

Cantonese Phrase Book (Beta)

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Basic Greetings

Hello.

你好. Néih hóu. 

How are you?

你點樣呀? Néih dím'yeuhng a? / 你好嗎? Néih hóu ma? / 點呀 Dím a? (*informal*)


Fine, thank you.

幾好. Géi hóu. (*No need to say "thank you" after answering "fine" in Cantonese*)


What is your name?

你叫乜嘢名呀? Néih giu māt'yéh mēhng a? 


My name is _____.

我個名叫_____. Ngóh go mēhng giu _____ . 


Nice to meet you.

幸會. Hahng'wúih. 


Please.

請. Ching. 



Thank you. (*after someone does something for you*)

唔該. Mh'gōi. 

Thank you. (*when someone gives you a gift*)

多謝. Dōjeh. 

You're welcome.

唔使. Mhsái. / 唔使客氣. Mh'sái haak3 hei3. / 唔使唔該. Mhsái mh'gōi.  


Yes.

係. Haih. 

No.

唔係. Mh'haih. 


Excuse me/Pardon me/Sorry.

對唔住. Deui-mh-jyuh. 


Goodbye

再見. Joigin. 


I can't speak Cantonese.

我唔識講廣東話. Ngóh mh'sīk góng Gwóngdōngwá. 


Excuse me, do you speak English?

請問你識唔識講英文呀? Chingmahn néih sīk-mh-sīk góng Yīngmán a? 


Is there someone here who speaks English?

請問有冇人識講英文呀? Chingmahn yáuhmóh yàhn sīk góng Yīngmán a? 


Help!

救命呀! Gau mehng ā! 


Look out!

小心! Siusām! 


Good morning.

早晨. Jóusàhn. 

I don't understand.

我唔明. Ngóh mh'mihng. 

Where is the toilet?

邊度有廁所? Bīndouh yáuh chi sóh? 

Problems

Leave me alone.

唔好搞我. Mh'hóu gáau ngóh.

Don't touch me!

唔好掂我! Mh'hóu dihm ngóh!

I'll call the police.

我會叫警察. Ngóh wúih giu gíngchaat.

Police!

警察! Gíngchaat!

Stop! Thief!

咪走! 賊仔! Máih jáu! Chaahkjái!

Please help me.

唔該幫我. Mh'gōi bōng ngóh.

It's an emergency.

好緊急. Hóu gán'gāp.

I'm lost.

我蕩失路. Ngóh dohngsāt louh.

I lost my bag.

我唔見咗個袋. Ngóh mh'gin jó go doih.

I dropped my wallet.

我跌咗個銀包. Ngóh dit jó go ngàhn bāau.

I'm sick.

我唔舒服. Ngóh mh syūfuhk.

I've been injured.

我受咗傷. Ngóh sauh jó sēung.

Please call a doctor.

唔該幫我叫醫生. Mh'gōi bōng ngóh giu yīsāng.

Can I use your phone?

可唔可以借個電話用呀? Hó-mh-hó'yi je go dihnwáh yuhng a?

Numbers

1

一 yāt

2

二 yih

3

三 sāam

4	四 sei
5	五 ígh
6	六 luhk
7	七 chāt
8	八 baat
9	九 gáu
10	十 sahþ
11	十一 sahþyāt
12	十二 sahþyih
13	十三 sahsāam
14	十四 sahþsei
15	十五 sahþígh
16	十六 sahþluhk
17	十七 sahþchāt
18	十八 sahþbaat
19	十九 sahþgáu
20	二十 yihsahþ
21	二十一 yihsahþyāt
22	二十二 yihsahþyih
23	二十三 yihsahþsāam
30	三十 sāamsahþ
40	四十 seisahþ

50	五十	ńghsahp
60	六十	luhksahp
70	七十	chātsahp
80	八十	baatsahp
90	九十	gáusahp
100	一百	yātbaak
200	二百	yihbaak
300	三百	sāambaak
1000	一千	yāтчhīn
2000	二千	yihчhīn
10,000	一萬	yātmaahn
100,000	十萬	sahpmaahn
1,000,000	一百萬	yātbaakmaahn
10,000,000	一千萬	yāтчhīnmaahn
100,000,000	一億	yātyīk
1,000,000,000	十億	sahpyīk
10,000,000,000	一百億	yātbaakyīk
100,000,000,000	一千億	yāтчhīnyīk
1,000,000,000,000	一兆	yātsiuh
number _____	(train, bus, etc.)	_____ 號 houh
half		半 bun
less		少 síu

more

多 dō

Time

now

依家 yīgā

later

遲 chih

before

早 jóu

morning

朝早 jīujóu

afternoon

晏晝 aanjau

evening

夜晚 yeh máahn

Clock time

one o'clock

一點 yāt dím

two o'clock

兩點 léuhng dím

two five

兩點一 / 兩點踏一 léuhng dím yāt/léuhng dím daahp yāt

two ten

兩點二 / 兩點踏二 léuhng dím yih/léuhng dím daahp yih

two fifteen

兩點三 / 兩點踏三 léuhng dím sāam/léuhng dím daahp sāam

two thirty/Half past two

兩點半 léuhng dím **bun** (*not* 兩點六 / 兩點踏六)

two forty-five

兩點九 / 兩點踏九 léuhng dím gáu/léuhng dím daahp gáu

two fifty

兩點十 / 兩點踏十 léuhng dím sahp/léuhng dím daahp sahp

two fifty-five

兩點踏十一 léuhng dím daahp sahp yāt (*not* 兩點十一)

two fifty-seven

兩點五十七分 léuhng dím nghsahp chāt fān

Duration

_____ minute(s)
_____ 分鐘 fānjūng
_____ hour(s)
_____ 個鐘 go jūng
_____ day(s)
_____ 日 yaht
_____ week(s)
_____ 個禮拜 go láihbaai
_____ month(s)
_____ 個月 go yuht
_____ year(s)
_____ 年 nihn

Days

today
今日 gām'yaht
yesterday
尋日 chāhm'yaht
tomorrow
聽日 tīngyaht
the day before last
前日 chihnyaht
the day after tomorrow
後日 hauh'yaht
this week
今個禮拜 gām go láihbaai
last week
上個禮拜 seuhng go láihbaai
next week
下個禮拜 hah go láihbaai

Sunday

禮拜日 láihbaai yaht

Monday

禮拜一 láihbaai yāt

Tuesday

禮拜二 láihbaai yih

Wednesday

禮拜三 láihbaai sāam

Thursday

禮拜四 láihbaai sei

Friday

禮拜五 láihbaai ngh

Saturday

禮拜六 láihbaai luhk

Months

January

一月 yāt'yuht

February

二月 yih'yuht

March

三月 sāam'yuht

April

四月 seiyuht

May

五月 ngh'yuht

June

六月 luhk'yuht

July

七月 chāt'yuht

August

八月 baat'yuht

September

九月 gáuyuht

October

十月 sahpyuht

November

十一月 sahpyāt'yuht

December

十二月 sahpyih'yuht

Colors

black

黑色 hāk sīk

white

白色 baahk sīk

gray

灰色 fūi sīk

red

紅色 hùhng sīk

blue

藍色 làahm sīk
yellow
黃色 wòhng sīk
green
綠色 luhk sīk
orange
橙色 chàahng sīk
purple
紫色 jí sīk
brown
啡色 fē sīk

Transportation

Bus and train

In Cantonese, "train" is translated into 火車 (fóchē) and "bus" is 巴士 (bāsí). The language uses measure words or numeral classifiers before the actual nouns. In context of the following examples, the respective Cantonese measure words for 火車 and 巴士 are 班 (bāan) and 架 (ga).

How much is a ticket to _____?

去_____張飛要幾多錢嘅? Heui _____ jēung fēi yiu géidō chín gah?

One ticket to _____, please.

一張飛去_____, 唔該. Yāt jēung fēi heui _____, mh'gōi.

Where does this train/bus go?

呢 [班火車]/[架巴士] 去邊度嘅? Nī [bāan fóchē]/[ga bāsí] heui bīn?

Where is the train/bus to _____?

去_____ [班火車]/[架巴士] 喺邊度搭嘅? Heui _____ [bāan fóchē]/[ga bāsí] hái bīndouh daap gah?

Does this train/bus stop in _____?

呢[班火車]/[架巴士]停唔停_____嘅? Nī [bāan fóchē]/[ga bāsí] tihng-mh- tihng _____ gah?

When does the train/bus for _____ leave?

去_____ [班火車/架巴士]幾點走嘅? Heui _____ [bāan fóchē]/[ga bāsí] géidím jáu gah?

When will this train/bus arrive in _____?

[班火車]/[架巴士]會幾點去到_____嘅? [Bāan fóchē]/[Ga bāsí] wúih géidím heidou _____ gah?

Directions

How do I get to _____?

我可以點去_____呀? Ngóh hó'yi díng heui _____ a?

the train station

火車站 fóchē jaahm

the bus station?

巴士站 bāsí jaahm
the airport?
機場 gēichèuhng
downtown?
市區 síh'kēui
the youth hostel?
青年旅舍 chīngnihn léuihséh
the _____ hotel?
_____ 酒店 _____ jáudim
the American/Australian/British/Canadian consulate
美國/加拿大/澳州/英國 領事館? Méihgwok/Oujāu/Yīng'gwok/Gānhādaaih líhngsihgún
Where are there a lot of _____ ?
邊度可以搵到好多 _____ 呀? Bīndouh hó'yi wándou hóudō _____ a?
restaurants
餐廳 chāantēng
bars
酒吧 jáubā
sites to see
景點 gíngdím
Can you show me on the map?
可唔可以喺張地圖度指俾我睇呀? Hó-mh-hó'yi hái jēung deihtòuh douh jí béi ngóh tái a?
street
街 gāai
Turn left.
轉左 Jyun jó.
Turn right.
轉右 Jyun yauh.
left
左 jó
right
右 yauh
straight ahead
直行 jikh'hàahng
towards the _____
去 _____ heui _____
past the _____
過咗 _____ gwojó _____
before the _____
_____ 之前 jīchìhn
Watch for the _____.
睇住 _____. Táiyyuh _____.
intersection
十字路口 sahpihlouh'háu
north

北面 bākmihn
south
南面 nàahm'mihn
east
東面 dūngmihn
west
西面 sāimihn
uphill
上山 séuhngsāan
downhill
落山 lohksāan

Taxi

Taxi!

的士! Dīksíh!

Take me to _____, please.

載我去_____, 唔該. Joi ngóh heui _____, mh'gōi.

How much does it cost to get to _____?

去_____要幾多錢嘅? Heui _____ yiu géidō chín gah?

Take me there, please.

載我去嗰度, 唔該. Joi ngóh heui gódouh, mh'gōi

Lodging

Do you have any rooms available?

你哋有冇空房呀? Néihdeih yáuh-móuh hūngfóng a?

How much is a room for one person/two people?

單人房/雙人房 要幾多錢呀? Dāanyàhnfóng/Sēungyàhnfóng yiu géidō chín a?

Does the room come with _____?

間房有冇_____嘅? Gāan fóng yáuh-móuh _____ gah?

bedsheets

床襟 chòhngkám

a bathroom

浴室 yuhksāt

a telephone

電話 dihnwah

a TV

電視 dihnsih

May I see the room first?

可唔可以睇下間房先呀? Hó-mh-hó'yi tái-háh gāan fóng sīn a?

Do you have anything _____?

有冇間房會_____嘅? Yáuh-móuh gāan fóng húi _____ gah?

quieter

靜啲 jihngdī

bigger

大啲 daaihdi

cleaner

乾淨啲 gōnjehngdī

cheaper

平啲 pèhngdī

OK, I'll take it.

好, 我要呢間. Hóu, ngóh yiu nī gāan.

I will stay for _____ night(s).

我會喺度住_____晚. Ngóh húi háidouh jyuh _____ máahn.

Can you suggest another hotel?

你可唔可以介紹第二間酒店俾我呀? Néih hó-mh-hó'yi gaaisiuh daihyih gāan jáudim béi ngóh a?

Do you have a _____?

你哋有冇_____嘢? Néihdeih yáuh-móuh _____ gah?

safe

夾萬 gaapmaahn

lockers

儲物櫃 chyúhmahtgwaih

Is breakfast/supper included?

包唔包 早餐/晚餐 嘢? Bāau-mh-bāau jóuchāan/máahnchāan gah?

What time is breakfast/supper?

幾點有 早餐/晚餐 嘢? Géidím yáuh jóuchāan/máahnchāan gah?

Please clean my room.

唔該幫我執下間房. Mh'gōi bōng ngóh jāp-háh gāan fóng.

Can you wake me at _____?

可唔可以_____叫醒我呀? Hó-mh-hó'yi _____ giuséng ngóh a?

I want to check out.

我想退房. Ngóh séung teuifóng.

Money

Do you accept American/Australian/Canadian dollars?

你哋收唔收 美/澳/加 元嘢? Néihdeih sāu-mh-sāu Méih/Ou/Gā yùhn gah?

Do you accept British pounds?

你哋收唔收英鎊嘢? Néihdeih sāu-mh-sāu Yīngbohng gah?

Do you accept credit cards?

你哋收唔收信用卡嘢? Néihdeih sāu-mh-sāu sun-yoong-caht gah?

Can you change money for me?

可唔可以幫我換錢呀? Hó-mh-hó'yi bōng ngóh cheung chin a?

Where can I get money changed?

我可以去邊度唱錢呀? Ngóh hó'yi heui bīndouh cheung chín a?

Can you change a traveler's check for me?

可唔可以幫我唱張旅行支票呀? Hó-mh-hó'yi bōng ngóh cheung jēung léuih'hàhng jīpiu a?
Where can I get a traveler's check changed?

我可以去邊度唱張旅行支票呀? Ngóh hó'yi heui bīndouh cheung jēung léuih'hàhng jīpiu a?
What is the exchange rate?

匯率係幾多呀? Wuihléut haih géidō a?
Where is an automatic teller machine (ATM)?

邊度有櫃員機呀? Bīndouh yáuh gwai'hyùhn'gēi a?

Eating

A table for one person/two people, please.

一張 一人枱/二人枱, 唔該. Yāt jēung yātyähntóí/yihyähntóí, mh'gōi.

Can I look at the menu, please?

俾張餐牌我睇, 唔該. Béi jēung chāanpáai ngóh tái, mh'gōi.

Can I look in the kitchen?

可唔可以睇吓個廚房呀? Hó-mh-hó'yi tái-háh gō chyùhfóng a?

Is there a house specialty?

有乜嘢嘢食出名嘅? Yáuh māt'yéh yéhsihk chēutméng gah?

Is there a local specialty?

有冇本地嘢食嘅? Yáuh-móuh búndeih yéhsihk gah?

I'm a vegetarian.

我食素. Ngóh sihk sou.

I don't eat pork.

我唔食豬. Ngóh mh'sihk jyū.

I don't eat beef.

我唔食牛. Ngóh mh'sihk ngàuh.

I only eat kosher food.

我淨係食清真嘢. Ngóh jihnghaih sihk chīngjān yéh.

Can you make it "lite", please? (Literally, *Do not add too much oil, please.*)

唔好落咁多油, 唔該. Mh'hóu lohk gamdō yáuh, mh'gōi.

fixed-price meal

套餐 touchāan

a la carte

跟餐牌 gān chāanpáai (*means "as on the menu"*)

breakfast

早餐 jóuchāan

lunch

晏 aan / 午餐 ínghchāan

tea (*meal*)

下午茶 hah-íng-chàh

supper

晚餐 máahnchāan

I want _____.

我想要_____. Ngóh séung yiu _____.

I want a dish containing _____.

我想要樣有_____. Ngóh séung yiu yeuhng yáuh _____.

chicken

雞 gāi

beef

牛 ngàuh

fish

魚 yùh

ham

火腿 fótéui

sausage

香腸 hēungchéuhng

cheese

芝士 jīsí

eggs

蛋 dāan

salad

沙律 sālét

(fresh) vegetables

(新鮮)蔬菜 (sānsīn) sōchoi

(fresh) fruit

(新鮮)生果 (sānsīn) sāang'gwó

bread

麵包 mihnbāau

toast

多士 dōsí

noodles

麵 mihn

rice

飯 faahn

beans

豆 dāu

May I have a glass/cup of _____?

可唔可以俾杯_____我呀? Hó-mh-hó'yi bēi bī _____ ngóh a?

May I have a bottle of _____?

可唔可以俾樽_____我呀? Hó-mh-hó'yi bēi jēun _____ ngóh a?

coffee

咖啡 gafē

tea (*drink*)

茶 cháh

juice

果汁 gwójāp
 bubbly water
 有氣水 yáuh'hei séui
 water
 水 séui
 beer
 啤酒 bējáu
 red/white wine
 紅/白 酒 hùhng/baahk jáu
 May I have some _____?
 可唔可以俾啲_____我呀? Hó-mh-hó'yi béi dī _____ ngóh a?
 salt
 鹽 yihm
 black pepper
 黑椒 hākjū
 butter
 牛油 ngàuhyàuh
 Excuse me, waiter? (*getting attention of server*)
 侍應唔該. Sihying mh'gōi.
 I'm finished.
 食完嘅喇. Sihkyùhn gela.
 It was delicious.
 好食. Hóusihk
 Please clear the plates.
 唔該幫我清下張枱. Mh' gōi bōng ngóh chīng-háh jēung tói.
 The check, please.
 埋單, 唔該. Màihdāan, mh'gōi.

Bars

Do you serve alcohol?
 你哋有冇酒飲嘅? Néihdeih yáuh-móuh jáu yám gah?
 Is there table service?
 有冇侍應埋枱嘅? Yáuh-móuh sihying màai tói gah?
 A beer/two beers, please.
 一/兩杯 啤酒, 唔該. Yāt/léuhng bīi bējáu, mh'gōi.
 A glass of red/white wine, please.
 一杯 紅/白 酒, 唔該. Yāt bīi hùhng/baahk jáu, mh'gōi.
 A pint, please.
 一 pint, 唔該. Yāt pint, mh'gōi. ("品脫 *bán'tyut*" is the corresponding word for "pint" in Cantonese, but no one will use it in bars.)
 A bottle, please.
 一樽, 唔該. Yāt jēun, mh'gōi.

_____ (*hard liquor*) and _____ (*mixer*), please.
_____ 同 _____, 唔該. _____ tùhng _____, mh'gōi.

whiskey

威士忌 wāisigéi

vodka

伏特加 fuhkdahkgā

rum

秣酒 lāmjàu

water

水 séui

club soda

梳打水 sōdá séui

tonic water

湯力水 tōnglihk séui

orange juice

橙汁 cháangjāp

Coke (*soda*)

可樂 hólohk

Do you have any bar snacks?

你哋有冇小食嘅? Néihdeih yáuh-móuh síusihk gah?

One more (cup/bottle), please.

要多一杯/樽, 唔該. Yiu dō yāt būi/jēun, mh'gōi.

When is closing time?

幾點柵門嘅? Géidím sānmùhn gaa?

Cheers!

飲杯! Yámbūi!

Shopping

Do you have this in my size?

呢件有冇我個碼呀? Nī gihn yáuh-móuh ngóh go má a?

How much?

幾多錢呀? Géidō chín a?

That's too expensive.

太貴啦. Taai gwai la.

Would you take _____?

收唔收 _____ 嘅? Sāu-mh-sāu _____ gah?

expensive

貴 gwai

cheap

平 pèhng

I can't afford it.

我俾唔起. Ngóh béi mh héi.

I don't want it.

我唔想要. Ngóh m̄ séung yiu.

You're cheating me.

你呃緊我嘅. Néih āk gán ngóh gé.

I'm not interested.

我有興趣. Ngóh móuh hing cheui.

OK, I'll take it.

好, 我要呢件. Hóu, ngóh yiu nī gihn.

Can I have a bag?

可唔可以俾個袋我呀? Hó-mh-hó'yi béi go dói ngóh a?

Do you ship (overseas)?

你哋送唔送貨(去外國)嘍? Néihdeih sung-mh-sung fo (heui ngoihgwok) gah?

I need...

我要... Ngóh yiu...

...toothpaste.

...牙膏. ngàh gōu.

...a toothbrush.

...牙刷. ngàh chaat.

...tampons.

...衛生巾. waihsāng'gān.

...soap.

...番規. fāan'gáan.

...shampoo.

...洗頭水. sái'tàuh séui.

...pain reliever. (e.g., aspirin or ibuprofen)

...止痛藥. jí'tung yeuhk.

...cold medicine.

...感冒藥. gám'mouh yeuhk.

...stomach medicine.

...胃藥. waih yeuhk.

...a razor.

...剃鬚刀. taisōudōu.

...an umbrella.

...遮. jē.

...sunblock lotion.

...太陽油. taaiyèuhngyàuh.

...a postcard.

...明信片. mihngseunpín.

...postage stamps.

...郵票. yàuhpiu.

...batteries.

...電池. dihnchih.

...writing paper.

...信紙. seunjí.

...a pen.

...筆. bāt.

...English-language books.

...英文書. Yīngmàhn syū.

...English-language magazines.

...英文雜誌. Yīngmàhn jaahpjí.

...an English-language newspaper.

...英文報紙. Yīngmàhn boují.

...an English-English dictionary.

...英英字典. Yīngyīng jihdín.

Driving

I want to rent a car.

我想租車. Ngóh séung jōu chē.

Can I get insurance?

邊度可以買保險嘅? Bīndouh hó'yi máaih bóu hím gah?

stop (*on a street sign*)

停 tihng

one way

單程路 dāanchihnglough

yield

讓 yeuhng

no parking

不准泊車 bātjéun paakchē

speed limit

速度限制 chūkdouh haahnjai

gas (*petrol*) station

油站 yàuhjaahm

petrol

汽油 heiyàuh

diesel

柴油 chàihiyàuh

Authority

I haven't done anything wrong.

我有做錯野. Ngóh móuh jough cho yéh.

It was a misunderstanding.

件事係誤會. Ginh sih haih ngh-wuih.

Where are you taking me?

你帶我去邊? Néih daai ngóh heui bīn.

Am I under arrest?

我係唔係俾人拉左呀? Ngóh haih-mh-haih béi yàhn lāai jó a?

I am an American/Australian/British/Canadian citizen.

我係 美國/澳州/英國/加拿大 公民. Ngóh haih Méihgwok/Oujāu/Yīng'gwok/Gānhadaaih gūngmàhn.

I want to talk to the American/Australian/British/Canadian embassy/consulate.

我要搵 美國/澳州/英國/加拿大 大使館/領事館. Ngóh yiu wán Méihgwok/Oujāu/Yīng'gwok/Gānhadaaih daaihsigún/líhngsihgún.

I want to talk to a lawyer.

我要搵律師. Ngóh yiu wán leuhtsi.

Can I just pay a fine now?

可唔可以就咁罰錢呀? Hó-mh-hó'yi jauh gám faht chín?