sahp-baat mān 六十八蚊
A: m̄h-sái jáau la 唔駛找喇
B: dō-jeh 多謝
- 2) A: Go straight, then turn left
A: Stop here
B: \$37.5
A: \$10 change is okay
B: Thanks
A: jihk heui, gān-jyuh jyun jó 直去,跟住轉左
.....
A: nī-douh tìhng ā 呢嘅停吖
B: sāam-sahp-chāt-go bun 三十七個半
A: jáau sahp mān dāk la 找十蚊得喇
B: dō-jeh 多謝

Unit 17 Asking for Directions

17.1 Where is...

1) Where is the washroom?

sái sáu gāan hái bīn douh a?
wash room at where PM?

洗手間喺邊嘅呀?

2) Go straight and then turn left

jihk heui, gān-jyuh jyun jó
straight go, then turn left

直去,跟住轉左

17.2 Is there...

1) Are there any telephone here?

nī-douh yáuh móuh dihn wá a?
here have not have telephone PM

呢嘅有冇電話呀?

2) Are there any telephone nearby?

fuh gahn yáuh móuh dihn wá a?
nearby have not have telephone PM

附近有冇電話呀?

17.3 How do you get to ...?

1) How do you get to the MTR station?

dím yéung heui deih-tit jaahm a?
how go MTR station PM?

點樣去地鐵站呀?

17.4 New Vocab

washroom	sái-sáu-gāan	洗手間
telephone	dihns-wá	電話
at/in	hái	喺
nearby	fuh-gahn	附近
how	dím-yéung	點樣

17.5 Exercise

1) A: Where is the telephone? _____

B: Go straight, then turn left _____

A: Thanks! _____

B: You are welcome _____

A: dihn-wá hái bīn-douh a? 電話喺邊嘅呀?

B: jihk-heui, gān-jyuh jyun-jó 直去,跟住轉左

A: mìh-gōi 唔該

B: mìh-sái 唔駛

2) A: Is there a toilet here? _____

B: Yes _____

A: How to go there? _____

B: Go straight, then turn right _____

A: Thanks! _____

B: You are welcome _____

A: nī-douh yáuh móuh sái-sáu-gāan a? 呢嘅有冇洗手間?

B: yáuh 有

A: dím-yéung heui a? 點樣去呀?

B: jihk-heui, gān-jyuh jyun-yauh 直去,跟住轉右

A: mìh-gōi 唔該

B: mìh-sái 唔駛

3) A: Is there an MTR station near by? _____

B: Yes _____

A: How to go there? _____

B: Turn left, then go straight _____

A: fuh-gahn yáuh móuh deih-tit-jaahm a? 附近有冇地鐵站呀?

B: yáuh 有

A: dím-yéung heui a? 點樣去呀?

B: jyun-jó, gān-jyuh jihk-heui 轉左,跟住直去

Unit 18 Telephone

18.1 Expressions

1) Hello

wái

喂

("wái" is used as "Hello" on the phone only, not for greeting)

2) May I speak to Peter?

mìh gōi Peter

please Peter

唔該

3) Yes, speaking

ngóh haih a

I am PM

我係呀

4) Please hold on.

mìh gōi dáng dáng

please wait wait

唔該等等

5) He is not here

kéuih mìh hái douh

he not at here

("nî-douh, here" is shorten as "douh")

佢唔喺度

6) Wrong number.

dá cho la

dial wrongly PM

打錯喇

2) A: May I speak to Kelvin? _____

B: Please hold on _____

A: Thanks _____

A: mìh-gōi Kelvin 嘴該 Kelvin

B: mìh-gōi dáng dán 嘴該等等

A: mìh gōi 嘴該

3) A: Hello _____

B: May I speak to Kelvin _____

A: He is not here _____

B: Thanks _____

A: Welcome _____

A: wái 喂

B: mìh-gōi Kelvin 嘴該 Kelvin

A: kéuih mìh hái douh 佢唔喺度

B: mìh-gōi 嘴該

A: mìh-sái 嘴駛

4) A: May I speak to Kelvin _____

B: Wrong number _____

A: I'm sorry _____

B: Never mind _____

A: mìh-gōi Kelvin 嘴該 Kelvin

B: dá-cho la 打錯喇

A: mìh-hóu yi si 嘴好意思

B: mìh gán-yiu 嘴緊要

18.2 Vocab revision

dial / hit	dá	打
wrong	cho	錯

1) A: May I speak to Kelvin? _____

B: Yes speaking _____

A: mìh-gōi Kelvin 嘴該 Kelvin

B: ngóh haih a 我係呀

Unit 19 Revisions

19.1 Grammar Notes

1. Modal Particles	U3
2. Word order of a question	U4
3. Measure Words	U5
4. Repeat the Verbs	U6
5. Answer to a Yes/No question	U7
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19.2 Sentence Pattern

1. Do you have ... ?	yáuh móuh	U7
2. Can it be	yáuh móuh dāk... ?	U8
3. Can it be	... dāk m̄h dāk ?	U9
4. Where is hái bīn-douh a ?	U17
5. Are there any...	yáuh-móuh ...?	U17
6. How do you get to ...?	dím-yéung heui ...?	U17

Unit 20 Abbreviation used in the glossaries

The parts of speech are classified according to the Cantonese but not the English. There may be more than one kind of parts of speech for a single word. Only the commonly used part of speech is shown.

1. n	noun	n.p.: proper noun
2. pron	pronoun	
3. a	adjective	
4. v	verb	v.aux: auxiliary verb
5. num	numeral	
6. m.w.	measure word	
7. ad	adverb	
8. prep	preposition	
9. conj	conjunction	
10. p	particle	PS: structural particle PA: aspectual particle PM: modal particle
11. intj	interjection	
12. ono	onomatopoeia	
13. PF	prefix	
14. SF	suffix	

Unit 21 Glossaries – English to Cantonese

1. add	gā	v	U8	加
2. Admiralty	Gām-jūng	n.p.	U4	金鐘
3. afternoon	aan-jau	n	U13	晏晝
4. April	sei-yuht	n	U11	四月
5. August	baat-yuht	n	U11	八月
6. bag	dóí	n	U8	袋
7. be	haih	v	U3	係
8. beer	bē-jáu	n	U14	啤酒
9. big sale	daaih-gáam-ga	-	U3	大減價
10. bill-the bill please	màaih dāan	-	U15	埋單
11. black	hāak-sīk	n	U7	黑色
12. black coffee	jāai fē	n	U14	齋啡
13. blue	lāahm-sīk	n	U7	藍色
14. borrow	je	v	U4	借
15. bring	daai	v	U16	帶
16. bus	bā-sí	n	U16	巴士
17. bus stop/station	bā-sí jaahm	n	U16	巴士站
18. call	giu	v	U4	叫
19. card, credit card	kāat	n	U8	咁
20. cash	yihng-gām	n	U9	現金
21. Central (Central District)	Jūng-Wāahn	n.p.	U4	中環
22. change	wuhn	v	U8	換
23. cheap	pèhng	a	U8	平
24. cheaper	pèhng dī	-	U8-	平啲
25. clothes	sāam	n	U5	衫
26. coffee	gā fē	n	U14	咖啡
27. coke	hó lohk	n	U5	可樂
28. cold	dung	a	U14	凍
29. collect, receive	sāu	v	U8	收
30. colour	sīk	n	U7	色

31. correct/suit	āam	a	U8	啱
32. crazy	chī-sin	a	U3	鷄癮
33. day	yaht	n	U12	日
34. December	sahp-yih-yuht	n	U11	十二月
35. deliver	sung-fo	-	U8	送貨
36. dial / hit	dá	v	U18	打
37. dime (10cents)	hòuh-jí	n	U2	毫子
38. dollar	mān	n	U1	蚊
39. don't have	móuh	ad	U4	冇
40. dress	kwàhn	n	U5	裙
41. eight	baat	num	U1	八
42. excuse me / sorry	mh-hóu-yi-si	-	U3	唔好意思
43. explain	gáai	v	U3	解
44. fall/off	lohk	v	U16	落
45. fast	faai	a	U16	快
46. February	yih-yuht	n	U11	二月
47. five	ńgh	num	U1	五
48. four	sei	num	U1	四
49. Friday	sīng-kèih-ńgh	n	U11	星期五
50. Friday	láih-baai-ńgh	n	U11	禮拜五
51. fried noodles	cháau-mihm	n	U15	炒麵
52. fried rice	cháau-faahn	n	U15	炒飯
53. front	chìhn-bihm	n	U16	前邊
54. give	béi	v	U14	畀
55. give back the change	jáau	v	U16	找
56. glass/cup	būi	n	U14	杯
57. go	heui	n	U4	去
58. go straight	jihk heui	-	U16	直去
59. good morning	jóu-sāhn	-	U4	早晨
60. good/very	hóu	a/ad	U4	好
61. goodbye	bāai-baai	-	U4	拜拜
62. half	bun	n	U2	半

63. hand	sáu	n	U5	手
64. have	yáuh	v	U6	有
65. he, she, it, him, her	kéuih	pron	U4	佢
66. hello (used on the phone)	wái	intj	U18	喂
67. here	ní douh	pron	U5	呢嘅
68. hot	yiht	a	U14	熱
69. how to	dím-yéung	pron	U17	點樣
70. how to	dím	pron	U3	點
71. how (many, quantity)	géi	pron	U10	幾
72. how long (refer time, not length)	géi noih	pron	U10	幾耐
73. how many	géi dō	pron	U10	幾多
74. how much (money)	géi-chín	-	U6	幾錢
75. hundred (one hundred)	yāt-baak	num	U1	一百
76. I, me	ngóh	pron	U4	我
77. idiot	baahk-chī	n	U3	白痴
78. if	yùh-gwó	conj	U8	如果
79. important	gán-yiu	a	U4	緊要
80. in, at	hái	prep	U17	喺
81. intersections	gāai háu	n	U16	街口
82. January	yāt-yuht	n	U11	一月
83. July	chāt-yuht	n	U11	七月
84. June	luhk-yuht	n	U11	六月
85. large	daaih	a	U7	大
86. last (week, etc)	seuhng-go	-	U12	上個
87. last night	chàhm-máahn	n	U12	囉晚
88. last night	kàhm-máahn	n	U12	琴晚
89. late (late arrive)	chìh-dou	-	U4	遲到
90. left	jó	n	U16	左
91. many	hóu dō	-	U10	好多
92. many	dō	a/ad	U10	多
93. March	sāam-yuht	n	U11	三月
94. May	ńgh-yuht	n	U11	五月

95. means	jík-haih	v	U3	即係
96. medium	jūng	a	U7	中
97. minute	fān	n	U13	分
98. Monday	síng-kèih-yāt	n	U11	星期一
99. Monday	láih-baai-yāt	n	U11	禮拜一
100. money	chín	n	U6	錢
101. month	yuht	n	U11	月
102. morning	jīu-jóu	n	U13	朝早
103. most	jeui	ad	U9	最
104. mouth	háu	n	U16	口
105. MTR station	deih-tit-jaahm	n	U3	地鐵站
106. MW – clothes	gihn	MW	U5	件
107. MW - cylindrical objects	jī	MW	U5	支
108. MW - long, thin objects	tíuh	MW	U5	條
109. MW - people related nouns	go	MW	U2	個
110. MW – plural and uncountable things / Suffix – adj + er	dī	MW/S	U7	啲 F
111. MW - round objects	hek	MW	U5	隻
112. name	méng	n	U4	名
113. nearby	fuh-gahn	n	U17	附近
114. need not (no need)	mh-sái	-	U4	唔駛
115. next (week, etc)	hah-go	-	U12	下個
116. night	máahn	n	U12	晚
117. night	yeh-máahn	n	U13	夜晚
118. nine	gáu	num	U1	九
119. not	mh	ad	U4	唔
120. November	sahp-yāt-yuht	n	U11	十一月
121. now	yìh-gā	n	U13	而家
122. o'clock	dím	n	U13	點
123. October	sahp-yuht	n	U11	十月
124. one	yāt	num	U1	一
125. orange juice	cháang-jāp	n	U14	橙汁

126. other	kèih-tā	a	U7	其他
127. PM - change the current situations	la	PM	U8	喇
128. PM - questions	a	PM	U3	呀
129. PM - questions-general cases	ga	PM	U6	㗎
130. PM - request	ā	PM	U6	吖
131. PS/can/okay	dāk	PS	U6	得
132. Park'n Shop	Baak-gāai	n.p.	U16	百佳
133. pen	bāt	n	U5	筆
134. person	yāhn	n	U5	人
135. polite	haak-hei	a	U4	客氣
136. problem	mahn-tāih	n	U4	問題
137. right	yauh	n	U16	右
138. road	louh	n	U16	路
139. Saturday	láih-baai-luhk	n	U11	星期六
140. Saturday	sīng-kèih-luhk	n	U11	禮拜六
141. say/speak	góng	v	U3	講
142. September	gáu-yuht	n	U11	九月
143. seven	chāt	num	U1	七
144. six	luhk	num	U1	六
145. size	máh	n	U7	碼
146. slow	maahn	a	U16	慢
147. small	sai	a	U7	細
148. sold out	maaih saai	-	U15	賣晒
149. stir-fried flat rice noodles	cháau hòh	n	U15	炒河
150. stop	tǐhng	v	U16	停
151. street	gāai	n	U16	街
152. student	hohk-sāang	n	U5	學生
153. Suffix – place	douh	SF	U10	㗎
154. Sunday	sīng-kèih-yaht	n	U11	星期日
155. Sunday	láih-baai-yaht	n	U11	禮拜日
156. Sweet & sour pork	Gū-lō-yuhk	n	U15	咕嚕肉
157. taxi	dík-sí	n	U16	的士

158. taxi stand	dík-sí jaahm	n	U16	的士站
159. tea	chàh	n	U14	茶
160. tea with milk (milk tea)	náaih-chàh	n	U14	奶茶
161. telephone	dihñ-wá	n	U17	電話
162. ten	sahp	num	U1	十
163. ten percent (discount)	jit	n	U9	折
164. thank	dō-jeh	v	U4	多謝
165. thank/please	mh-gōi	-	U4	唔該
166. that	gó	pron	U5	噃
167. that one	gó go (MW)	pron	U10	噃個
168. there (that place)	gó douh	pron	U10	噃嘅
169. these	nī dī	pron	U10	呢啲
170. they, them	kéuih deih	pron	U10	佢哋
171. this	nī	pron	U5	呢
172. this one	nī go (MW)	pron	U6	呢個
173. those	gó dī	pron	U10	噃啲
174. three	sāam	num	U1	三
175. Thursday	sīng-kèih-sei	n	U11	星期四
176. Thursday	láih-baai-sei	n	U11	禮拜四
177. today	gām-yaht	n	U12	今日
178. tomorrow	tīng-yaht	n	U12	聽日
179. tomorrow night	tīng-máahn	n	U12	聽晚
180. tonight	gām-máahn	n	U12	今晚
181. too	taai	ad	U8	太
182. trousers	fu	n	U5	褲
183. try	si	v	U6	試
184. T-shirt	T-sēut	n	U5	T恤
185. Tsim Sha Tsui	Jím-sā-jéui	n.p.	U4	尖沙咀
186. Tuesday	sīng-kèih-yih	n	U11	星期二
187. Tuesday	láih-baai-yih	n	U11	禮拜二
188. turn	jyun	v	U16	轉
189. twenty	yah	num	U1	廿

190. two	yih	num	U1	二
191. two (two of something)	léuhng	num	U2	兩
192. wait	dáng	v	U4	等
193. Wan Chai	Wāan-jái	n	U4	灣仔
194. want	séung	v.aux	U6	想
195. washroom	sái-sáu-gāan	n	U17	洗手間
196. watch	sáu-bīu	n	U5	手錶
197. watch, look	tái	v	U6	睇
198. water	séui	n	U14	水
199. we, us	ngóh deih	pron	U10	我哋
200. Wednesday	sīng-kèih-sāam	n	U11	星期三
201. Wednesday	lái-h-baai-sāam	n	U11	禮拜三
202. week	lái-h-baai	n	U11	星期
203. week	sīng-kèih	n	U11	禮拜
204. what	māt yéh, mē↗	pron	U4	乜嘢
205. what time	géi dím	pron	U10	幾點
206. when	géi sìh	pron	U10	幾時
207. where (which place)	bīn douh	pron	U4	邊嘅
208. which (which thing)	bīn go (MW)	pron	U10	邊個
209. which ...	bīn	pron	U10	邊
210. who (which person)	bīn go	pron	U10	邊個
211. why	dím gáai	-	U10	點解
212. wrong	cho	a	U18	錯
213. yesterday	chàhm-yaht	n	U12	囉日
214. yesterday	kàhm-yaht	n	U12	琴日
215. you (plural)	néih deih	pron	U10	你哋
216. you (singular)	néih	pron	U4	你

Unit 22 Glossaries – Cantonese to English

1. a	呀	PM - questions	PM	U3
2. ā	𠵼	PM - request	PM	U6
3. āam	噃	correct/suit	a	U8
4. aan-jau	晏晝	afternoon	n	U13
5. bāai-baai	拜拜	goodbye	-	U4
6. bā-sí	巴士	bus	n	U16
7. bā-sí jaahm	巴士站	bus stop/station	n	U16
8. bāt	筆	pen	n	U5
9. baahk-chī	白痴	idiot	n	U3
10. Baak-gāai	百佳	Park'n Shop	n.p.	U16
11. baat	八	eight	num	U1
12. baat-yuht	八月	August	n	U11
13. bē-jáu	啤酒	beer	n	U14
14. béi	畀	give	v	U14
15. bīn	邊	which ...	pron	U10
16. bīn douh	邊嘅	where (which place)	pron	U4
17. bīn go (MW)	邊個	which (which thing)	pron	U10
18. bīn go	邊個	who (which person)	pron	U10
19. būi	杯	glass/cup	n	U14
20. bun	半	half	n	U2
21. chāt	七	seven	num	U1
22. chāt-yuht	七月	July	n	U11
23. cháang-jāp	橙汁	orange juice	n	U14
24. cháau-faahn	炒飯	fried rice	n	U15
25. cháau hòh	炒河	stir-fry flat rice noodles	n	U15
26. cháau-mihn	炒麵	fried noodles	n	U15
27. chàh	茶	tea	n	U14
28. chàhm-máahn	囉晚	last night	n	U12
29. chàhm-yaht	囉日	yesterday	n	U12

30.	chī-sin	鴉纈	crazy	a	U3
31.	chín	錢	money	n	U6
32.	chǐh-dou	遲到	late (late arrive)	-	U4
33.	chǐhn-bihñ	前邊	front	n	U16
34.	cho	錯	wrong	a	U18
35.	dāk	得	PS/can/okay	PS	U6
36.	dá	打	dial / hit	v	U18
37.	dáng	等	wait	v	U4
38.	daai	帶	bring	v	U16
39.	daaih	大	large	a	U7
40.	daaih-gáam-ga	大減價	big sale	-	U3
41.	deih-tit-jaahm	地鐵站	MTR station	n	U3
42.	dī	啲	MW – plural and uncountable things / Suffix – adj + er	MW/ SF	U7
43.	dík-sí	的士	taxi	n	U16
44.	dík-sí jaahm	的士站	taxi stand	n	U16
45.	dím	點	o'clock	n	U13
46.	dím	點	how (how the way)	pron	U3
47.	dím gáai	點解	why	-	U10
48.	dím-yéung	點樣	how (how the way)	pron	U17
49.	dihñ-wá	電話	telephone	n	U17
50.	dō	多	many	a/ad	U10
51.	dō-jeh	多謝	thank	v	U4
52.	dóí	袋	bag	n	U8
53.	douh	曠	Suffix – place	SF	U10
54.	dung	凍	cold	a	U14
55.	fān	分	minute	n	U13
56.	faai	快	fast	a	U16
57.	fu	褲	trousers	n	U5
58.	fu-h-gahn	附近	nearby	n	U17
59.	ga	嚟	PM - questions-general cases	PM	U6
60.	gā	加	add	v	U8

61.	gāai	街	street	n	U16
62.	gāai háu	街口	intersections	n	U16
63.	Gām-jūng	金鐘	Admiralty	n.p.	U4
64.	gām-máahñ	今晚	tonight	n	U12
65.	gām-yaht	今日	today	n	U12
66.	gáai	解	explain	v	U3
67.	gán-iyu	緊要	important	a	U4
68.	gáu	九	nine	num	U1
69.	gáu-yuht	九月	September	n	U11
70.	gā fē	咖啡	coffee	n	U14
71.	géi	幾	how ... (quantity)	pron	U10
72.	géi-chín	幾錢	how much (money)	-	U6
73.	géi dím	幾點	what time	pron	U10
74.	géi dō	幾多	how many	pron	U10
75.	géi noih	幾耐	how long (refer time, not length)	pron	U10
76.	géi sìh	幾時	when	pron	U10
77.	gihn	件	MW – clothes	MW	U5
78.	giu	叫	call	v	U4
79.	go	個	MW - people related nouns	MW	U2
80.	gó	噃	that	pron	U5
81.	gó dī	噃啲	those	pron	U10
82.	gó douh	噃曠	there (that place)	pron	U10
83.	gó go (MW)	噃個	that one	pron	U10
84.	góng	講	say/speak	v	U3
85.	Gū-lō-yuhk	咕嚕肉	Sweet & sour pork	n	U15
86.	häuser-sík	黑色	black	n	U7
87.	hái	喺	in, at	prep	U17
88.	háu	口	mouth	n	U16
89.	haak-hei	客氣	polite	a	U4
90.	hah-go	下個	next (week, etc)	-	U12
91.	haih	係	be	v	U3

92. heui	去	go	n	U4
93. hó lohk	可樂	coke	n	U5
94. hóu	好	good/very	a/ad	U4
95. hóu dō	好多	many	-	U10
96. hòuh-jí	毫子	dime (10cents)	n	U2
97. hohk-sāang	學生	student	n	U5
98. jāai fē	齋啡	black coffee	n	U14
99. jáau	找	give back the change	v	U16
100. je	借	borrow	v	U4
101. hek	隻	MW - round objects	MW	U5
102. jeui	最	most	ad	U9
103. jī	支	MW - cylindrical objects	MW	U5
104. jīk-haih	即係	means	v	U3
105. Jím-sā-jéui	尖沙咀	Tsim Sha Tsui	n.p.	U4
106. jīu-jóu	朝早	morning	n	U13
107. jihk heui	直去	go straight	-	U16
108. jit	折	ten percent (discount)	n	U9
109. jó	左	left	n	U16
110. jóu-sāhn	早晨	good morning	-	U4
111. jūng	中	medium	a	U7
112. Jūng-Wàahn	中環	Central (Central District)	n.p.	U4
113. jyun	轉	turn	v	U16
114. kāat	咁	card, credit card	n	U8
115. kàhm-máahn	琴晚	last night	n	U12
116. kàhm-yaht	琴日	yesterday	n	U12
117. kéuih	佢	he, she, it, him, her	pron	U4
118. kéuih deih	佢哋	they, them	pron	U10
119. kèih-tā	其他	other	a	U7
120. kwāhn	裙	dress	n	U5
121. la	喇	PM - change the current situations	PM	U8
122. sīng-kèih	禮拜	week	n	U11

123. sīng-kèih-luhk	禮拜六	Saturday	n	U11
124. láih-baai-ńgh	禮拜五	Friday	n	U11
125. láih-baai-sāam	禮拜三	Wednesday	n	U11
126. láih-baai-sei	禮拜四	Thursday	n	U11
127. láih-baai-yāt	禮拜一	Monday	n	U11
128. láih-baai-yaht	禮拜日	Sunday	n	U11
129. láih-baai-yih	禮拜二	Tuesday	n	U11
130. làahm-sīk	藍色	blue	n	U7
131. léuhng	兩	two (two of something)	num	U2
132. lohk	落	fall/off	v	U16
133. louh	路	road	n	U16
134. luhk	六	six	num	U1
135. luhk-yuht	六月	June	n	U11
136. ṁh	唔	not	ad	U4
137. ṁh-gōi	唔該	thank/please	-	U4
138. ṁh-hóu-yi-si	唔好意思	excuse me / sorry	-	U3
139. ṁh-sái	唔駛	need not (no need)	-	U4
140. mān	蚊	dollar	n	U1
141. māt yéh, mē↗	乜嘢	what	pron	U4
142. máahm	晚	night	n	U12
143. máh	碼	size	n	U7
144. màaih dāan	埋單	bill-the bill please	-	U15
145. maahn	慢	slow	a	U16
146. maaih saai	賣晒	sold out	-	U15
147. mahn-tāih	問題	problem	n	U4
148. méng	名	name	n	U4
149. móuh	冇	don't have	ad	U4
150. ńgh	五	five	num	U1
151. ńgh-yuht	五月	May	n	U11
152. náaih-chàh	奶茶	tea with milk (milk tea)	n	U14
153. néih	你	you (singular)	pron	U4
154. néih deih	佢哋	you (plural)	pron	U10

155. ngóh	我	I, me	pron	U4
156. ngóh deih	我哋	we, us	pron	U10
157. nī	呢	this	pron	U5
158. nī dī	呢啲	these	pron	U10
159. nī douh	呢噃	here	pron	U5
160. nī go (MW)	呢個	this one	pron	U6
161. pèhng dī	平啲	cheaper	-	U8-
162. pèhng	平	cheap	a	U8
163. sāam	衫	clothes	n	U5
164. sāam	三	three	num	U1
165. sāam-yuht	三月	March	n	U11
166. sāu	收	collect, receive	v	U8
167. sái-sáu-gāan	洗手間	washroom	n	U17
168. sáu	手	hand	n	U5
169. sáu-biū	手錶	watch	n	U5
170. sahp	十	ten	num	U1
171. sahp-yāt-yuht	十一月	November	n	U11
172. sahp-yih-yuht	十二月	December	n	U11
173. sahp-yuht	十月	October	n	U11
174. sai	細	small	a	U7
175. iséui	水	water	n	U14
176. héung	想	want	v.aux	U6
177. sei	四	four	num	U1
178. sei-yuht	四月	April	n	U11
179. seuhng-go	上個	last (week, etc)	-	U12
180. si	試	try	v	U6
181. sík	色	colour	n	U7
182. láih-baai	星期	week	n	U11
183. láih-baai-luhk	星期六	Saturday	n	U11
184. síng-kèih-ńgh	星期五	Friday	n	U11
185. síng-kèih-sāam	星期三	Wednesday	n	U11
186. síng-kèih-sei	星期四	Thursday	n	U11

187. síng-kèih-yāt	星期一	Monday	n	U11
188. síng-kèih-yaht	星期日	Sunday	n	U11
189. síng-kèih-yih	星期二	Tuesday	n	U11
190. sung-fo	送貨	deliver	-	U8
191. tái	睇	watch	v	U6
192. taai	太	too	ad	U8
193. tíng-máahn	聽晚	tomorrow night	n	U12
194. tíng-yaht	聽日	tomorrow	n	U12
195. tíhng	停	stop	v	U16
196. tíuh	條	MW - long, thin objects	MW	U5
197. T-séut	T 恤	T-shirt	n	U5
198. Wāan-jái	灣仔	Wan Chai	n	U4
199. wái	喂	hello (used on the phone)	intj	U18
200. wuhn	換	change	v	U8
201. yāt	一	one	num	U1
202. yāt-baak	一百	hundred (one hundred)	num	U1
203. yāt-yuht	一月	January	n	U11
204. yáuh	有	have	v	U6
205. yáhn	人	person	n	U5
206. yah	廿	twenty	num	U1
207. yaht	日	day	n	U12
208. yauh	右	right	n	U16
209. yeh-máahn	夜晚	night	n	U13
210. yih-gā	而家	now	n	U13
211. yih	二	two	num	U1
212. yihng-gām	現金	cash	n	U9
213. yiht	熱	hot	a	U14
214. yih-yuht	二月	February	n	U11
215. yüh-gwó	如果	if	conj	U8
216. yuht	月	month	n	U11

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