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P R E F A C E

Cantonese is the principal language of Kwangtung province in Southeast China, parts of neighboring Kwangsi province, and Hong Kong and Macau on China's southeast periphery. In addition Cantonese is spoken by ethnic Chinese in Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Singapore and Malaysia, with the number of speakers in Southeast Asia being between 45 and 50 million altogether. Americans of Chinese descent in the U.S. are almost entirely of Cantonese origin.

*Among the many dialects of Cantonese, the prestige variety spoken in Canton is standard, by definition, and is imitated over a wide area which includes Hong Kong. It is this dialect which is represented in the two-volume **FSI Cantonese Basic Course** and the related tape recordings.*

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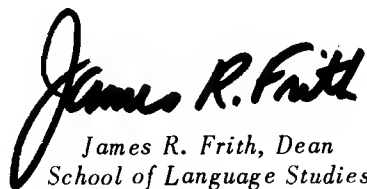
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INTRODUCTION

Scope of the text:

This Cantonese Basic Course is a course in spoken Cantonese. It uses all the basic grammatical structures of the language and a vocabulary of approximately 950 words. The subject matter of the course deals with daily life in Hong Kong. The course was designed to be taught in an intensive language program of 25-30 class hours a week. Students are expected to spend additional time outside of class listening to tapes of the lessons. There are 30 lessons in the course, and the rate of progress in an intensive class is expected to be approximately 2 lessons per week, including time for review and testing. Each lesson contains five sections: I) a Basic Conversation to be memorized, II) Notes, III) Pattern Drills, structural drills of the type in which the teacher's cue is the stimulus for the students' response, IV) Conversations for Listening, a listening comprehension section, and V) Say it in Cantonese, English to Cantonese practice, much of it in conversational question-answer form, in which students activate what they have learned in the lesson. The early lessons in addition contain explanation and practice drills on pronunciation points, and some classroom phrases for the students to learn to respond to when used by the teacher.

Method of Instruction:

Ideally, but perhaps not typically, instruction is by a team consisting of a native speaking Cantonese as instructor and a native speaking American as linguist, with the instructor teaching by voicing the Cantonese sentences of the text for the students to imitate and the linguist giving explanations in English when required. A good 80-90% of class time will then be spent with the native speaking instructor drilling the students in recitations, during which time the language in use is entirely Cantonese. Students will read the notes of each lesson outside of class, and questions they have on the text will be answered in English by the linguist during periods set aside for that purpose. Questions in English are not asked during drill sessions with the instructor. Psychologically this establishes the habit of using only Cantonese in classes with the instructor. Class time is concentrated on learning the language by imitation, repetition,

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and transformation, according to spoken cues. The instructor speaks at natural speed, and the students learn to comprehend and speak at the same natural speed. If there is no linguist to explain students' questions, special periods are set aside for students to ask questions of the instructor. It is recommended that the rhythm of the drills not be interrupted by questions in English.

Pace:

Although the course is projected as a 16 week course if studied on an intensive program, the time plan is to be viewed as a rough guide only. The number of students in the class, their language learning aptitude, their amount of previous experience with related languages, the amount of time available for outside study, the excellence of the teacher--all these are variable factors which could affect the pace of learning.

An earlier version of the course was tested out on a pilot class of five students during the summer of 1967, and the proposed pace of two lessons a week seemed about right. However the students in that course had been selected on the basis of a roughly the same language aptitude score on the Modern Language Aptitude Test, and they had all previously studied Mandarin Chinese, a closely related language. Also, the present version incorporates pronunciation practices which the earlier version did not have, and additional Conversations for Listening and Say It in Cantonese sections.

It is therefore suggested that the teacher rely on his own judgment in regard to the pace of the lessons, rather than follow a set pace rigidly. The text has been devised so that the crucial grammatical structures are covered in the first 26 lessons. By covering the first 26 lessons well students will gain a firm structural control of the spoken language. We firmly feel that confident mastery of the first 26 lessons is preferable to hesitant control of the entire text, if a choice must be made between the two. The rule of thumb should be that before going on to a new lesson students should be able to recite the old lesson's Basic Conversation fluently and with expression and should be able to do the Pattern Drills without looking at the book and without marked hesitation.

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Objectives of the course:

The objectives of the course are to teach students to speak Standard Cantonese in the locales where Cantonese is spoken, to speak it fluently and grammatically, with acceptable pronunciation, within the scope of topics of daily life. The course was not designed to lay the groundwork for learning the written language. At the end of the course students will be able to buy things; talk on the telephone; ask and give directions; handle money; discuss events past, present, and future; make comparisons; talk about themselves and their families; tell time; order simple meals; talk with the landlord, doctor, servant, bellboy, cabdriver, waiter, sales-clerk; discuss what, when, where, why, who, how, how much. They will not be able to discuss politics or their jobs or other topics of a specialized nature.

Reliability of the material:

All the conversations and drills in this book were written by native Cantonese speakers working under the direction of an American linguist who specified which grammatical points to cover and what situations were required. The design of the text--what to cover, what sequence to use in introducing new material, what limits to set on vocabulary--, the write-ups of structure notes, types and layouts of pattern drills, and the contents of the English-to-Chinese translation sections, were done by the American linguist.

What we have done to handle the problem of limited structures and vocabulary is to plan the lessons so that certain topics and forms don't come up until rather late in the course. The words 'yesterday,' 'today,' and 'tomorrow,' for example, don't occur until Lesson 16. Meanwhile the student has built up the grammatical structure and vocabulary to talk fluently on some subjects which don't involve these expressions and the complexities of verb structures that are involved with time-related sentences. For this reason the present text is not appropriate for use of students whose needs are for just a few phrases of Cantonese--it takes too long from that point of view to get to some of the phrases which a tourist, for example, wants to use right away. But the student who can study hard on an intensive program for 4 months and cover at least 26 of the 30 lessons, will

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then speak natural-sounding and grammatical Cantonese, and will be able to cope with most daily life situations in the language.

Procedure:

Basic Conversation. Each lesson begins with a Basic Conversation covering a daily life situation, organized around one or more grammatical points. The conversation is presented first in build-up form, then in recapitulation.

The buildup is partly a device to isolate new words and phrases for pronunciation and identification, partly a device to enable students to gain smooth delivery and natural sentence rhythm by starting with a small segment of a sentence then progressively adding to it to build a full sentence.

The recommended procedure for the buildup is as follows: Students open their books to the new lesson and look at the English equivalents as the teacher voices the Cantonese. The teacher voices the first item six times--three times for the students to listen only, three times for them to repeat after the teacher. (The teacher may voice the items more times, but it is recommended that he not do less.) The teacher then moves on to the next item and repeats the same procedure. When the entire buildup has been performed this way, the students close their books, and the teacher leads them through the buildup again giving each item one time, the students this time watching the teacher and imitating his behavior both vocal and kinetic--his lip movements, facial expressions, and body gestures. If the students have particular trouble with a portion of the buildup, the teacher may give it a few more repetitions than the rest, but if the difficulty persists, he drops it for the time being and marks it to return to later. Repetitions under pressure are quite tension-producing, and it works better to return to a difficult passage in a more relaxed mood.

In the recapitulation section the conversation is repeated in full sentence form. The teacher voices each sentence at least two times, with pauses after each sentence for students to repeat. The first goal is for the students to be able to say the conversation after the teacher at natural speed and with natural sentence rhythm.

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Details of pronunciation are spotlighted in another section--the first goal for the conversation is sentence rhythm and natural speed.

The second goal is for the students to memorize the Basic Conversation, so they can say it independently without the teacher's model to follow, maintaining natural speed and rhythm. Students will find the tape recorder a valuable aid to memorizing. The tape recorder is tireless in furnishing a model for students to imitate, and enables them to proceed at the pace best suited to their needs.

The purpose of memorizing the Basic Conversations is twofold. Memorizing situational material gives students tip-of-the-tongue command of useable Cantonese. Secondly, since the basic conversations are organized on grammatical principles, students by memorizing the conversations will be learning the grammatical framework of the language, on which they can construct other sentences.

The second day on the lesson, when students have memorized the conversation, it is recommended that the teacher have them act out the conversational roles. Later, after moving on to a new lesson, the teacher has them act out the Basic Conversation of an earlier lesson as a form of review.

Pronunciation Practice:

In general, the Pronunciation Practices concentrate on giving limited explanation and fuller practice drills on new sounds encountered in a lesson, plus comparison drills with sounds previously learned and sometimes comparisons with American close counterparts. Instead of giving many examples, using items unknown to the students the pronunciation drills stick to examples from material they have met in the Basic Conversation or Pattern Drills. The exception to this is Lesson One, which presents an overview of all the tones, consonant initials, and vocalic finals of the language, in addition to giving an introduction to intonation and stress. Students who absorb pronunciation best through mimicking the model and who find the linguistic description of sounds confusing or boring or both, should concentrate on mimicking the model and skip or skip the explanations.

Notes:

There are two kinds of Notes--Structure (grammar) Notes and Culture Notes. These are to be read outside of class.

The structure notes summarize the structures used in the Basic Conversations and practiced in the Pattern Drills, and are for those students who want a general explanation of how the language works. The students who absorb language structures better through learning model sentences and drilling variations of the model can concentrate on the Basic Conversations and Pattern Drills, and skip on the Structure Notes.

The Culture Notes comment on some Cantonese life patterns which differ from our own.

Pattern Drills:

There are six kinds of Pattern Drills in Cantonese Basic Course. The purpose of the drills is to make the vocabulary and sentence structures sink in and become speech habits, so that the student understands spoken Cantonese without having to translate mentally and speaks fluently and grammatically at natural speed without awkward hesitation and groping for words.

The Pattern Drills give students practice in structures and words which have been introduced in the Basic Conversations. In addition, there are other vocabulary items which appear first in the drill sections. A plus sign marks each occurrence of a new word in this section, and the English equivalent is given.

Each drill begins with an example giving a model of the teacher's cue and the students' response. Then there follow 8 to 10 problems to be done on this pattern. The teacher gives the cue, and the student responds to the new cue following the pattern set in the example. The response is thus predictable, controlled by the pattern and the cue. In the book the cues are given in the left hand column and the responses on the right, with the example above.

Students will find that going over the drills in a session with the tape recorder before performing them in class with the teacher aids their grasp of the material and smooths their delivery. In class students look at their books to check the example for each drill,

to learn what their task is. Then they perform the drill with books closed, relying on the pattern of the example sentence and the cues provided to know what to say. A drill is mastered when the student can respond to the cues promptly, smoothly, and without reference to the book.

The types of drills follow:

1. Substitution Drills.

The teacher voices a pattern sentence, then voices a word or phrase (called a cue) to be substituted in the original sentence. The student notes the substitution cue and substitutes it in the appropriate place to make a new sentence.

Example: T (for Teacher): Good morning, Mrs. Brown. /Jones/
S (for Student): Good morning, Mrs. Jones.

2. Expansion Drills.

There are two kinds of expansion drills. One could be called a listen-and-add drill, using vocabulary and structures familiar to the students. The teacher says a word or phrase and the students repeat it. Then the teacher voices another word or phrase and the students add that word to the original utterance, expanding it. The teacher adds another cue, and the students incorporate it, and so on, making each time a progressively longer utterance.

Example: T: Hat
S: Hat
T: Blue
S: Blue hat
T: Two
S: Two blue hats.
T: Buy
S: Buy two blue hats.

This type of expansion drill is handled a little differently if it includes new vocabulary. In that case it is performed as a listen-and-repeat drill, the students echoing the teacher.

Example: T: Hat
S: Hat
T: Blue hat

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S: Blue hat
T: Two blue hats
S: Two blue hats

In the second type of expansion drill the example sentence gives the model to follow and the students expand the subsequent cue sentences according to the pattern set by the example.

Example: T: I'm not Mrs. Lee. /Chan/
S: I'm not Mrs. Lee--my name is Chan.

3. Response Drills.

The response drills involve 1) question stimulus and answer response, or 2) statement stimulus and statement response, or 3) statement stimulus and question response.

Ex. 1: T: Is your name Chan? /Lee/
S: No, it's Lee.
Ex. 2: T: He speaks Cantonese. /Mandarin/
S: He speaks Mandarin too.
Ex. 3: T: He speak Cantonese. /Mandarin/
S: Does he speak Mandarin too?

4. Transformation Drills.

In transformation drills the students transform the grammatical form of the cue sentences from positive to negative to question, according to the pattern set in the example. A positive to negative transformation would be:

Ex: T: Her name is Lee.
S: Her name isn't Lee.

5. Combining Drills.

In combining drills the students make one long sentence from two short cue sentences, according to the pattern set in the example.

Ex: T: It's nine o'clock.
We study Chinese.
S: We study Chinese at nine o'clock.

6. Conversation Drills.

In conversation drills students carry on a conversation following the pattern set by the example. The book or the teacher furnishes cues to vary the content while retaining the structure.

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- Ex: A: Good morning, Mrs. Lee.
B: Excuse me, I'm not Mrs. Lee. My name is Chan.
A: Oh, excuse me, Miss Chan.
B: That's all right.
- A.....Miss Smith. A. Good morning, Miss Smith.
B.....Brown. B. Excuse me, I'm not Miss
 Smith, My name is Brown.
- A..... A: Oh, excuse me, Miss Brown.
B..... B: That's all right.

Conversations for Listening.

The Conversations for Listening, recorded on tapes, give the students a chance to listen to further conversations using the vocabulary and sentence patterns of the lesson under study. These can be listened to outside of class and replayed in class, with the teacher then asking questions (in Cantonese of course) on the selections and the students answering. Usually several replays are needed before the students' comprehension of the conversation is complete. After they understand a conversation in its entirety, it is recommended that they play it through two or three more times, listening especially for the expressive elements of intonation and final particles, as these occur primarily in conversation and not as natural features of pattern sentences which the students practice in the drill sections.

After Lesson 10, there will be new vocabulary in the Conversations for Listening, to help the story along. These words and phrases are glossed in Cantonese and English at the foot of each conversation in the printed text, but students will not be held responsible for learning them.

Say It in Cantonese.

The Say It in Cantonese section gives situations and sentences in English, and students are to give Cantonese equivalents. This section is to be performed in class for the linguist or the teacher, though the students may prepare it beforehand if they like. Students should recognize that there is often more than one acceptable way to 'say it in Cantonese.'

Vocabulary Checklist.

At the end of each lesson is a vocabulary checklist, giving the new

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vocabulary for that lesson, the part of speech for each entry (noun, verb, etc.), and the English translation.

Suggestions for Further Practice.

The Say it in Cantonese section is the final working section of each lesson. After doing that section the teacher is encouraged to allow time for the students to carry on conversation practice using the material in the lesson. The teacher should be referee for this part, and make sure all students get a chance to participate. Some students are by nature more talkative than others, and the teacher must see to it, by asking a few questions of the more retiring students, that participation in free conversation is fairly evenly distributed and that the naturally talkative students don't do all the talking.

Repeating the dialogue of the Basic Conversations of earlier lessons is a good way to keep those vocabularies and sentences fresh in the students' minds. Also, selections from earlier dialogues can often be used during free conversation practice of the lesson under study.

System of Romanization Used.

The system of romanization used in the text is a modification of the Huang-Kok Yale romanization. It is described in detail in Lesson 1. In comparing Cantonese and Mandarin sentence structures the system of romanization used for the Mandarin is Yale romanization.

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SYMBOLS USED IN THIS TEXT

adj	adjective	QV	quod vide (Latin for 'which see')
adj.s.	adjective suffix	QW	question word
adv	adverb	S	subject
Aux V	auxiliary verb	sp	specifier
bf	boundform, boundword	SPr	sentence prefix
Cj	conjunction	SP	subject-predicate sentence
CoV	co-verb	SVO	subject-verb-object sentence
ex	exclamation; example	ss	sentence suffix
lit.	literally	sen.suf.	sentence suffix
m, M	Measure	sur	surname
MA	moveable adverb	t	title
n, N	noun	TA	term of address
NP	noun phrase	TW	timeword
nu	number	v, V	verb
P	predicate	VO	verb-object construction
PAdv	paired adverb	VP	verb phrase
PCj	paired conjunction	Vsuf	verb suffix
Ph	phrase	var	'variant
PhF	phrase frame	(-)	= doesn't occur
PW	placeword	[]	■ 1. <u>re</u> pronunciation = phonetic transcription.
prep	preposition		2. in cumulative vocabulary list, following noun entries = M for the N
pro	pronoun		3. within the text of English gloss = literal translation of the Cantonese term.

CLASSROOM PHRASES

The instructor will address you in Cantonese from the first day of class. The following are some instructions which you should learn to respond to. Look at your books while the instructor reads the phrases the first time. Then close your books, and the teacher will give the phrases several more times, using gestures to help you understand. Repeat the phrases after him, mimicking his movements as well as his voice, to help you absorb the rhythm and meaning.

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|--|--|
| 1. Yǐngā néihdeih tēngjyuh ngóh góng. | Now you (plu.) listen while I speak. (i.e., listen, but don't repeat.) |
| 2. Yǐngā ngóh góng, néihdeih gánjyuh ngóh góng. | Now I'll speak and you repeat after me. |
| 3. Kámàaih bún syù. <u>or</u>
Kámàaih dǐ syù. | Close the book. <u>or</u>
Close the books. |
| 4. Dáhòih bún syù. <u>or</u>
Dáhòih dǐ syù. | Open the book. <u>or</u>
Open the books. |
| 5. Yǐngā yāt go yāt go góng. | Now recite one by one. |
| 6. Yātchàih góng. | Recite all together. (i.e., in chorus) |
| 7. Yǐngā yātchàih gánjyuh ngóh góng. | Now all together repeat after me. |
| 8. Joi góng yāt chi. | Say it again. |
| 9. Mhóuh tái syù. | Don't look at your book(s). |

I. BASIC CONVERSATION

A. Buildup:

(At the beginning of class in the morning)

hohksāang		student
	<u>Hohksāang</u>	
Hòh		Ho, surname
Sàang		Mr.
Hòh Sàang		Mr. Ho
jóusàhn		"good morning"
Hòh Sàang, jóusàhn.		Good morning, Mr. Ho.
sínsàang		teacher
	<u>Sínsàang</u>	
Léih		Lee, surname
Táai		Mrs.
Léih Táai		Mrs. Lee
Léih Táai, jóusàhn.		Good morning, Mrs. Lee.
	<u>Hohksāang</u>	
deuimhgyuh		excuse me
ngóh		I
haih		am, is, are
mh-		not
mhhaih		am not, is not, are not
Ngóh mhhaih Léih Táai.		I'm not Mrs. Lee.
Deuimhgyuh, ngóh mhhaih Léih Táai.		Excuse me, I'm not Mrs. Lee.
sing		have the surname
Chàhn		Chan
Ngóh sing Chàhn.		My name is Chan.
	<u>Sínsàang</u>	
siujé		Miss; unmarried woman
Chàhn Siujé		Miss Chan
A		Oh, Ah, a mild exclamation
A, deuimhgyuh, Chàhn Siujé.		Oh, excuse me, Miss Chan.
	<u>Hohksāang</u>	
Mhgan'nyiu.		That's all right. <u>OR</u> It doesn't matter.

(At the end of the day, the students are leaving class.)

Hohksāang

Joigin.

Goodbye.

Sīnsāang

Joigin.

Goodbye.

B. Recapitulation:

(At the beginning of class in the morning:)

Hohksāang

Hòh Sāang, jóusāhn.

Good morning, Mr. Ho.

Sīnsāang

Léih Táai, jóusāhn.

Good morning, Mrs. Lee.

Hohksāang

Deuih̄jyuh, ngóh ànhaih Léih Táai.
Ngóh sing Chahn.

Excuse me, I'm not Mrs. Lee.
My name is Chan.

Sīnsāang

A, deuih̄jyuh Chahn Síujé.

Oh, excuse me, Miss Chan.

Hohksāang

Nghányiu.

That's all right.

(At the end of the day, the students are leaving class:)

Hohksāang

Joigin.

Goodbye.

Sīnsāang

Joigin.

Goodbye.

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Introduction to Pronunciation:

A. Tones:

You have probably heard that Chinese languages are tone languages, and know this means that sounds which are the same except for rise and fall of the voice mean different things. This sometimes leads to confusion and/or merriment when a foreigner gets a tone wrong in a phrase, and says 'lazy' when he means 'broken,' 'sugar' when he means 'soup,' 'ghost' when he means 'cupboard,' and so on--and on and on.

In Cantonese there are seven tones, that is seven variations in voice pitch having the power to combine with an otherwise identical syllable to make seven different meanings. This is best illustrated by examples, which your teacher will read to you:

| | | |
|-------|--------------------|---------------------|
| si 思 | think | (High falling tone) |
| si 史 | history | (High rising tone) |
| si 試 | try | (Mid level tone) |
| sī 詩 | poem | (High level tone) |
| sih 時 | time | (Low falling tone) |
| sih 市 | a market | (Low rising tone) |
| sih 事 | a matter; business | (Low level tone) |

Below is a practice exercise on the seven tones. Close your books and concentrate on listening to the teacher or tape. Repeat loud and clear during the pause after each syllable or group of syllables.

(This practice section on the basic tones was prepared by Prof. James E. Dew.)

- si, si___; sī sī___; si si___; sī sī___; sih sih___;
sih sih___; sih sih___.
- si si si___; sī sī sī___; si si si sī___; sī sī si sī___;
sih sih sih___; sih sih sih___.
- si sī___; sī sī___; sih sih___; sih sih___; si sih___;
si sih___.
- si sih___; sī sih___; sī sih___; sī sih___; sī si sih___;
sī si sih___.
- fàn fán fan___; fàn fán fan___; fàn fán fan fān___;
fàhn fāhn fahn___; fàhn fāhn fahn___.
- fàn fán___; fàhn fāhn___; fan fān fahn___; fān fan fahn___;
fàn fàhn___; fán fāhn___; fàn fán fan fān___;
fàhn fāhn fahn___.
- bà bá ba___; bà bá ba___; màh mǎh mah___; màh mǎh mah___;
bà bá ba màh mǎh mah___.
- bin bin bin___; bin bin bin___; bin bin bin bīn___;
mihh mihh mihh___; mihh mihh mihh___.
- bīt bit miht___; bin bin bin bit bīt___; mihh mihh mihh
miht___; bin bin bin bit bīt___; mihh mihh mihh miht___.

10. sī, fàn, bà, bīn____; sī fán bá bīn____; sī, fan, ba, bin____;
 sī, fān, bīn, bīt____; sīh, fàhn, mǎh, mīhn____; sīh fāhn,
 mǎh, mīhn____; sīh, fahn, mah, mīhn____; sī sī sī sī,
 sīh sīh sīh____; bīn bīn bīn bīt bīt, mīhn mīhn mīhn mīht____.

Discussion of Tones:

There are seven tones in Standard Cantonese. Their designations, together with examples of each tone, are:

- | | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. high level | sī 詩 fān 分 |
| 2. high falling | sī 思 fàn 婚 |
| 3. high rising | sī 史 fān 粉 |
| 4. mid level | sī 試 fan 訓 |
| 5. low falling | sīh 時 fàhn 焚 |
| 6. low rising | sīh 市 fāhn 憤 |
| 7. low level | sīh 事 fahn 份 |

You will note that the tones have three contours--level, rising, and falling.

There are three level tones: high level, mid level, and low level.

- ex: hl: sī 詩
 ml: sī 試
 ll: sīh 事

There are two rising tones: high rising and low rising.

- ex: hr: sī 史
 lr: sīh 市

There are two falling tones: high falling and low falling.

- ex: hf: sī 思
 lf: sīh 時

Following a chart devised by Y. R. Chao, we graph the tones of Cantonese on a scale of one to five, thus:

| | | | |
|--------------|-----|-------|----------------|
| high level | :55 | sī 詩 | 55332235235321 |
| mid level | :33 | sī 試 | 5- |
| low level | :22 | sīh 事 | 4 |
| high rising | :35 | sī 史 | 3- |
| low rising | :23 | sīh 市 | 2- |
| high falling | :53 | sī 思 | 1 |
| low falling | :21 | sīh 時 | |

In present day Standard Cantonese as spoken in Hong Kong the high falling tone seems to be dying out. Many people do not have a high falling tone in their speech, and use high level tone in place of high falling. These people then have just six tones in their speech. In this book we mark seven tones, but your teacher may only have six, and the tapes accompanying the text include the speech of some speakers with only six tones. Copy what you hear. High falling and high level tones are given in the examples below. If you do not hear a difference, your teacher doesn't differentiate.

Ex: high-falling, high-level contrasts:

| | | | |
|--------|-----------|----------|----|
| Ex: 1. | sàam | three | 三 |
| | sāam | clothing | 衫 |
| 2. | fàn | divide | 分 |
| | fān | minute | 分 |
| 3. | Hòh Sàang | Mr. Ho | 何生 |
| | hohksāang | student | 學生 |
| 4. | sí | think | 思 |
| | sī | poetry | 詩 |

Tonal Spelling:

The system of tonal spelling we will use in this book is a modified form of the Huang-Kok Yale romanization. This system divides the tones into two groups, an upper register group and a lower register one. The lower register tones are marked by an h following the vowel of the syllable. This h is silent and simply indicates lower register. The upper register group doesn't have the h:

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----|---|
| Ex: Upper register tones: | sí | 詩 |
| | sí | 思 |
| | sí | 史 |
| | sí | 試 |
| Ex: Lower register: | sih | 時 |
| | síh | 市 |
| | sih | 事 |

The rising, falling, and level contours of the tones are indicated by the presence or absence of diacritics over the vowel

of each syllable. The diacritics are: ` , ´ , ¯, representing falling, rising, and level respectively.

Ex: à falling
 á rising
 ā level

The absence of a diacritic represents level tone.

Ex: a

Using three diacritics and the low register symbol h, we spell the seven tones thus:

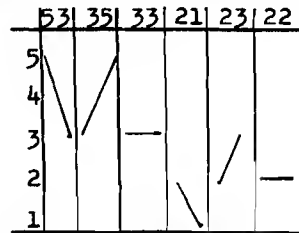
ā high level
 a mid level
 ah low level
 à high falling
 àh low falling
 á high rising
 áh low rising

The low register symbol h follows the vowel of the syllable. If the syllable ends with a consonant, the h still follows the vowel, but comes before the final consonant.

Ex. sahp ten
 sèhng whole, entire

Traditionally Chinese recite Cantonese tones in upper register-lower register sequence, in the order falling, rising, level, thus:

si 思 53
 sí 史 35
 si 試 33
 síh 時 21
 síh 市 23
 síh 事 22



This is the way Cantonese themselves recite tones. You will note that the high level tone is not recited traditionally. There are historical reasons for this which we won't go into here.

In a few words the consonants m and ng occur as vowels, and in these cases the diacritics are placed above the n of ng and the m.

Ex: m̄h 'not'
 ńgh 'five'

Tones in Sequence:

Tone Sandhi. Changes in the basic sound of tones when syllables are spoken in sequence is called tone sandhi. The high falling tone in Cantonese undergoes tone sandhi in certain position, as follows:

1. When high falling tones occur in succession without intervening pause, all but the final one are pronounced as high level.

Ex: hf + hf becomes hl + hf

| | | | | | |
|-------|-----------------|-------|----------------|---------------|-------|
| 燒 豬 | 1. siu | j̄yü | ----- | s̄iujyü | 燒 豬 |
| | roast | pig | | roast pork | |
| 傷 風 | 2. s̄eung | f̄ung | ---- | s̄eung f̄ung | 傷 風 |
| | hurt | wind | | to catch cold | |
| 傷 風 添 | 3. s̄eung f̄ung | t̄im! | --s̄eung f̄ung | t̄im! | 傷 風 添 |
| | hurt | wind | ! | caught cold! | |

2. When a high falling tone occurs before a high level tone without intervening pause, it is pronounced as high level.

Ex: hf + hl becomes hl + hl

| | | | | | |
|-----|---------|--------|-------|-----------------|-----|
| 租 屋 | 1. j̄ou | ūk | ----- | j̄ou ūk | 租 屋 |
| | rent | house | | to rent a house | |
| 西 餐 | 2. s̄ai | ch̄aan | --- | s̄aich̄aan | 西 餐 |
| | west | meal | | western food | |

In this book high falling tone has been written high level only when the tone sandhi is within word boundaries. For separate words, the high falling will be marked with its usual diacritic.

| | | | | | | |
|-----|-----|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----|
| | Ex. | <u>Separate forms</u> | | <u>Combined forms</u> | | |
| 先 生 | | s̄in | s̄aang | ----- | s̄ins̄aang | 先 生 |
| | | first | born | | man, teacher, Mr. | |
| 張 生 | | J̄eung | S̄aang | ----- | J̄eung S̄aang | 張 生 |
| | | Cheung | Mr. | | Mr. Cheung | |

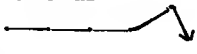
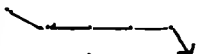
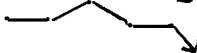
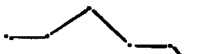


Tones not 'sung.'

That Cantonese is a tone language does not mean that sentences in it are sung as you would sing a musical phrase. Music has sustained notes and strict rhythmic scheme, the spoken language does not. At first you may feel that Cantonese sounds sing-song,

but practice will bring familiarity and soon it will sound natural to you.

B. Intonation:

A sentence may be said different ways, to stress different points in the sentence and also to express what the speaker feels about what he is saying. To give an English example, the sentence 'So glad you could come,' may be said:

| Sentence: | Contour: | Indicates: |
|------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. So glad you could <u>come</u> . |  | normal polite |
| 2. <u>So</u> glad you could come. |  | effusive polite |
| 3a. So glad <u>you</u> could come. |  | (even if your wife couldn't make it)--
cordial |
| 3b. So glad <u>you</u> could come. |  | (even if your <u>wife</u> couldn't)--
sarcastic |
| 4. So glad you <u>could</u> come. |  | (after having thought you couldn't)--
cordial |
| 5. They were glad you could come? |  | question |

The graphs of the sentence contours above represent the rise and fall of the voice pitch throughout the length of the sentence. This rise and fall over sentence length we call an "intonation."

You will note that the question sentence (#5) rises in pitch at the end, and the statement sentences (#1 - 4) all end with falling pitch, although within their contours rise and fall occurs at different points. In English sentence-final fall is the norm, and sentence-final rise expresses doubt.

Intonation also has another job within a sentence--it can express how the speaker feels about what he is saying. By expressive rise and fall of his voice, by varying his "tone of voice," the speaker can indicate that he is angry or happy, doubtful or certain, being polite or rude, suggesting or demanding.

Cantonese sentences too exhibit intonation contours. Sentence-final contours in particular are much more varied in Cantonese than in English, and capable of expressing quite a range of emotional implications.

You may wonder how intonation affects the tone situation in Cantonese, each syllable having as it does its characteristic tone. How the tone contours operate in the framework of sentence contour has been compared to the action of ripples riding on top of waves. Each ripple relates to the one before it and behind it, whether in the trough of the wave or on the crest.

Sentence Stress:

In speaking of sentence stress we mean relative prominence of syllables in a sentence--loud or soft (heavy or light), rapid or slow. Consider the stress pattern of the following English sentences:

1. I'm John Smith. (In response to "Which one of you is John Smith?")
2. I'm John Smith. (In response to "I was supposed to give this letter to Tom Smith.")

In the sentences above the stressed syllables (those underlined) give prominence to the information requested in the stimulus sentences.

In certain sentences stress differences alone indicate difference in message content. The pair of sentences often quoted in illustration of this is:

1. Ship sails today. (The ship will sail today.)
2. Ship sails today. (Please ship the sails today.)

Another example, from a headline in a newspaper:

Boy Scratching Cat Is Caught, Destroyed

How do you stress that one?

Sentence Pause:

Another feature important in establishing natural sentence rhythm is pause--the small silences between groups of syllables. Note the following English sentences:

In considering him for the job he took into account his education, previous experience, and appraised potential.

There is a pause between "job" and "he" in the sentence above, and if you read it instead pausing after "took," you find the sentence doesn't make sense--you have to go back and read it again putting a pause in the right place.

We will not discuss Cantonese stress and pause features in this Introduction, other than to say that Cantonese sentences, like English ones, do exhibit stress and pause phenomena, as well as intonational ones. What this effectively means for you as a student is that you must not concentrate solely on learning words as individual isolated units; but in imitating the teacher's spoken model, you should be alert to his delivery of phrase-length segments and whole sentences, and should mimic the stress, pause, and intonation of the phrases you repeat.

C. Consonants and Vowels

We regard the syllable in Cantonese as being composed of an initial and a final. The initials are consonants. The finals are vowels, or vowels plus consonants. Tones are also included as part of the final.

The practices that follow include all the initials and finals in Cantonese. They were prepared by James E. Dew.

Initials. Repeat after each syllable in the pause provided. Concentrate on the initial sound of each syllable.

1. bò bò , pò pò , mò mò , fò fò
2. dò dò , tò tò , nò nò , lò lò
3. jà jà , chà chà , sà sà , yà yà
4. gà gà , kà kà , ngà ngà , hà hà
5. gwà gwà , kwà kwà , wà wà

Finals. Listen carefully and repeat in the pauses provided. Concentrate on the finals--the vowels and vowel+consonant combinations. (Tones are not marked.)

| a | e | eu | i | o | u | yu |
|----------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| ga 架 | je 借 | heu 靴 | ji 至 | go 個 | wu 惡 | jyu 註 |
| gaai 界 gai 計 | gei 記 | geui 句 | | goi 蓋 | fui 悔 | |
| gaau 教 gau 鈎 | | | giu 叫 | gou 告 | | |
| gaam 監 gam 禁 | | | gin 劍 | | | |
| gaan 澗 gan 艮 | | deun 敦 | gin 見 | gon 幹 | gun 冠 | gyun 絹 |
| gaang gang 更 geng 鏡 | geun 堯 | | ging 敬 | gong 鋼 | gung 供 | |
| gaap 甲 gap 鴿 | | | gip 扱 | | | |
| baat 八 bat 筆 | cheut 出 | | git 結 | got 割 | fut 濶 | kyut 決 |
| baak 百 bak 北 kek 劇 | geuk 腳 | | gik | gok 覺 | guk 焗 | |

The Mechanics of Producing speech sounds:

In speaking we make use of 1) air, 2) the vibration of the vocal chords (i.e. the voice), and 3) the position of the tongue and other members of the mouth to produce speech sounds. The air originates in the lungs and is released through the mouth, the vocal chords vibrate to produce voiced sounds, and the position of the tongue and other members affect the shape of the vocal instrument and thus the sounds it produces.

Consonants:

1) Air:

Air flow, originating in the lungs and released through the mouth, is required for all speech sounds, but different manner of air release produces different sounds. The manner of release is particularly important for consonant sounds. For consonant sounds friction is created at some point in the oral passageway by resistance to the flow of air. The point of resistance to the air flow and the manner of release from this resistance are important contributing factors in how consonants are made. There are several routes through which the air may be released:

A. Nasal release: Air can be released through the nose, producing nasal sounds. Try prolonging the English sounds m and n. mmmmmm, nnnnnn. While you are prolonging these sounds, hold your nose and you notice you can't say m or n. That's because the air flow is released through the nose in saying m and n.

B. Lateral release: The air release can be over the surface of the side of the tongue. Prolong the English sound l. lllll. Then breathe in and out through your mouth without moving your tongue from its l position. Can you feel that the air passes laterally out one or both sides of your mouth? For me, the air release for l is from both sides. Do you release the air to the right, or to the left, or from both sides?

C. Stop and Release, with and without Aspiration: Another manner of air release is for the air flow to be blocked at some point in the mouth and then released, letting the air flow through. When you make the English sounds p-, t-, k-, you notice that the air flow is first blocked at different points, and then released.

The stop releases can be either aspirated or unaspirated. In reference to language sounds 'aspirated' means released with a puff of air. Compare the English sounds p-, t-, k-, and b-, d-, g-. If you put your hand close to your mouth as you say p-, t-, k-, you will notice that you feel your breath against your hand. Say b-, d-, g-, and you find you do not feel your breath against your hand, or at least not as much so. The p-, t-, k- sounds are aspirated, the b-, d-, g- ones unaspirated.

Try:

| | |
|----|----|
| p- | b- |
| t- | d- |
| k- | g- |

D. Spirant release: When air is released through a narrow passage under pressure, a hissing sound is produced, as in g- sssss, and h- hhhhh. We refer to this type of air release as spirant release.

2) **Voicing:**

Voiced and Voiceless Consonants: The vocal chords vibrate to produce some sounds--which we refer to as voiced sounds--and do not vibrate in the production of other sounds--which are referred to as voiceless. For example, in English the 'z' sound is a voiced sound and the 's' sound is a voiceless one.

Prolong the buzzing sound of 'z'--zzzzz. You can hear the voicing, and if you put your hand on your throat over the Adam's apple, you can feel the vibration of the vocal chords. Prolong the hissing sound of 's'--sssss. Notice that voicing ceases, the vocal chords do not vibrate. In Cantonese the only consonants that are voiced are the nasals--m, n, and ng.

- 3) Position of tongue and other members: Different position of the tongue and other members of the mouth forms the third element in producing speech sounds. Note for example how the difference in tongue position produces different sounds in the English words 'tea' and 'key.' For 't,' the tip of tongue touches the roof of the mouth at the gum ridge behind the upper teeth. Try it: t-, t-, t-, tea. For 'k,' the back of the tongue touches the roof of the mouth at the back: k-, k-, k-, key.

We will describe the consonants of Cantonese in terms of air release, voicing, and position of tongue and other members of the vocal apparatus. We will concentrate primarily on those sounds which are problems for Americans.

Vowels:

Production of vowels, like production of consonants, is a matter of air flow, voicing, and positioning.

1. Air Flow:

Whereas in making a consonant sound friction is created by resistance at some point in the passageway to the flow of air, in making vowels the passageway does not resist the flow of air, and the sound produced is therefore frictionless. The presence or absence of friction is a factor distinguishing consonants and vowels.

2. Vibrating of vocal chords (Voicing):

Vowels are voiced sounds. Under certain circumstances, such as whispering, vowels may be de-voiced, but voicing for vowels is taken as a given, and when exceptions occur, they are specifically noted.

A feature of voicing which is potentially significant for vowels is vowel length. In some languages different vowel

length in an otherwise identical syllable can produce different words.

Example: In German, the following two words differ in pronunciation only in the length of their vowels:

| | |
|---------------|---------|
| staat [ʃtaːt] | 'state' |
| statt [ʃtaːt] | 'place' |

3. Positioning:

In positioning for vowel sounds the important contributing factors are how the lips and tongue are placed.

The lips, in making vowel sounds, are described in terms of whether they are rounded or unrounded (spread). For example, in English, the 'i' of 'pit' is a vowel said with lips spread, and the 'u' of 'put' is said with lips rounded. There are vowels which are produced with lips neither markedly rounded or spread, such as 'a' in 'father.' This type is not described in terms of lip position. If a vowel is not described as being rounded or spread, you can assume that the lip position is midway between rounded and spread. We will use the terms 'unrounded' and 'spread' interchangeably.

Tongue position for vowels is described in vertical terms and in horizontal terms. On the vertical we speak of the tongue height of a vowel. For example, take the vowels of 'pit,' 'pet,' and 'pat' in English. You notice that the forward part of the tongue is relatively high towards the roof of the mouth in saying the 'i' of 'pit,' that it drops somewhat to say the 'e' of 'pet,' and drops still lower to say the 'a' of 'pat.' These positions might also be described in terms of how wide the lower jaw opens in making the sounds-- narrow for the 'i,' medium for the 'e,' and wide for the 'a.' However, since description in terms of tongue height has become standard, we will adopt the standard description here, and speak of vowels in terms of high, mid, and low in reference to tongue height. Deviations from these cardinal positions are described in terms of higher-mid, lower-mid, etc.

Horizontally, tongue position is described in terms of front, central, and back. In English the vowels of 'pit,'

'pet,' and 'pat' are all front vowels, with the points of reference for 'front' being the blade of the tongue and the dental ridge. 'Pit,' 'pet,' and 'pat' are high front, mid front, and low front respectively. For the central vowels the points of reference in the oral passageway are the center surface of the tongue and the hard palate. In English the vowels of 'putt' and 'pot' are central vowels. For the back vowels the points of reference in the passageway are the back surface of the tongue and the soft palate. In English the vowels of 'put,' 'pole,' and 'paw' are back vowels. Deviations are described in terms of being fronted or backed from the cardinal positions. .

Pronunciation Practice:

1. ch, as in Chàhn

ch is an initial consonant in Cantonese. We describe the ch sound in terms of voicing, air flow, and position of tongue against the roof of the mouth. Like the American ch sound in "chance," the Cantonese ch is voiceless. In terms of air air flow the American and Cantonese ch's are alike--both are stops with aspirated release. The tongue pressing against the roof of the mouth stops the flow of air entirely, then lets go and allows the air to flow through again, accompanied by a puff of air. The tongue position for the American ch and Cantonese ch differs. For the Cantonese ch sound, the tongue rests flat against the dental ridge (the ridge just behind the upper teeth) and the blade part of the tongue, that part just back from the tip, blocks the air passage at the dental ridge. The blade of the tongue is pressed flat against the ridge: [tʃ] The American ch the contact point is the tip of the tongue, not the blade of the tongue; the tongue is grooved, not flat; and the contact point on the roof of the mouth is a little farther back on the dental ridge than for the Cantonese ch sound.

Compare--Listen and repeat: (Read across)

| | | | | | |
|------------|--------|----|----|----|---------|
| English: | chance | ch | ch | ch | chance |
| Cantonese: | Chàhn | ch | ch | ch | Chàhn 陳 |
| | chàn | ch | ch | ch | chàn 親 |

2. j, as in joigin, jóusáhn, Jèung, siujé

J is an initial consonant in Cantonese. We describe the j sound in terms of voicing, air flow, and position of the tongue against the roof of the mouth. Unlike the American j sound (in 'joy'), the Cantonese j sound is voiceless. In terms of air flow the American and Cantonese j's are alike--both are stops with unaspirated release. The tongue, pressing against the roof of the mouth, stops the flow of air entirely, then lets go and allows the air to flow through again, without aspiration (accompanying puff of air). The tongue position for the Cantonese j is the same as that for the Cantonese ch, different from that of the American counterpart. For the Cantonese j sound the blade of the tongue, resting flat against the dental ridge, blocks the air passage: [t̪] For the American j the tip of the tongue, grooved, blocks the air passage at a point a little farther back on the dental ridge than for the Cantonese j. When air is released, it flows over a grooved tongue surface for the American sound, a flat tongue surface for the Cantonese sound.

Compare English and Cantonese similar syllables:

Listen and repeat: (Read across)

| English | Cantonese |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Joe (3 times) | jóu (3 times) 早 |
| 2. joy (3 times) | joi (3 times) 再 |
| 3. Jess (3 times) | jé (3 times) 姐 |

The Cantonese j sound is said with lips rounded before rounded vowels, and spread before unrounded vowels. (Rounded vowels are those pronounced with the lips rounded, unrounded vowels those that are not.)

Watch the teacher, listen and repeat: (read across)

| Ex: | <u>rounded</u> | <u>unrounded</u> |
|-----|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. | Jóu 早 (3 times) | jé 姐 (3 times) |
| 2. | joi 再 (3 times) | jé 姐 (3 times) |

Some speakers of Standard Cantonese use slightly different tongue positions for the j sound, depending on whether it comes before a rounded or unrounded vowel. Other speakers use the tongue position described for j above throughout. Those that use different positions

before rounded and unrounded vowels use the position described above before unrounded vowels. Before rounded vowels they retract their tongue a bit and use the tip of the tongue instead of the part just behind the tip as contact point for making j. Listen and see if your teacher's j sounds the same or different before rounded and unrounded vowels.

Listen: (Watch the teacher:)

| <u>rounded</u> | <u>unrounded</u> |
|----------------|------------------|
| jó 左 | je 借 |
| joi 再 | ja 榨 |
| jóu 早 | |

What has been said in regard to lip-rounding for the j applies also to ch sounds in Cantonese, but we will not practice this feature in relation to ch until it comes up in the Basic Conversations.

3. ng, as in ngóh

ng is a voiced nasal initial consonant in Cantonese. In position, the back surface of the tongue presses against the roof of the mouth at the soft palate, in the same position as for the English word "sing." We refer to this position as velar, making an adjective of the word velum, the technical term for soft palate. ng is a velar nasal consonant, which in Cantonese may occupy initial position in a syllable.

Listen and repeat:

ngóh 我 (6 times)

The only reason this sound may be hard for English speakers is that we don't have any words beginning with ng in English, though we have many ending with the same sound.

If you have trouble, try saying "sing on" in English, and then say the si part of "sing" silently, beginning to voice on the -ng part:

sing on
(si)ng on
----ng on

Now try initial ng again:

Listen and repeat:

ngóh 我 (5 times)

4. o, and in Hòh, ngóh

o is a final in Cantonese. It is a mid back rounded vowel--[ɔ]. The closest American sound is the vowel sound of general American "dog," but with more rounding of the lips than in English. In Cantonese a rounded vowel has a rounding effect on a consonant preceding it in a syllable. Watch your teacher and note that in syllables with an o vowel, he rounds his lips for the preceding consonant too.

Listen, watch the teacher, and repeat:

ngóh 我 (5 times)

Hòh 何 (5 times)

5. yu, as in deuiáhjyuh

yu is a single vowel spelled with two letters. yu is a high front rounded vowel--[ü], occurring as a final in Cantonese. There is no counterpart vowel in American English with a similar sound, but you can produce the sound by protruding your lips while you sustain the "ee" [i] sound of the English letter "E." The "long e" [i] sound in English is a high front unrounded vowel. Rounding the lips produces a high front rounded vowel.

Listen, watch the teacher, and repeat:

1. deuiáhjyuh jyuh jyuh

2. jyuh 住 (3 times)

3. yú 魚 (fish) (3 times)

6. eu

eu is a single vowel spelled with two letters. eu is a mid front rounded vowel--[ɶ], occurring as a final in Cantonese only in a very few words. There is no counterpart vowel in American English with a similar sound, but you can produce the sound by protruding your lips while you sustain the "e" [E] sound of the English word "less." This "short e" [E] sound in English is a mid front unrounded vowel. Rounding the lips makes it a rounded vowel. In Cantonese a rounded vowel has a rounding effect on a consonant preceding it in a syllable.

Watch your teacher, listen, and repeat:

lēu 'spit out'

hēu 靴 'boot'

dēu 'tiny bit'

7. eung, as in Jèung

eung is a two-part final composed of the mid front rounded vowel eu [ø] plus the velar nasal consonant ng. There is no close English counterpart. As a rounded final, eung has a rounding effect on a consonant preceding it in a syllable.

Watch the teacher, listen, and repeat:

Jèung 張 (5 times)

The eu portion of eung is not nasalized. In English, a vowel before a nasal final is nasalized--that is, part of the air release for the vowel goes through the nose. To illustrate the English situation, hold your nose and say the following English words:

sue
soon
see
seem
sit
sing

You notice that the vowels of the words with nasal finals (-n, -m, and -ng) are partially blocked when the nose is blocked, thus revealing that for such vowels some of the air is normally released through the nose. The vowels of the words which do not end in a nasal are unaffected by blocking the nasal passage. They are 'open' vowels, not 'nasalized' vowels.

In Cantonese, a vowel before a nasal final is not nasalized--All of the air is released through the mouth for the vowel portion. Test whether you can keep the vowel open before nasal final by stopping your nose as you say:

Jèung (5 times)

To practice the open vowel before a nasal final, try saying the following pairs of words in which -eu and -eung are contrasted. To make the -eung sound, pretend through the -eu part that you are going to say -eu, then add the -ng as an after-thought. You will then have an open eu followed by the nasal ng sound.

| <u>-eu</u> | <u>-eung</u> |
|---------------|------------------|
| 1. hēu 靴 boot | hèung 香 fragrant |

2. lēu to spit out léuhng 兩 two
 3. geu 鋸 to saw gèung 羌 ginger
 4. jeuk 著 to wear Jèung 張 surname Cheung

8. eu, as in deuiṁh̄jyuh

eu is a two-part final composed of the mid front rounded vowel eu plus the high front rounded vowel yu [ü]. (We spell the second part of this two-part final with i instead of yu--eui instead of euyu, the latter being extremely awkward-looking.) The major force of the voice falls on the eu part, with the yu (spelled i) part an offglide.

Listen and repeat:

1. deuiṁh̄jyuh 對唔住 (3 times)
2. deui 對 (3 times)

The tongue position for eu before i is slightly lower and more backed than it is for eu before ng. eui = [œü]; eung = [øŋ].

Listen and watch for differences in eu sound: (Read across)

1. Jèung 張 Jèung Jèung Jèung
2. deui 對 deui deui deui
3. Jèung 張 deui 對 (4 times)
4. deui 對 Jèung 張 (4 times)

9. an, as in Chàhn, jóusàhn, ṁhgányiu

an is a two-part final composed of the backed mid central vowel a [əʔ] plus the dental nasal consonant n. Tongue height for the Cantonese a [əʔ] is lower than that for American vowel in "cup," higher than that for American vowel in "cop," and more backed than either of the American counterparts. Before the nasal final the Cantonese vowel is not nasalized, as an American vowel before a nasal final would be. The Cantonese vowel is shorter and tenser than the American counterparts.

Listen, watch the teacher, and repeat:

1. Chàhn (4 times) 陳
2. jóusàhn (4 times) 早晨
3. ṁhgányiu (4 times) 唔緊要

Compare English and Cantonese syllables:

Listen and repeat: (Read across)

- | English | Cantonese |
|--------------|---------------|
| 1. John John | Chàhn Chàhn 陳 |

2. sun sun

san sàn 申

10. m as in mh

The bilabial nasal consonant m occurs as a vowel, in that the consonant m is syllabic in the syllable mh.

Listen and repeat:

1. mhhaih (2 times)
2. haih mhhaih a? (2 times)

11. Tone practice with words in Lesson 1:

Listen and repeat:

1. Jèung, jóu, sing ; Hòh, Léih, haih .
2. Jèung, jóu, sing ; Hòh, Léih, haih .
3. Jèung, Jèung ; Hòh, Hòh .
4. jóu, jóu ; Léih, Léih .
5. jóu, Léih ; Léih, jóu .
6. sing, sing ; haih, haih .
7. sing, haih ; haih, sing .
8. Jèung, Hòh ; jóu, Léih ; sing, haih .
9. Hòh, Jèung ; Léih, jóu ; haih, sing .

II. Notes:

A. Culture Notes

1. Surname and titles.

a. Titles follow surnames: (Drills 1-6)

| | |
|------------|------------|
| Léih Sàang | 'Mr. Lee' |
| Léih Táai | 'Mrs. Lee' |
| Léih Siujé | 'Miss Lee' |

b. Sàang/Sĩnsàang and Táai/Taaitáai

Sàang and Sĩnsàang, Táai and Taaitáai are alternate forms for 'Mr.' and 'Mrs.' respectively.

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|---------------|------------|
| Léih Sĩnsàang | 'Mr. Lee' |
| Léih Taaitáai | 'Mrs. Lee' |

Native speakers differ in respect to their use of Sàang and Sĩnsàang, and Táai and Taaitáai as titles to surnames. Some say that the full forms denote more respect and the short forms are used in informal situations only. Others say that as title to

surnames the longer forms are used only in letters and that in speech, Sàang and Táai are used even for subordinates speaking to superiors. Everyone seems to agree that on the telephone both long forms and the short forms are common. In this book we have used the short forms almost exclusively, but you--when you get into a Cantonese speaking situation--keep your ears peeled and imitate what your Cantonese peers are saying. Incidentally, you will notice that what people say and what they say they say do not always coincide exactly. Also, different people may disagree vehemently about what is 'right.' This is confusing to the beginning student. Be advised, however, that the area of disagreement is on peripheral matters. If your teachers disagree about two forms, you may safely conclude that both forms are used. taaitáai basically = 'married woman;' sínsàang = 'man.'

c. Sínsàang as 'teacher'

Sínsàang meaning 'teacher' may be used with or without a surname attached. A woman teacher named Wong may be addressed as Sínsàang or as Wòhng Sínsàang.

d. Síujé, 'unmarried woman,' used as title

In addressing a woman whose name you do not know, it is appropriate to address her as Síujé, no matter how old she is, and even if you know she is married. In addressing a woman by her maiden name, the appropriate title is Síujé. Ex: Wòhng Síujé. It is the custom for Chinese women to use their maiden names in business life, so it often turns out that someone addressed as Síujé is married.

e. It is inappropriate to refer to oneself by title in a social situation. Avoid saying "Ngóh haih Smith Sàang." Say instead "Ngóh sing Smith." (See Drill 5).

2. sing, V/N to have the surname of; surname

Sing is the surname one is born with. For married women, equivalent to the English née. The English and American custom is for a woman's surname to change at the time of marriage to that of her husband. The Cantonese sing does not change upon marriage. When you ask a woman her surname, ordinarily she

gives her maiden name in response. If it is a social gathering, she might add something like "Ngóh sīnsàng sing..., My husband has the surname...."

B. Structure Notes

1. Relationship of Cantonese to other Chinese languages.

Cantonese is traditionally called a dialect of Chinese. The major dialect of Chinese being Mandarin, and other important dialects in addition to Cantonese, are Shanghai, Fukkienese (also called Hokkienese or Amoy), and Hakka. Mandarin is considered the major dialect because it is spoken by the greatest number of people and, more importantly, because it has been prompted as the national standard language by both the Communist Chinese government on Mainland China and the Nationalist Chinese government on Taiwan.

Although historically descended from a single mother tongue, the various Chinese dialects are today different languages. A person who speaks only Cantonese cannot understand a person who speaks only Mandarin, Shanghai, Fukkienese, or Hakka. However, if two speakers of two different Chinese languages can read, they can communicate, since Chinese has a uniform writing system which is not based on sound. (A Western comparison can be made in the number system, in which '2' is intelligible without reference to pronunciation.)

The languages of the Chinese family group are different--and similar--on three levels: vocabulary, grammatical sentence structure, and phonological sound system. The level of greatest similarity is in that of the grammatical sentence structure. Students who have studied another Chinese language will find that in great measure they already 'know' the sentence patterns of Cantonese. In preparing this book we at first planned to make a Cantonese-Mandarin grammatical appendix to list the grammatically different structures, the idea being that they were listable, being so few of them. To draw a parallel we wrote out the Basic Conversations of the first 15 lessons in Mandarin translation and found to our surprise quite a lot more differences than we had expected. The differences, however, were mostly in the nature of 'You could say it that way--that sentence pattern exists in Cantonese--but actually that's not the way we say it, we say it this way.' We therefore didn't make the appendix, but for the benefit of students who have previously studied Mandarin, we have used the Notes section to draw attention to basic grammatical differences where they come up in the text.

On the level of vocabulary there are greater differences than

on the level of grammatical structure, but still a great deal of similarity. A rough check of the first 10 lessons of this book reveals that more than 55% of the Cantonese expressions have identical Mandarin counterparts.

In pronunciation, differences are greater still, but there are systematic correspondences. For example, ai in Mandarin is oi in Cantonese. In total, though, the phonological correspondences are quite complex, as witnessed by a series of articles on the subject in a Japanese linguistic journal which runs 26 pages long.

2. Sentence Types--full sentences and minor sentences.

a. Full sentences have two parts--subject and predicate, in that order. Examples from the Basic Conversation of Lesson One are:

1. Ngóh m̀h haih Léih Táai. I am not Mrs. Lee.
2. Ngóh sing Chàhn. I am surnamed Chan.

In these sentences Ngóh is the subject and the remainder of each sentence is the predicate.

b. Minor sentences are not in subject-predicate form. Minor sentences are common as responses, commands, exclamations.

In Lesson One there are several minor sentences in the Basic Conversation:

1. Hòh Sàang, jóusàhn. Good morning, Mr. Ho.
2. Joigin. Goodbye.
3. M̀hgányiu. That's all right. [literally:
Not important.]

3. Verbs.

In Cantonese, words which can be preceded by the negative m̀h are regarded as verbs. There are a few cases in which this rule doesn't work, but basically, you can test whether a new word you hear is a verb by asking whether you can say m̀h (new word).

Is ngóh a verb? Ask the teacher whether it's OK to say m̀h ngóh.

Is haih a verb? Ask the teacher whether it's OK to say m̀h haih.

4. Adverbs.

In Cantonese an adverb is a word or word group which forms a construction with a verb. In most cases in Cantonese adverbs precede the verb they belong with. An example from Lesson 1 is m̀h-, 'not,' which precedes a verb to form the negative.

5. Phrases.

We give the name 'phrase' to a group of words which has a

specialized meaning as a group. For example, in English, spill + water = spill the water, and spill + beans = spill the beans. Spill the water is a simple Verb + Object construction. Spill the beans may be, but it may also be a phrase whose meaning differs from the added together meaning of the individual words. This type of phrase is often called an idiom, or an idiomatic expression. In this lesson Mhǎnyiu, 'It doesn't matter; That's all right; Never mind,' is such a phrase.

We also give the name 'phrase' to another kind of construction-- a group of words whose total meaning may be the same as the added together meaning of the individual words, but which we don't feel is necessary for you to analyze and learn separately in the first stage of learning Cantonese. It may even be that the fact that the construction is grammatically a word group and not a single word may not be apparent, since the construction may be written as a single word. Examples are mhhóu 'don't' in the Classroom Phrases of Lesson 1 and sèsíu 'a little' in Lesson 3.

6. Lead Sentences and Follow Sentences.

- a. It's a pretty day today.
- b. How about you?
- c. Where?

a, b and c are all sentences, and all are intelligible, but in b and c as stated it is not clear what is happening. Without drawing too rigid lines, we are going to distinguish between lead sentences-- sentences that are intelligible as self-contained units, and follow sentences, ones which depend upon information supplied by a preceding sentence or the context for full intelligibility.

III. DRILLS

1. Substitution Drill: Substitute joigin in the position of jóusàhn following the pattern of the example sentence.

Ex: T: Léih Táai, jóusàhn. T: Good morning, Mrs. Lee.
 S: Léih Táai, joigin. S: Goodbye, Mrs. Lee.

1. Chàhn Táai, jóusàhn.

1. Chàhn Táai, joigin.

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| + 2. <u>Làuh</u> Sàang, jóusàhn.
(Good morning, Mr. <u>Lau</u> .) | 2. Làuh Sàang, joigin. |
| + 3. <u>Jèung</u> Siujé, jóusàhn
(Good morning, Miss <u>Cheung</u> .) | 3. Jèung Siujé, joigin. |
| + 4. <u>Máh</u> Sàang, jóusàhn.
(Good morning, Mr. <u>Ma</u> .) | 4. Máh Sàang, joigin. |
| 5. Léih Táai, jóusàhn. | 5. Léih Táai, joigin. |
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2. Substitution Drill: Substitute the cue in the appropriate position following the pattern of the example sentence.

Ex: T: Léih Táai, jóusàhn. T: Good morning, Mrs. Lee.
/Chàhn/ /Chan/

S: Chàhn Táai, jóusàhn. S: Good morning, Mrs. Chan.

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|--|-------------------------|
| 1. Chàhn Táai, jóusàhn. /Léih/ | 1. Léih Táai, jóusàhn. |
| + 2. Léih Táai, jóusàhn. / <u>Wòhng</u> /
(<u>Wong</u>) | 2. Wòhng Táai, jóusàhn. |
| 3. Wòhng Táai, jóusàhn. /Hòh/ | 3. Hòh Táai, jóusàhn. |
| 4. Hòh Táai, jóusàhn. /Jèung/ | 4. Jèung Táai, jóusàhn. |
| 5. Làuh Táai, jóusàhn. /Chàhn/ | 5. Chàhn Táai, jóusàhn. |
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3. Substitution Drill: Substitute the cue in the appropriate position, following the pattern of the example sentence.

Ex: T: Wòhng Sàang, jóusàhn. T: Good morning, Mr. Wong.
/Táai/ /Mrs./

S: Wòhng Táai, jóusàhn. S: Good morning, Mrs. Wong.

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| 1. Wòhng Táai, jóusàhn. /Siujé/ | 1. Wòhng Siujé, jóusàhn. |
| 2. Wòhng Siujé, jóusàhn. /Làuh/ | 2. Làuh Siujé, jóusàhn. |
| 3. Làuh Siujé, jóusàhn. /joigin/ | 3. Làuh Siujé, joigin. |
| 4. Làuh Siujé, joigin. /Sàang/ | 4. Làuh Sàang, joigin. |
| 5. Làuh Sàang, joigin. /Táai/ | 5. Làuh Táai, joigin. |
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4. Expansion Drill: Expand the cue sentence as indicated in the example.

Ex: T: Ngóh m̀hahì Wòhng Sàang.

T: I'm not Mr. Wong.

S: Deui m̀hìjyuh, ngóh m̀hahì Wòhng Sàang.

S: I beg your pardon, I'm not Mr. Wong.

1. Ngóh m̀hahì Léih Sìujé.

1. Deui m̀hìjyuh, ngóh m̀hahì Léih Sìujé.

2. Ngóh m̀hahì Chàhn Sàang.

2. Deui m̀hìjyuh, ngóh m̀hahì Chàhn Sàang.

3. Ngóh m̀hahì Jèung Táai.

3. Deui m̀hìjyuh, ngóh m̀hahì Jèung Táai.

4. Ngóh m̀hahì Hòh Sàang.

4. Deui m̀hìjyuh, ngóh m̀hahì Hòh Sàang.

5. Ngóh m̀hahì Wòhng Táai.

5. Deui m̀hìjyuh, ngóh m̀hahì Wòhng Táai.

5. Expansion Drill: Expand the cue sentences to conform with the pattern of the example.

Ex: T: Ngóh m̀hahì Léih Táai. /Jèung/

T: I'm not Mrs. Lee. /Cheung/

S: Ngóh m̀hahì Léih Táai, ngóh sing Jèung.

S: I'm not Mrs. Lee, my name is Cheung.

1. Ngóh m̀hahì Hòh Táai. /Chàhn/

1. Ngóh m̀hahì Hòh Táai, ngóh sing Chàhn.

2. Ngóh m̀hahì Chàhn Sìujé. /Máh/

2. Ngóh m̀hahì Chàhn Sìujé, ngóh sing Máh.

3. Ngóh m̀hahì Máh Sàang. /Wòhng/

3. Ngóh m̀hahì Máh Sàang, ngóh sing Wòhng.

4. Ngóh m̀hahì Wòhng Táai. /Jèung/

4. Ngóh m̀hahì Wòhng Táai, ngóh sing Jèung.

5. Ngóh m̀hahì Léih Táai. /Hòh/

5. Ngóh m̀hahì Léih Táai, ngóh sing Hòh.

6. Conversation Drill: Carry on the suggested conversation following the model of the example.

Ex: A: Chàhn Sàang, jóusàhn. A: Good morning Mr. Chan.

B: Deuimhjyuh, ngóh mhhaih Chàhn Sàang. Ngóh sing Jèung.
B: I beg your pardon, I'm not Mr. Chan. My name is Cheung.

A: A, deuimhjyuh, Jèung Sàang.
A: A, excuse me, Mr. Cheung.

B: Mhgányiu.
B: That's OK.

1. A: Chàhn Siujé.....

B:
.....Wòhng.

A:

B:

2. A: Jèung Siujé

B:
.....Léih.

A:

B:

3. A: Hòh Sàang

B:
.....Wòhng.

A:

B:

4. A: Jèung Sàang

B:
.....Léih.

A:

B:

5. A: Chàhn Siujé

B:
.....Làuh.

1. A: Chàhn Siujé, jóusàhn.

B: Deuimhjyuh, ngóh mhhaih Chàhn Siujé. Ngóh sing Wòhng.

A: A, deuimhjyuh, Wòhng Siujé.

B: Mhgányiu.

2. A: Jèung Siujé, jóusàhn.

B: Deuimhjyuh, ngóh mhhaih Jèung Siujé. Ngóh sing Léih.

A: A, deuimhjyuh, Léih Siujé.

B: Mhgányiu.

3. A: Hòh Sàang, jóusàhn.

B: Deuimhjyuh, ngóh mhhaih Hòh Sàang. Ngóh sing Wòhng.

A: A, deuimhjyuh, Wòhng Sàang.

B: Mhgányiu.

4. A: Jèung Sàang, jóusàhn.

B: Deuimhjyuh, ngóh mhhaih Jèung Sàang. Ngóh sing Léih.

A: A, deuimhjyuh, Léih Sàang.

B: Mhgányiu.

5. A: Chàhn Siujé, jóusàhn.

B: Deuimhjyuh, ngóh mhhaih Chàhn Siujé. Ngóh sing Làuh.

A:

A: A, deui^mh^jyuh, L^huh
Sⁱuj^é.

B:

B: M^hg^ányiu.

Vocabulary Checklist for Lesson 1

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|---|--|
| 1. A | ex: Oh |
| 2. Ch ^h ahn | sur: Chan |
| 3. deui ^m h ^j yuh | ph: Excuse me; I beg your pardon; I'm sorry. |
| 4. haih | v: is, am, are, were, etc. |
| 5. H ^h oh | sur: Ho |
| 6. hohks ^ā ang | n: student |
| 7. J ^è ung | sur: Cheung |
| 8. Joigin | Ph: Goodbye |
| 9. J ^ó us ^à hn | Ph: Good morning |
| 10. L ^h uh | sur: Lau |
| 11. L ^é ih | sur: Li |
| 12. M ^á h | sur: Ma |
| 13. m ^h - | adv: not |
| 14. M ^h g ^á nyiu | Ph: That's all right; It doesn't matter; Never mind. |
| 15. ng ^ó h | pro: I, me, my |
| 16. S ^à ang | t: Mr. |
| 17. s ^ī ns ^à ang | n: man (see notes); teacher |
| 18. S ^ī ns ^à ang | t: Mr. (see notes) |
| 19. sing | v: have the surname |
| 20. s ⁱ uj ^é | n: unmarried woman; woman, lady (see notes) |
| 21. S ⁱ uj ^é | t: Miss |
| 22. T ^á ai | t: Mrs. |
| 23. taait ^á ai | n: married woman (see notes) |
| 24. Taait ^á ai | t: Mrs. (see notes) |
| 25. W ^ò hng | sur: Wong |

CLASSROOM PHRASES

A. Learn to respond to the following classroom instructions:

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| 1. Yíngā ngóh mahn néih, néih
daap ngóh. | 1. Now I'll ask you, and you answer
me. |
| 2. Yíngā néihdeih jihgēi mahn,
jihgēi daap. | 2. Now you yourselves ask and answer. |
| 3. Gaijuhk. | 3. Continue. (i.e., Do the next
one, Keep going.) |
| 4. Néih jough <u>A</u> , néih jough
<u>B</u> . | 4. You do A, you do B. |

B. The following are some comments that the teacher may make on your recitations.

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| 5. Ngāam laak. <u>OR</u> Āam laak. | 5. That's it. (After student suc-
ceeds in saying something right.) |
| 6. Haih gám laak. | 6. That's it. Now you've got it. |
| 7. Haih laak. | 7. That's it. Now you've got it. |
| 8. Hóu jéun. | 8. Just right. Quite accurate. |
| 9. Góngdāk hóu. | 9. Good, spoken well. |
| 10. Góngdāk m̀hóu. | 10. No, that won't do. Not spoken
right. |
| 11. Chàmhdō. | 11. Approximately. (i.e., Good
enough for now, but not perfect.) |
| 12. Yiu suhk dī. | 12. Get it smoother. (When a student's
recitation is halting.) |
| 13. Daaihsēng dī. | 13. Louder. |

I. BASIC CONVERSATION

A. Buildup:

(At a party in Hong Kong)

| | | |
|--|---|--|
| sìnsàang | | man |
| | <u>Sìnsàang</u> | |
| gwaising | | your surname (polite) |
| a | | sentence suffix, to soften
abruptness |
| siujé | | woman |
| Sìujé gwaising a? | | What is your surname, Miss? |
| | <u>Sìujé</u> | |
| Ngòh sing Wòhng. | | My name is Wong. |
| | <u>Sìnsàang</u> | |
| | (bowing slightly) | |
| Wòhng Sìujé. | | Miss Wong. |
| | <u>Sìujé</u> | |
| nē? | | sentence suffix for
questions |
| Sìnsàang nē? | | And you? (polite) |
| | <u>Sìnsàang</u> | |
| siusing | | my name (polite) |
| Sìusing Làuh. | | My name is Lau. |
| | <u>Sìujé</u> | |
| | (bowing slightly) | |
| Làuh Sàang | | Mr. Lau. |
| | <u>Sìnsàang</u> | |
| | (Indicating a young lady standing beside Miss Wong) | |
| mātyéh <u>or</u> mēyéh <u>or</u> mīyéh | | what? |
| sing mēyéh a? | | have what surname? |
| pàhngyáuh | | friend |
| néih | | your |
| néih pàhngyáuh | | your friend |
| Néih pàhngyáuh sing mēyéh a? | | What is your friend's name? |
| | <u>Sìujé</u> | |
| sing Mäh | | has the name Ma |

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|--------------------|--|
| ge | noun-forming boundword. <u>ge</u>
suffixed to a Verb Phrase
makes it grammatically
a Noun Phrase. |
| sing Mǎh ge | is a named-Ma one |
| kéuih | he, she, it |
| Kéuih sing Mǎh ge. | Her name is Ma. |

Sínsàang

| | |
|--|---|
| Gwóngdùng | Kwangtung |
| yǎhn | person |
| Gwóngdùngyǎhn | Cantonese person, a person
from Kwangtung province |
| haih àh haih a? | is/not-is? a question
formula |
| Kéuih haih àh haih Gwóngdùngyǎhn
a? | Is she Cantonese? |

Siujé

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Seuhnghói | Shanghai |
| Seuhnghóiyǎhn | Shanghai person |
| Àh haih a. Kéuih haih Seuhnghóiyǎhn. | No, she's from Shanghai. |

Sínsàang

| | |
|---------------|--|
| gám,... | 'Well then, ...', 'Say', ...
sentence prefix, resuming
the thread of previous
discussion. |
| Gám, néih nē? | And you? |

Siujé

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| dōu | also |
| dōu haih Seuhnghóiyǎhn | also am Shanghai person |
| Ngóh dōu haih Seuhnghóiyǎhn. | I'm also from Shanghai. |

B. Recapitulation:

(At a party in Hong Kong)

Sínsàang

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Siujé gwaising a? | What is your (sur)name, Miss? |
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| | <u>Síujé</u> | |
| Ngóh s'ing Wòhng. | | My name is Wong. |
| | <u>S'insàang</u> | |
| | (bowing slightly) | |
| Wòhng Síujé. | | Miss Wong. |
| | <u>Síujé</u> | |
| S'insàang nē? | | And you? |
| | <u>S'insàang</u> | |
| S'iusing Làuh. | | My name is Lau. |
| | <u>Síujé</u> | |
| | (bowing slightly) | |
| Làuh S'ang. | | Mr. Lau. |
| | <u>S'insàang</u> | |
| | (Indicating a young lady standing beside Miss Wong) | |
| Néih p'ahngyáuh s'ing mēyéh a? | | What is your friend's name? |
| | <u>Síujé</u> | |
| Kéuih s'ing M'ah ge. | | Her name is Ma. |
| | <u>S'insàang</u> | |
| Kéuih haih àh'haih Gwóngdúngyáhn | | Is she Cantonese? |
| a? | | |
| | <u>Síujé</u> | |
| Àh'haih a. Kéuih haih Seuhng'hóiyáhn. | | No, she's from Shanghai. |
| | <u>S'insàang</u> | |
| Gám, néih nē? | | And you? |
| | <u>Síujé</u> | |
| Ngóh dōu haih Seuhng'hóiyáhn. | | I'm also from Shanghai. |

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Problem sounds in Lesson Two: Initials

1. b, d, g, and j (phonetically [p], [t], [k], and [tʃ]).

b, d, g, and j sounds in Cantonese are voiceless, in contrast to the voiced English sounds spelled with the same letters. Positioning for Cantonese b and g sounds is the same as for English. For the d sound the tongue tip is more forward in Cantonese than in English--against the base of the upper teeth for Cantonese, on the dental ridge for English. Position for the j sound has been dis-

cussed in Lesson One. The sounds are unaspirated, as are their English counterparts, but the Cantonese and English sounds contrast with respect to tenseness--the Cantonese initial consonants being tense and the English lax in isolated words and in stressed position in a sentence.

Compare: (left to right, then right to left.)

| <u>English</u> | <u>Cantonese</u> |
|----------------|------------------------|
| b: bean | bīn go 邊個 who |
| beau | bou 布 cloth |
| buoy | būi 杯 cup |
| bun | bān 賓 guest |
| buy | baai 拜 worship |
| d: doe | dou 到 arrive |
| die | daai 帶 bring |
| ding | dīng 丁 surname Ting |
| deem | dim 店 shop (Noun) |
| g: gay | gei 記 record (Verb) |
| gum | gam 禁 so |
| guy | gaai 界 border |
| guava | Gwóngdūng 廣東 Kwangtung |
| j: joy | joi 再 again |
| gee | ji 至 until, to |
| Jew | jiu 照 reflect |
| Joe | jou 灶 stove |

2. p, t, k, and ch. As initials, phonetically [p^ʰ], [t^ʰ], [k^ʰ], and [tʃ^ʰ].

Cantonese p, t, k, and ch sounds are similar to English counterpart p, t, k, ch sounds in that they are voiceless and aspirated. Positioning for p and k is the same as for English. For the t sound the tongue tip is more forward in Cantonese than in English--against the base of the upper teeth for Cantonese, on the dental ridge for English. The positioning for ch has been discussed in

Lesson One. The Cantonese consonants are tenser than the American counterparts.

Compare: (left to right, then right to left)

| <u>English</u> | <u>Cantonese</u> | | |
|----------------|------------------|----|--------------------------------|
| p: pingpong | pāhngyáuh | 朋友 | friend |
| pay | pèi | 披 | to throw over the
shoulders |
| pie | paai | 派 | send |
| Poe | pou | 鋪 | shop (N) |
| putt | pāt | 匹 | M for horses |
| t: tie | tāai | 呔 | necktie |
| team | tīm | 添 | additional |
| top | taap | 塔 | pagoda |
| tong | tong | 燙 | iron (Verb) |
| k: cow | kaau | 靠 | lean on |
| Kay | kei | 冀 | hope |
| cut | kāt | 咳 | cough |
| cup | kāp | 級 | step (Noun) |
| ch: chuck | chāk | 測 | guess |
| chew | chiu | 超 | exceed |
| chow | chau | 臭 | bad smell |
| chip | chip | 妾 | concubine |

3. un, as in Yahtbún, Yahtbún-yáhn

Un is a two-part final composed of the high back rounded vowel u [u] followed by the velar nasal consonant n.

u is a high back rounded vowel, which before n has a slight offglide to high central position: u + n = [u:^hin]. The vowel is open, not nasalized, before the nasal final. The Cantonese un is roughly comparable to the oon in general American "boon."

Compare Cantonese and English:

1. bún 本 boon (3 times)
2. boon bún 本 (3 times)

4. eui practice

Listen and repeat--remember to keep the lips rounded throughout, remember that the -i of eui represents the rounded high front vowel yu [ü].

kéuih (5 times) 佢
 deuih̄jyuh (5 times) 對唔住
 deui (5 times) 對

5. iu

iu is a two-part final composed of the high front unrounded vowel i [i] plus the high back rounded vowel u [u]. In this sequence the i is pronounced as an onglide, with the main force of voicing on the u portion of the syllable--[¹u].

Listen and repeat:

1. síujé (3 times)
2. síu (3 times)

6. Tone practice

1. dōu dōu , sing sing , haih haih .
2. dōu sing haih , haih sing dōu .
3. dōu sing , sing haih , dōu haih ,
haih dōu .
4. dōu dōu , Jèung Jèung .
5. Jèung, dōu , dōu Jèung .
6. síu síu , néih néih .
7. síu néih , néih síu .
8. haih yàhn , yàhn haih .

II. Notes

A. Culture Notes:

1. A Gwóngdùngyàhn is a person from Kwangtung province. In English such a person is usually referred to as 'Cantonese,' the English name deriving from the city of Canton in Kwangtung province. People from Hong Kong are also included in the term Gwóngdùngyàhn.
2. Polite forms in social conversation:
 - a) Sínsàang and síujé are polite formal substitutes for néih--'you' as terms of direct address.

1. Sīnsàang gwaising a? What is the gentleman's (i.e., your) name?
2. Siujé gwaising a? What is the lady's (i.e., your) name?

(See Drill 11)

- b) Siujé is the general polite substitute for néih when addressing a woman, even if she is a married woman.

Ex:

Mr. Lee (to Mrs. Chan):

Siujé haih m̀h haih Gwóng- Is the lady (i.e., Are you)
d̀ngyàhn a? from Kwangtung?

(See Drill 14)

- c) Surname and title as polite formal substitute for néih as term of address.

Ex:

Mr. Lee (to Miss Chan):

Chàhn Siujé haih m̀h haih Is Miss Chan (i.e., Are you)
Gwóngd̀ngyàhn a? from Kwangtung?

(See Drill 14)

- d) gwai- and siu-

1. gwai- is a polite form meaning "your," referring to the person you are talking to.

Ex: gwaising = your name. The literal meaning of gwai- "precious, valuable."

2. siu- is a polite form used in referring to oneself when talking with another person. It means "my." Ex: siusing = my name. The literal meaning of siu- is "small."

(See Drill 11)

3. Ngóh sing seems more commonly used than siusing, but gwaising is more common than Néih sing mēyéh a? in social conversation. At a doctor's office, or in registering for school 'What is your name' would be more apt to be asked as 'Sing mēyéh?' than as 'Gwaising a?'

B. Structure Notes.

Some people in speaking about Cantonese and other Chinese languages, say "Cantonese has no grammar." In this they are referring

to the fact that words in Cantonese (and other Chinese languages) do not undergo the changes of form which English words experience in relation to tense: see, saw, seen; to number: boy, boys; to case: I, me, my, mine; to word class: photograph, photographer, photography, photographic; to subject-verb concord: He sits, They sit.

1. Verb form: Absence of Subject-Verb concord.

There is no subject-verb concord in Cantonese. Whereas the English verb changes form in concord with the subject-- I am, You are, He is-- , the Cantonese verb remains in one form regardless of the subject.

Ex:

| <u>Subject</u> | <u>Verb</u> | | |
|----------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Ngóh | haih | Chàhn Siujé. | I am Miss Chan. |
| Néih | haih | ngóh pàhngyáuh. | You are my friend. |
| Kéuih | haih | Gwóngdùngyáhn. | He is Cantonese. |
| Kéuihdeih | haih | Seuhnghóiyáhn. | They are Shanghai people. |

(See Drill 3)

2. Noun form: Absence of Singular/Plural Distinction.

There is no distinction in Chinese nouns between singular and plural. One form is used for both single and plural objects, with other parts of the sentence, or sometimes simply the situational context, giving information regarding number.

Ex: yáhn = person, people

Yínggwokyáhn = 'Englishman, Englishmen.'

Singular/Plural

- (a) Kéuih haih Yínggwokyáhn. He is an Englishman.
 (b) Kéuihdeih haih Yínggwokyáhn. They are Englishmen.

(See Drill 3)

3. Pronoun forms.

1. Cantonese has three personal pronouns:

- ngóh = I, me, my
- néih = you, your (singular)
- kéuih = he, she, it, him, her

2. Plurality is marked in personal pronouns by the plural suffix -deih:

1. ngóh = I
ngóhdeih = we (both inclusive and exclusive)
2. néih = you (sing.)
néihdeih = you (plu.)
3. kéuih = he, she, it
kéuihdeih = they

(See Drill 3)

4. Modification structures: Noun modification:

In Cantonese a modifier precedes the noun it modifies:

Example: Modifier + Noun head

Ngóh pàhngyáuh haih Yínggwokyáhn.

My friend is an Englishman.

We will refer to this modifier-modified noun structure as a Noun Phrase (NP), consisting of modifier and head.

(See Drills 5a, 12, 13)

5. Sentence suffixes.

What we call sentence suffixes are also called "final particles" and "sentence finals."

Sentence suffixes are used in conversation, and are a means by which the speaker signals the listener what he feels about what he's saying--that he is doubtful, definite, surprised, sympathetic, that he means to be polite, or sarcastic.

Some sentence suffixes have actual content meaning. For example, mē, which you will learn in Lesson 3, has interrogative meaning, and suffixed to a statement sentence makes it a question. But others operate primarily as described above--to add an emotion-carrying coloration to the sentences they attach to. As such they have been called also "intonation-carrying particles," intonation here used in its "tone of voice" sense.

Two sentence suffixes appear in the Basic Conversation of this lesson:

1. Sentence suffix a

The sentence suffix a has the effect of softening the

sentence to which it is attached, making it less abrupt than it would otherwise be.

Examples from this lesson:

1. Kéuih haih m̀h haih Is she a Cantonese?
Gwóngdùngyàhn a?

2. M̀h haih a. No.

In English a courteous tone of voice is perhaps the best counterpart to the a sentence suffix.

(See Basic Conversation (BC), and Drill 7)

2. Sentence suffix nē

nē in a follow sentence of structure Noun + nē? is an interrogative sentence suffix, meaning 'how about...?', 'And...?' In such a sentence nē is interrogative on its own:

Example:

Ngóh haih Gwóngdùng- I am a Cantonese; how
yàhn; néih nē? about you?

Sentence suffix a is not substitutable for nē in this type of sentence, a not having an interrogative sense of its own.

(See BC, and Drill 14)

We have used tone marks in writing the sentence suffixes, but perhaps it would have been better to use other symbols, maybe arrows pointing up for high, diagonally for rising, to the right for mid, down for falling. Since some finals can be said with different pitch contours with the effect of changing the coloration of what is said but not the content, they are not truly tonal words. For example, sentence suffix a, encountered in this lesson, we have described as having the effect of softening an otherwise rather abrupt sentence. This final can also be said at high pitch: ā, without changing the sentence-softening aspect, but adding liveliness to the response.

Ex: A: Néih haih m̀h haih Are you a Cantonese?
Gwóngdùngyàhn a?

B: Mhahih ā. Ngóh haih No, siree, I'm a Shanghai man.
Seuhng hóiyahn.

Beginning students, even advanced students, often have a lot of difficulty with sentence suffixes, because they don't fit into categories which we recognize in English. Partly this is because most of us haven't analyzed the English we use. How would you explain, for example, the English "sentences suffixes" in the following:

1. What do you mean by that, pray?
2. Hand me that pencil, will you?
3. Cut that out, hear?
4. He's not coming, I don't think.

Our advice to students in regard to sentence suffixes is absorb them as you can, don't get bogged down in trying to plumb their "real" meanings--in doing so, you spend more time on them than they warrant.

6. Choice-type Questions.

Questions which in English would be answered by yes or no, are formed in Cantonese by coupling the positive and negative forms of a verb together, and requiring an echo answer of the suitable one. This question form we call the Choice-type Question.

Example:

Question: Kéuih haih m̄hahih Is he an American?

Méihgwokyahn a? [He is-not is American-person a?]

Responses: Haih. Yes. [Is.]

M̄hahih. No. [Not-is]

(See BC and Drills 6, 9, 13, 14)

7. Question-word Questions.

Question-word Questions are question sentences using the Cantonese question-word equivalents of what, when, where, why, how, how much, how many, who. mēyéh? 'what?' (variant pronunciations mātyéh? and mīyéh?) is an example of a question-word.

In Cantonese question-word (QW) questions pattern like statement sentences--they have the same word order as statement sentences, with the question-word occupying the same position in the sentence which the reply word occupies in the statement.

Example: Kéuih sing mēyéh a? [He is surnamed what?] What is his name?
 Kéuih sing Wòhng. [He is surnamed Wong.] His name is Wong.

(See BC and Drill 12, 13)

8. -ge, noun-forming boundword

ge attaches to the end of a word or phrase which is not a noun and makes it into a noun phrase. In such cases it usually works to translate -ge into English as 'one who' or 'such a one.' When we say ge is a boundword we mean it is never spoken as a one-word sentence, but always accompanies some other word.

Example: 1. Kéuih sing Wòhng ge. She is one who has the surname Wong. or
 She's a person named Wong.

(See BC and Drills 9, 10, 12, 13)

ga is a fusion of ge + sentence suffix a

Example: A: Kéuih haih m̀h haih Is he named Wong?
 sing Wòhng ga?
 B: M̀h haih--kéuih No, he's not named Wong.
 m̀h haih sing Wòhng His name is Ho.
 ge. Kéuih sing
 Hòh.

(See Drill 9)

9. mātyéh, mēyéh, and mīyéh = variant pronunciations for 'what?'
mātyéh is occasionally used in conversations as an emphatic form; normally the spoken pronunciation is mēyéh or mīyéh, some people favoring mēyéh, others mīyéh. We have written mēyéh uniformly in the text, but on the tapes you will hear all three forms.

III. DRILLS

1. Transformation Drill: Make negative sentences following the pattern of the example. Student should point to himself in ngôh sentences, to another student in kéuih and néih sentences.

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| Ex: T: Kéuih haih Seuhng-hóiyàhn. | T: He (or she) is from Shanghai.
(Shanghai person) |
| S: Kéuih mhhaih Seuhng-hóiyàhn. | S: He (or she) is not from Shanghai. |

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| 1. Kéuih haih Seuhng-hóiyàhn | 1. Kéuih mhhaih Seuhng-hóiyàhn. |
| + 2. <u>Kéuihdeih</u> haih Gwóngdùngyàhn.
(They are Cantonese.) | 2. Kéuihdeih mhhaih Gwóngdùngyàhn. |
| + 3. Ngóh haih <u>Jùnggwokyàhn</u> .
(I am a Chinese.) | 3. Ngóh mhhaih Jùnggwokyàhn. |
| + 4. <u>Ngóhdeih</u> haih Jùnggwokyàhn.
(We are Chinese.) | 4. Ngóhdeih mhhaih Jùnggwokyàhn. |
| + 5. Néih haih <u>Yínggwokyàhn</u> .
(You are an Englishman.) | 5. Néih mhhaih Yínggwokyàhn. |
| + 6. Néih haih <u>Méihgwokyàhn</u> .
(You are an American) | 6. Néih mhhaih Méihgwokyàhn. |
| + 7. <u>Néihdeih</u> haih Méihgwokyàhn.
(You (plu.) are Americans.) | 7. Néihdeih mhhaih Méihgwokyàhn. |
| + 8. Ngóh haih <u>Yahtbúnyàhn</u> .
(I am a Japanese.) | 8. Ngóh mhhaih Yahtbúnyàhn. |
| + 9. Ngóh haih <u>Tòih-sāanyàhn</u> .
(I am a Toishan man.) | 9. Ngóh mhhaih Tòih-sāanyàhn. |

2. Substitution Drill: Substitute the cue word to make a new sentence, following the pattern of the example.

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| Ex: T: Kéuihdeih haih Gwóngdùngyàhn /Seuhng-hóiyàhn/ | T: They are Cantonese. /Shanghai people/ |
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S: Kéuihdeih haih
Seuhnghóiyàhn.

S: They are Shanghai people.

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| 1. Kéuihdeih haih Seuhnghóiyàhn.
/Méihgwokyàhn/ | 1. Kéuihdeih haih Méihgwokyàhn. |
| 2. Kéuihdeih haih Méihgwokyàhn.
/Yínggwokyàhn/ | 2. Kéuihdeih haih Yínggwokyàhn. |
| 3. Kéuihdeih haih Yínggwokyàhn.
/Yahtbúnyàhn/ | 3. Kéuihdeih haih Yahtbúnyàhn. |
| 4. Kéuihdeih haih Yahtbúnyàhn.
/Júnggwokyàhn/ | 4. Kéuihdeih haih Júnggwokyàhn. |
| 5. Kéuihdeih haih Júnggwokyàhn.
/Gwóngdúngyàhn/ | 5. Kéuihdeih haih Gwóngdúng-
yàhn. |

3. Mixed Substitution Drill: Substitute the cue word in the appropriate position, following the pattern of the example.

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| Ex: T: Ngóh haih Seuhng-
hóiyàhn. /néihdeih/ | I am from Shanghai.
/you (plu.)/ |
| S: Néihdeih haih Seuhng-
hóiyàhn. | You (plu.) are from Shanghai. |
| T: Néihdeih haih Seuhng-
hóiyàhn.
/Júnggwokyàhn/ | You (plu.) are from Shanghai.
/Chinese/ |
| S: Néihdeih haih Júng-
gwokyàhn. | You (plu.) are Chinese. |

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| 1. Kéuih haih Yínggwokyàhn.
/kéuihdeih/ | 1. Kéuihdeih haih Yínggwokyàhn. |
| 2. Kéuihdeih haih Yínggwokyàhn.
/néihdeih/ | 2. Néihdeih haih Yínggwokyàhn. |
| 3. Néihdeih haih Yínggwokyàhn.
/Méihgwokyàhn/ | 3. Néihdeih haih Méihgwokyàhn. |
| 4. Néihdeih haih Méihgwokyàhn.
/ngóh/ | 4. Ngóh haih Méihgwokyàhn. |
| 5. Ngóh haih hohksàang.
/sínsàang/ | 5. Ngóh haih sínsàang. |

4. Expansion Drill: Expand the cue sentences as indicated in the example. Students should gesture to indicate pronouns.

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| Ex: T: Kéuih mhhaih Léih
Táai. | She is not Mrs. Lee. |
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S: Kéuih m̀h̄hah̄ih Léih
Táai, ngóh haih.

She is not Mrs. Lee, I am.

1. Kéuih m̀h̄hah̄ih Jèung Sàang.

1. Kéuih m̀h̄hah̄ih Jèung Sàang;
ngóh haih.

2. Kéuih m̀h̄hah̄ih Chàhn Siujé.

2. Kéuih m̀h̄hah̄ih Chàhn Siujé;
ngóh haih.

3. Kéuih m̀h̄hah̄ih Hòh Sàang.

3. Kéuih m̀h̄hah̄ih Hòh Sàang;
ngóh haih.

4. Kéuih m̀h̄hah̄ih Léih Táai.

4. Kéuih m̀h̄hah̄ih Léih Táai;
ngóh haih.

5. Kéuih m̀h̄hah̄ih Chàhn Sàang.

5. Kéuih m̀h̄hah̄ih Chàhn Sàang;
ngóh haih.

5. Transformation Drill: Respond according to the pattern of the example. Students gesture pronouns.

Ex: T: Ngóh haih Méih-
gwokyáhn.

T: I am an American.

S: Néih haih m̀h̄hah̄ih
Méihgwokyáhn a?

S: Are you an American?

1. Ngóh haih Gwóngdùngyáhn.

1. Néih haih m̀h̄hah̄ih Gwóng-
dùngyáhn a?

2. Ngóh haih Wòhng Sàang.

2. Néih haih m̀h̄hah̄ih Wòhng
Sàang a?

3. Kéuih haih Léih Sàang.

3. Kéuih haih m̀h̄hah̄ih Léih
Sàang a?

4. Ngóh haih Méihgwokyáhn.

4. Néih haih m̀h̄hah̄ih Méih-
gwokyáhn a?

5. Ngóhdeih haih Yahtbúnyáhn.

5. Néihdeih haih m̀h̄hah̄ih
Yahtbúnyáhn a?

6. Kéuih haih Jùnggwokyáhn.

6. Kéuih haih m̀h̄hah̄ih Jùng-
gwokyáhn a?

a. Do the above sentences as an expansion drill, expanding with p̀h̄ngyáuh thus:

T: Ngóh haih Gwóngdùngyáhn.

S: Ngóh p̀h̄ngyáuh haih Gwóngdùngyáhn.

6. Response Drill: Respond according to the pattern of the example.

Ex: T: Jèung Sìujé haih T: Is Miss Cheung an American?
 m̀hhaih Méihgwokyàhn /English-person/
 a? /Yínggwokyàhn/

S: M̀hhaih. Kéuih haih S: No, she's English.
 Yínggwokyàhn.

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| 1. Néih haih m̀hhaih Yínggwokyàhn
a? /Méihgwokyàhn/ | 1. M̀hhaih. Ngóh haih Méih-
gwokyàhn. |
| 2. Néih haih m̀hhaih Seuhng-
hóiyàhn a? /Gwóngdúngyàhn/ | 2. M̀hhaih. Ngóh haih Gwóng-
dúngyàhn. |
| 3. Jèung Sàang haih m̀hhaih
Gwóngdúngyàhn a?
/Seuhnghóiyàhn/ | 3. M̀hhaih. Kéuih haih Seuhng-
hóiyàhn. |
| 4. Máh Táai haih m̀hhaih Yíng-
gwokyàhn a? /Méihgwokyàhn/ | 4. M̀hhaih. Kéuih haih Méih-
gwokyàhn. |
| 5. Kéuih haih m̀hhaih Seuhng-
hóiyàhn a? /Tòih-sāanyàhn/ | 5. M̀hhaih. Kéuih haih Tòih-
sāanyàhn. |

7. Conversation Exercise: Carry on the suggested Conversations following the pattern of the example.

Ex: A: Néih haih m̀hhaih A: Are you Miss Cheung?
 Jèung Sìujé a?

B: M̀hhaih. Ngóh sing B: No, my name is Chan.
 Chàhn.

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| 1. A: Chàhn Sàang a?
B: Hòh. | 1. A: Néih haih m̀hhaih Chàhn
Sàang a?
B: M̀hhaih a. Ngóh sing Hòh. |
| 2. A: Léih Sìujé a?
B: Jèung. | 2. A: Néih haih m̀hhaih Léih
Sìujé a?
B: M̀hhaih a. Ngóh sing
Jèung. |
| 3. A: Chàhn Táai a?
B: Hòh. | 3. A: Néih haih m̀hhaih Chàhn
Táai a?
B: M̀hhaih a. Ngóh sing Hòh. |
| 4. A: Léih Sàang a?
B: Jèung. | 4. A: Néih haih m̀hhaih Léih
Sàang a?
B: M̀hhaih a. Ngóh sing
Jèung. |
| 5. A: Hòh Sìujé a? | 5. A: Néih haih m̀hhaih Hòh
Sìujé a? |

B: Chàhn.

B: Mhhaih a. Ngóh sing Chàhn.

7a. Continue, with student A using a name at random and student B using his own name in response.

8. Response Drill: Respond according to the pattern of the example:

Ex: T: Kéuih sing Wòhng. T: Her name is Wong. /Cheung/
/Jèung/

S: Kéuih mhhaih sing Wòhng, sing Jèung. S: Her name is not Wong, it's
Cheung.

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| 1. Kéuih sing Jèung. /Hòh/ | 1. Kéuih mhhaih sing Jèung,
sing Hòh. |
| 2. Kéuih sing Hòh. /Chàhn/ | 2. Kéuih mhhaih sing Hòh, sing
Chàhn. |
| 3. Kéuih sing Chàhn. /Léih/ | 3. Kéuih mhhaih sing Chàhn,
sing Léih. |
| 4. Kéuih sing Léih. /Làuh/ | 4. Kéuih mhhaih sing Léih, sing
Làuh. |
| 5. Kéuih sing Máh. /Wòhng/ | 5. Kéuih mhhaih sing Máh, sing
Wòhng. |

9. Response Drill

Ex: T: Kéuih haih mhhaih sing Chàhn ga? /Hòh/ Is her name Chan? /Ho/
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S: Mhhaih. Kéuih sing Hòh ge. No, her name is Ho.

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| 1. Kéuih haih mhhaih sing Léih
ga? /Chàhn/ | 1. Mhhaih. Kéuih sing Chàhn ge. |
| 2. Kéuih haih mhhaih sing Máh
ga? /Hòh/ | 2. Mhhaih. Kéuih sing Hòh ge. |
| 3. Kéuih haih mhhaih sing Jèung
ga? /Léih/ | 3. Mhhaih. Kéuih sing Léih ge. |
| 4. Kéuih haih mhhaih sing Chàhn
ga? /Máh/ | 4. Mhhaih. Kéuih sing Máh ge. |
| 5. Kéuih haih mhhaih sing Hòh
ga? /Jèung/ | 5. Mhhaih. Kéuih sing Jèung ge. |

Comment:

a. Sentence suffix ga is a fusion of ge + a = ga.

- b. In the choice-type question form, sing is preceded by haih mhhaih to make the question.

10. Expansion Drill:

Ex: T: Néihdeih haih Méih-gwok-yàhn.
/ngòhdeih/

You are Americans. /we/

S: Néihdeih haih Méih-gwok-yàhn; ngòhdeih dōu haih Méih-gwok-yàhn.

You are Americans; we are also Americans.

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| 1. Kéuihdeih haih Yínggwok-yàhn.
/ngòhdeih/ | 1. Kéuihdeih haih Yínggwok-yàhn;
ngòhdeih dōu haih Yínggwok-yàhn. |
| 2. Ngòhdeih haih Seuhng-hóiyàhn.
/kéuihdeih/ | 2. Ngòhdeih haih Seuhng-hóiyàhn;
kéuihdeih dōu haih Seuhng-hóiyàhn. |
| 3. Wòhng Táai haih ngòh pàhng-yáuh.
/kéuih/ | 3. Wòhng Táai haih ngòh pàhng-yáuh;
kéuih dōu haih ngòh pàhng-yáuh. |
| 4. Kéuihdeih haih Gwóng-dùng-yàhn.
/néihdeih/ | 4. Kéuihdeih haih Gwóng-dùng-yàhn;
néihdeih dōu haih Gwóng-dùng-yàhn. |
| 5. Ngòhdeih haih sing Chàhn ge.
/kéuihdeih/ | 5. Ngòhdeih haih sing Chàhn ge;
kéuihdeih dōu haih sing Chàhn ge. |

11. Conversation Exercise

Example:

1. A: Síujé gwaising a?

(To a woman) What is your name?

B: Síusing Hòh.

My name is Ho.

A: Hòh Síujé.

Miss Ho.

2. A: Sīnsàng gwaising a?

(To a man) What is your name?

B: Síusing Làuh.

My name is Lau.

A: Làuh Sàng.

Mr. Lau.

1. A: Sīnsàng?

1. A: Sīnsàng gwaising a?

B:Léih.

B: Síusing Léih.

A:

A: Léih Sàng.

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| 2. A: Sīnsàang? | 2. A: Sīnsàang gwaising a? |
| B:Chàhn. | B: Sīusing Chàhn. |
| A: | A: Chàhn Sàang. |
| 3. A: Sīnsàang? | 3. A: Sīnsàang gwaising a? |
| B:Jèung. | B: Sīusing Jèung. |
| A: | A: Jèung Sàang. |
| 4. A: Siujé? | 4. A: Siujé gwaising a? |
| B:Wòhng. | B: Sīusing Wòhng. |
| A: | A: Wòhng Siujé. |
| 5. A: Siujé? | 5. A: Siujé gwaising a? |
| B:Hòh. | B: Sīusing Hòh. |
| A: | A: Hòh Siujé. |

12. Conversation Drill

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| Ex: A: Néih pàhngyáuh sing
mēyeh a? | What is your friend's name? |
| B: Kéuih sing Wòhng ge. | His name is Wong. |
| 1. A:? | 1. A: Néih pàhngyáuh sing
mēyeh a? |
| B:Hòh..... | B: Kéuih sing Hòh ge. |
| 2. A:? | 2. A: Néih pàhngyáuh sing
mēyeh a? |
| B:Làuh..... | B: Kéuih sing Làuh ge. |
| 3. A:? | 3. A: Néih pàhngyáuh sing
mēyeh a? |
| B:Wòhng..... | B: Kéuih sing Wòhng ge. |
| 4. A:? | 4. A: Néih pàhngyáuh sing
mēyeh a? |
| B:Jèung..... | B: Kéuih sing Jèung ge. |
| 5. A:? | 5. A: Néih pàhngyáuh sing
mēyeh a? |
| B:Léih..... | B: Kéuih sing Léih ge. |

13. Conversation Drill

Ex: A: Néih pàhngyáuh sing mēyeh a? A: What is your friend's name?

B: Kéuih sing Wòhng ge. B: His name is Wong.

A: Kéuih haih mhhaih Gwóngdùngyàhn a? A: Is he a Cantonese?

B: Mhhaih. Kéuih haih Yahtbúnayàhn. B: No, he's a Japanese.

1. A:

B:Hòh.

A:Yínggwokyàhn a?

B:Méihgwokyàhn.

2. A:

B:Léih.

A: ...Seuhnghóiyàhn a?

B:Tòih-sāanyàhn.

3. A:

B:Chàhn.

A:Méihgwokyàhn a?

B:Yínggwokyàhn.

4. A:

B:Máh.

A: ...Gwóngdùngyàhn a?

B:Seuhnghóiyàhn.

5. A:

B:Wòhng.

1. A: Néih pàhngyáuh sing mēyeh a?

B: Kéuih sing Hòh ge.

A: Kéuih haih mhhaih Yínggwokyàhn a?

B: Mhhaih. Kéuih haih Méihgwokyàhn.

2. A: Néih pàhngyáuh sing mēyeh a?

B: Kéuih sing Léih ge.

A: Kéuih haih mhhaih Seuhnghóiyàhn a?

B: Mhhaih. Kéuih haih Tòih-sāanyàhn.

3. A: Néih pàhngyáuh sing mēyeh a?

B: Kéuih sing Chàhn ge.

A: Kéuih haih mhhaih Méihgwokyàhn a?

B: Mhhaih. Kéuih haih Yínggwokyàhn.

4. A: Néih pàhngyáuh sing mēyeh a?

B: Kéuih sing Máh ge.

A: Kéuih haih mhhaih Gwóngdùngyàhn a?

B: Mhhaih. Kéuih haih Seuhnghóiyàhn.

5. A: Néih pàhngyáuh sing mēyeh a?

B: Kéuih sing Wòhng ge.

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| A:Yahtbúnyàhn a? | A: Kéuih haih m̀h haih Yahtbúnyàhn a? |
| B:Jùnggwokyàhn. | B: M̀h haih. Kéuih haih Jùnggwokyàhn. |
| 6. A:? | 6. A: Néih p̀hngyáuh sing m̀yéh a? |
| B:Jèung. | B: Kéuih sing Jèung ge. |
| A: ...Seuhnghóiyàhn a? | A: Kéuih haih m̀h haih Seuhnghóiyàhn a? |
| B:Yahtbúnyàhn. | B: M̀h haih. Kéuih haih Yahtbunyah. |

14. Conversation Drill: Carry on the suggested conversations following the pattern of the example.

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| Ex: A: S̀nsàang haih m̀h haih Méihgwokyàhn a? | Is the gentleman (i.e. Are you) an American? |
| B: M̀h haih--ngóh haih Ỳnggwokyàhn. Siujé nē? | No, I'm an Englishman. And the lady (i.e. you)? |
| A: Ngóh haih Gwóngdùngyàhn. | I am a Cantonese. |
| 1. A: (Woman): S̀nsàang
.....Gwóngdùngyàhn. | A: S̀nsàang haih m̀h haih Gwóngdùngyàhn a? |
| B: (Man) :Seuhnghóiyàhn. | B: M̀h haih. Ngóh haih Seuhnghóiyàhn. Siujé nē? |
| A: (Woman):Yahtbúnyàhn. | A: Ngóh haih Yahtbúnyàhn. |
| 2. A: (Man) : Siujé
.....Yahtbúnyàhn... | A: Siujé haih m̀h haih Yahtbunyah a? |
| B: (Woman):Jùnggwokyàhn... | B: M̀h haih. Ngóh haih Jùnggwoyàhn. S̀nsàang nē? |
| A: (Man) :Méihgwokyàhn.. | A: Ngóh haih Méihgwokyàhn. |
| 3. A: (Man) : S̀nsàang
.....Ỳnggwokyàhn | A: S̀nsàang haih m̀h haih Ỳnggwokyàhn a? |
| B: (Man) :Méihgwokyàhn. | B: M̀h haih. Ngóh haih Méihgwokyàhn. S̀nsàang nē? |
| A: (Man) :Gwóngdùngyàhn. | A: Ngóh haih Gwóngdùngyàhn. |
| 4. A: (Woman): M̀h S̀nsàang
.....Yahtbúnyàhn. | A: M̀h S̀nsàang haih m̀h haih Yahtbunyah a? |

- B: (Man) : Jùnggwokyàhn. B: Mhahìh. Ngóh haih Jùng-
Chàhn Sìuje...? gwokyàhn. Chàhn Sìuje
 né?
- A: (Woman):Yínggwokyàhn. A: Ngóh haih Yínggwokyàhn.
- a. Continue, students using their own situation to carry on the suggested conversations.

IV. CONVERSATIONS FOR LISTENING

The text of these conversations is written out in Appendix 1.

Listen to the tape with your book closed, checking the text afterward, if necessary.

V. SAY IT IN CANTONESE:

In this section you get directed practice in using some of the Cantonese you have learned, using the English sentences to prompt you. This is not to be thought of as a translation exercise--the English is just to get you going. Try to put the ideas into Cantonese, saying it the way the Cantonese would. Often there will be quite a few ways to say the same thing.

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| <p>A. Ask the person sitting next to you:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is your name? 2. Are you an Englishman? 3. Is your friend also an American? 4. Is Miss Ho from Shanghai? 5. Is Mr. Lau a Toishan man? 6. What is your friend's name? 7. Are you Mr(s). Wong? 8. Are you a student? | <p>And he answers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. My name is _____. 2. No, I'm an American. 3. Yes, he is. 4. No, she's from Toishan. 5. Yes, he is. 6. His name is Lee. 7. I'm not Mr(s). Wong, my name is _____. 8. No, I'm not a student, I'm a teacher. |
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B. At a party:

1. Mr. Wong asks Mr. Ho his name.
2. Mr. Ho replies that his name is Ho, and asks Mr. Wong his name.
3. Mr. Wong gives his name, and asks Mr. Ho if he is a Kwangtung man.
4. Mr. Ho answers that he is. He asks Mr. Ho if he also is from Kwangtung.
5. Mr. Wong says no, that he is a Shanghai man.

C. A and B, two new students, wait for the teacher to come to class:

1. A asks B what his name is. (students use actual names)
2. B replies and inquires A's name.
3. A gives his name, and asks B if he is Japanese.
4. B replies, and asks A if he is an Englishman.
5. A replies, and asks B what C's name is.
6. B replies, adding that C is Chinese.

Vocabulary Checklist for Lesson 2

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| 1. a | ss: sen. suf., to soften abruptness |
| 2. dōu | Adv: also |
| 3. ga | ss: sen. suf., fusion of ge + a = ga |
| 4. Gám | sp: 'Well then, ...' 'Say, ...' sen. prefix
resuming the thread of previous discussion |
| 5. -ge | bf: noun-forming boundword; <u>-ge</u> added to a Verb
Phrase makes it a Noun Phrase |
| 6. gwaising? | Ph: what is (your) surname? [polite] |
| 7. Gwóngdùng | pw: Kwangtung, a province in SE China |
| 8. Gwóngdùngyáhn [go] | n: Cantonese person, person from Kwangtung
Province |
| 9. Jünggwokyáhn | n: Chinese person |
| 10. kéuih | Pro: he, him, his |
| 11. kéuihdeih | Pro: they, them, their |
| 12. mātýéh? | QW: what? |

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| 13. Méihgwokyàhn | n: American |
| 14. mēyéh? | QW: what? |
| 15. mīyéh? | QW: what? |
| 16. nē | ss: sen. suf. for questions |
| 17. néih | Pro: you, your |
| 18. néihdeih | Pro: you, your (plu.) |
| 19. ngóhdeih | Pro: we, our, us |
| 20. pàhngyáuh [gò] | n: friend |
| 21. Seuhngghóih | pw: Shanghai |
| 22. Seuhngghóiyàhn | n: person from Shanghai |
| 23. Sīnsàang | n: "Sir," term of direct address |
| 24. sīnsàang | n: man |
| 25. síujé | n: 'Miss,' Madame, term of direct address |
| 26. síusing | Ph: my surname is (polite) |
| 27. Tòihssān | pw: Toishan, a county in southern Kwangtung
about 100 miles west of Hong Kong. |
| 28. Tòihssānyàhn | n: person from Toishan |
| 29. yàhn | n: person |
| 30. Yahtbúnyàhn | n: Japanese person |
| 31. Yínggwokyàhn | n: Englishman, person from England |

CLASSROOM PHRASES

Learn to respond to the following classroom instructions. First look at the English equivalents as the teacher reads the Cantonese instructions. Then close your books and listen to the teacher and watch his gestures to help you understand. Check your book if you have difficulty. The teacher will say each sentence several times to help you become familiar with the instructions. Your goal is to be able to respond to the Cantonese without doing mental translations into English. Knowing the scope of what to expect will make the details stand out clearly.

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| 1. Ngóh jídou bīngó, bīngó jauh góng. | 1. I'll point to someone, and that person should speak. |
| 2. Yíhgā ngóh duhk, néihdeih sīn tēng. | 2. Now I'll read aloud and you (plu.) first listen. |
| 3. Yíhgā néihdeih mǎhóu tái syù, gǎnjyuh ngóh duhk. | 3. Now don't look at your books, and recite after me. |
| 4. Yíhgā néihdeih gǎnjyuh lai-geui gám jòuh. | 4. Do (the problems) according to the pattern set in the example sentence. |
| 5. Yíhgā ngóhdeih tái daih yāt go lihnjaahp. | 5. Now we'll look at the first exercise. |
| 6. Yíhgā ngóhdeih tái daih yāt geui. | 6. Now we'll look at the first sentence. |
| 7. Yáuh móuh mahntàih? | 7. Are there any questions? <u>OR</u>
Do you have any questions? |

Responses:

Yáuh.

Have. (i.e., Yes, I have a question)

Móuh.

Don't have. (i.e., No, I don't have any questions.)

8. Nihng tái.
9. Ngahp tái.

8. Shake the head.
9. Nod the head.

I. BASIC CONVERSATION

A. Buildup:

(Three colleagues, returning from lunch, are waiting for the elevator in their office building. Next to them two other businessmen are engaged in conversations)

Wòhng Siujé

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| wá | language |
| mēyéh wá a? | what language? |
| góng | speak |
| góng mēyéh wá a? | speak what language? |
| Kéuihdeih góng mēyéh wá a? | What language are they speaking? |
| ji <u>or</u> jidou | know |
| ji m̀hji a? | know/not know? |
| Néih ji m̀hji kéuihdeih | Do you know what language |
| góng mēyéh wá a? | they are speaking? |
| Gwokýuh | Mandarin |
| góng Gwokýuh | speak Mandarin |
| Haih m̀hahh góng Gwokýuh a? | Are they speaking Mandarin? |

Chàhn Sàng

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| M̀hahh. | (They) are not. |
| Seuhnghóiwá | Shanghai dialect |
| Kéuihdeih góng Seuhnghóiwá. | They're speaking the Shanghai dialect. |

Jèung Siujé

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| sík | know (how) |
| sík góng Seuhnghóiwá | know how to speak Shanghai dialect, be able to speak Shanghai dialect. |
| mē? | sentence suf., indicating surprised question |
| Néih sík góng Seuhnghóiwá mē? | You can speak Shanghai dialect?! |

Chàhn Sàng

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| sèsiu | a little, somewhat |
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| jē | | sentence suf., indicating
'merely', 'only', 'that's
all' |
| Sík sèsiu jē. | | I know a little, that's all. |
| | <u>Wòhng Siujé</u> | |
| tùhng | | and |
| Seuhnghóiwá tùhng Gwokyúh | | Shanghai dialect and
Mandarin |
| dōu | | both |
| kéuih dōu sík góng | | he speaks both |
| Seuhnghóiwá tùhng Gwokyúh | | he speaks both Shanghai
dialect and Mandarin. |
| kéuih dōu sík góng | | sen. suf. for matter of
fact assertion. |
| ga | | |
| Seuhnghóiwá tùhng Gwokyúh kéuih
dōu sík góng ga. | | He speaks both Shanghai dialect
and Mandarin. |
| | <u>Jèung Siujé</u> | |
| Yingmán <u>or</u> Yingmáhn | | English language |
| Gám, néih sík m̀hsík Yingmán a? | | Well, do you know English? |
| | <u>Chàhn Sàng</u> | |
| sík góng sèsiu | | can speak a little |
| sé | | write |
| m̀hsík sé | | can't write |
| daahnhaih | | but |
| daahnhaih m̀hsík sé | | but can't write |
| Sík góng sèsiu, daahnhaih m̀hsík
sé. | | I can speak a little, but I
can't write. |
| | <u>Jèung Siujé</u> | |
| hohk | | study, learn |
| séung | | wish to, want to, would
like to |
| séung hohk | | would like to learn |
| séung hohk Yingmán | | would like to learn English |
| dí | | a little, some |
| séung hohk dí Yingmán | | would like to learn a
little English |

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| Ngòh séung hòhk dī Yíngmán-- | I'd like to learn a little English-- |
| dím a? | how? |
| dím góng a? | how (do you) say? |
| Yíngmán, díng góng a? | how is it said in English? |
| yāt yih sàam sei ngh | one two three four five |
| Yāt yih sàam sei ngh, Yíngmán | How do you say 'one two three |
| dím góng a? | four five' in English? |

Chàhn Sàang

One two three four five.

One two three four five.

Jèung Siujé

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| chíngchó | clear |
| mhchíngchó | not clear |
| Ngòh tēng mhchíngchó. | I didn't hear clearly. |
| yāt chí | one time, once |
| góng yāt chí | say (it) one time |
| joi | again |
| joi góng yāt chí | say (it) once again |
| mhgòì néih | Would you please ... |
| Mhgòì néih joi góng yāt chí. | Would you please say it once again? |

B. Recapitulation:Wòhng Siujé:

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| Néih jì mhjì kéuhdeih góng mēyéh | What language are they speaking? |
| wá a? Haih mhhaih góng Gwokýúh a? | Are they speaking Mandarin? |

Chàhn Sàang:

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| Mhhaih. Kéuhdeih góng Seuhngóih-wá. | (They) are not. They're speaking the Shanghai dialect. |
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Jèung Siujé:

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| Néih sīk góng Seuhngóihwá mē? | You can speak the Shanghai dialect? |
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Chàhn Sàang:

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| Sīk sèsiu jē. | I know a little, that's all. |
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Wòhng Siujé:

Seuhnghéiwá tùhng Gwokýuh He speaks both Shanghai dialect
kéuih dōu sīk góng ga. and Mandarin.

Jèung Siujé:

Gám, néih sīk ìhsīk Yíngmán a? Well, do you know English?

Chàhn Sàang:

Sīk góng sèsiu, daahnhaih ìhsīk I can speak a little, but I
sé. can't write.

Jèung Siujé:

Ngóh séung hohk dī Yíngmán-- I'd like to learn a little
Yāt yih sàam sei ñgh, Yíngmán English--How do you say
dīm góng a? 'one two three four five'
in English?

Chàhn Sàang:

One two three four five. One two three four five.

Jèung Siujé:

Ngóh tèng ìhchíngchó. Ìngòì I didn't hear clearly. Would
néih joi góng yat chí. you please say it once again.

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Pronunciation

1. Open vowels before nasal consonants:

Practice the open vowel before a nasal final in the syllables of that structure you have had thus far in the text. Hold your nose, listen, and repeat:

-m: gám 敢 gám , sàam 衫 sàam .
-n: Yahtbún 日本 Yahtbún ,
Chàhn 陳 Chàhn , jóusàhn 早晨 jóusàhn .
-ng: séung 想 séung , Jèung 張 Jèung ,
góng 講 góng , sīnsàang 先生 sīnsàang ,
sing 姓 sing , gwaising 貴姓 gwaising .

2. Nasalized vowel following nasal consonant:

Vowels following nasal consonants in the same syllable are nasalized in Cantonese, whereas in English a vowel following a nasal consonant in the same syllable is open.

Listen to your teacher as he holds his nose and says:

ngóh 我

néih 你
 nē 呢
 Máh 馬
 Yíngmán 英文

You notice that the vowels are partially blocked when the nose is blocked, revealing that some air is normally released through the nose. Repeat the above words after your teacher, holding your nose to test if you are nasalizing the vowel.

If you can't quite say these right your pronunciation will sound foreign accented, but it won't make any significant difference because what you say won't have some other meaning, as it might if you got the tone wrong.

3. eung practice:

1. séung séung séung
2. Jèung Jèung Jèung

4. eu practice: (Remember that the -i here represents the lip-rounded yu sound.)

1. kéuih kéuih kéuih
2. deui^mh^jyuh deui deui

5. eu/oi contrast practice:

1. deui deui deui
2. joi joi joi
3. deui joi , deui joi , deui joi .
4. joi deui , joi deui , joi deui .

6. ok, as in hohk, Jùnggwok

-k: k in final position is produced by the back of the tongue pressing against the roof of the mouth, stopping the air flow at the junction of the hard and soft palates. In final position k is unreleased--[k^h].

o: o before k has the same value as o elsewhere--mid back rounded vowel: [ɔ].

Listen and repeat:

1. hohk 學 (5 times)
2. Jùnggwok 中國 (5 times)
3. ngóh hohk 我學 , ngóh hohk , ngóh hohk .
4. joi hohk 再學 , joi hohk , joi hohk .

5. hohk ^𨮒 góng ^𨮒 , hohk góng , hohk góng .

7. ng as in ng

The velar nasal consonant ng occurs as a vowel, in that the consonant ng is syllabic in the syllable ng. (There are also two surnames using the syllable ng.)

Listen and repeat:

- 想 五 1. séung séung , ng ng .
 我 五 2. ngoh ngoh , ng ng .
 一 二 三 四 五 3. yat yih saam sei ng .

II. NOTES

A. Culture Notes:

1. Chinese languages

Gwóngdùngwá: The language spoken in the area roughly coinciding with Kwangtung Province in SE China is called Gwóng-dùngwá 'Kwangtung - speech.' In English it is referred to as 'Cantonese,' named after the major city in which it was spoken when Westerners arrived in China and began to learn it.

There are many dialects of Gwóngdùngwá, of which the recognized standard is the language of Canton and Hong Kong. This book will not concern itself with the many dialects, but will concentrate solely on Standard Cantonese. (The dialect of Cantonese spoken by most American Chinese is Tòih sāanwá, spoken in Toishan county in Southern Kwangtung, from whence most American Chinese emigrated.)

Gwok yúh: [national-language] called in English 'Mandarin,' is the native language of the greater part of north and northwest China. Mandarin has been promoted as the national language by both the Communist Chinese and the Nationalists and is the language of instruction in the school systems of both China and Taiwan.

Seuhnghóiwá: 'Shanghai dialect' spoken in the area around Shanghai on the East Coast of China.

2. Dialect differences in Standard Cantonese: initial n l

In Standard Cantonese as spoken in Hong Kong there exist variations in pronunciation which cannot be called substandard, since they are used by educated persons. One such variation is to substitute an l sound for an n sound in words and syllables which begin with n. Some educated speakers do not have initial n in their speech, and substitute l wherever n occurs. This is quite common in Hong Kong.

Ex: néih → léih 'you (sing.)'
 néihdeih → léihdeih 'you (plu.)'

B. Structure Notes:1. Uninflected verb forms in Cantonese:

Verbs in English have compulsory differences in form (inflections) to represent action in progress (is eating), intended action (going to eat), past action (ate), general statement (eats), and others.

Broadly speaking, Cantonese verbs do not have the same compulsory differences in form. One form may cover action in progress, intended action, past action, general statement. For example: Kéuih gaau Gwóngdùngwá can mean: He is teaching Cantonese, He taught Cantonese, He teaches Cantonese.

(See Drill 1, 6)

Additional elements may be used by the speaker to particularize action in progress, repeated action, accomplished action, etc., but their use is not the compulsory feature of the language that it is in English.

2. Verbs in series: affirmative, negative, and question forms.

1. When two verbs occur together in series, it is the first verb which forms a set with the negative and the choice-type question.

Example: Kéuih sík góng Gwokýúh. He can speak Mandarin.
 Kéuih m̀hsík góng Gwokýúh. He can't speak Mandarin.
 Kéuih sík m̀hsík góng Gwokýúh a? Can he speak Mandarin?

2. haih is frequently used in series with action verbs in the negative and in choice questions, but not normally in the affirmative or in question-word questions.

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| (QWQ): Kéuihdeih <u>góng</u> mēyéh
wá a? | What language are they speaking? |
| (CHQ): <u>Haih mhhaih góng</u>
Gwokýúh a? | Are they speaking Mandarin? |
| (Neg): <u>Mhhaih góng</u> Gwokýúh-- | (They're) not speaking Mandarin-- |
| (Aff): Kéuihdeih <u>góng</u> Seuhng-
hóiwá. | They're speaking Shanghai dialect. |

(See BC)

3. Sentence suffix mē

mē is an interrogative sentence suffix indicating surprised question. mē makes a question sentence of the statement sentence it attaches to, with the force of "What?! I can hardly believe it!"

Ex: Néih sīk góng Seuhnghóiwá mē?! What?! You can speak Shanghai dialect?!

(See BC and Drill 2)

4. Sentence suffix jē.

jē has the force of "merely," "only," "that's all." Alternate pronunciations are ja, or je.

Ex: Sīk góng sèsíu jē. I can speak just a bit, that's all.

5. Sentence suffix ga

1. Sentence suffix ga (usually pronounced [kə], similar to the gu sound in the English word "Gus") attaches to a sentence, giving a matter-of-fact connotation to the sentiment expressed.

Ex. (from Basic Conversation):

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| Seuhnghóiwá tühng Gwokýúh | Shanghai dialect and Mandarin, he can speak both, |
| Kéuih dōu sīk góng ga. | that's a fact. |

The implication is that there's nothing extraordinary about it, that's simply the way it is.

2. Matter-of-fact ga and NP forming ge.

These two are sometimes difficult to differentiate. A test is that a NP ge sentence either uses the verb haih or can be expanded with haih, but a matter-of-fact ga sentence can't always be expanded with haih.

Ex: 1. Kéuih haih gaau Yíng- He is someone who teaches
mán ge. English.

(See Drill 18)

2. Kéuih (haih) sing He is someone named Wong.
Wòhng ge.

3. Seuhnghóiwá tùhng Shanghai dialect and Manda-
Gwokýúh kéuih dōu sīk rin, he can speak both,
góng ga. that's a fact.

6. Loose relationship of Subject-Predicate in Cantonese: Subject + Predicate as Topic + Comment.

We described full sentences above in Lesson One as being composed of Subject and Predicate, in that order.

Below are examples of Subject-Predicate sentences:

| <u>Subject</u> | <u>Predicate</u> |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Ngóh | sing Chàhn. |
| 2. Kéuih | sīk góng Seuhnghóiwá mē?! |
| 3. Néih pàhngyáuh | góng mēyéh wá a? |
| 4. Síujé | gwaising a? |
| 5. Yíngmán | dím góng? |
| 6. Yāt yih sàam | Yíngmán díng góng a? |
| 7. Seuhnghóiwá
tùhng Gwokýúh | kéuih dōu sīk góng ga. |
| 8. Néih jǐ mǎhjí | kéuihdeih góng mēyéh wá a? |

You will note from the sentences above that Subject in Cantonese does not cover the same territory that Subject in English does. For example, Sentence No. 7 above might be rendered in English: "Shanghai dialect and Mandarin--he can speak both." The subject of that sentence is "he." If you were to say "Shanghai dialect and Mandarin are both spoken by him," the subject would be "Shanghai dialect and Mandarin." In English the subject of

| <u>Subject</u> | <u>Predicate</u> | |
|----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | Nominal Expression | |
| Síusing | Hòh. | My name (is) Ho. |
| Síujé | gwaising a? | Miss your name? |

c. Sentence Predicate. The predicate can be in itself a full Subject-Predicate sentence.

| Ex: <u>Subject</u> | <u>Predicate</u> | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Ngóh m̀hjí | kéuihdeih góng
m̀yéh wá? | I don't know what
language they are
speaking. |
| Yāt yih sàam | Yingmán dím góng a? | How do you say, one
two three in
English? |
| Yāt yih sàam | kéuih dōu m̀hsík
góng. | He can't even say one
two three. |

8. Subject-Verb-Object (SVO) Sentence.

A Subject-Predicate sentence in which the predicate contains a verb and its object is a very frequent sentence type in Cantonese. We take Subject-Verb-Object (SVO) as the base form of the Cantonese sentence.

Ex: Subject: Predicate:
 subject verb object
 Kéuihdeih góng Seuhngóiwá.

9. Absence of pronoun object.

Compare Cantonese and English:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| 1A. Néih s̄k m̀hsík Yingmán a? | 1A. Do you know English? |
| B. Ngóh s̄k góng, m̀hsík sé. | B. I can speak (it), can't
write (it). |
| 2. M̀ngòì néih joi góng yāt chi. | 2. Please say (it) once again. |

Note that English requires a pronoun object, and Cantonese does not.

10. Subjectless sentence. The predicate sentence with no subject is a very common sentence type in Chinese.

Ex: S̄k s̀s̄iu jē. = (I) know just a little.

Note that the counterpart English sentence requires stated subject. (We are referring here to statement sentences ('I study'), not to imperative sentences ('study!'), which we will take up in Lesson 5.)

11. tùhng and yauh

- 1.
- tùhng
- , 'and,' links nominal expressions.

Seuhnghóiwá tùhng Gwokýuh kéuih dōu sīk góng ga.

He knows how to speak both Shanghai dialect and Mandarin.

(See Drills 10, 11)

- 2.
- yauh
- , 'and,' links verbal expressions. It is classed as an adverb because it is always linked to a verb, preceding it.

Kéuih sīk góng yauh sīk sé.

He can speak and write.

(See Drill 9)

- 3.
- yauh
- can be in a set with a second
- yauh
- , with the force of 'both... and ...'

Kéuih yauh sīk góng yauh sīk sé.

He can both speak and write.

(See Drill 9)12. dōu 'also,' 'both,' 'all'; 'even'dōu is classed as an adverb, because it appears always linked to a verb, preceding it.Ex: 1. Ngóh dōu haih Seuhng-hóiyahn.

I am also a Shanghai person.

2. Kéuih dōu sīk góng Gwokýuh.

He also can speak Mandarin.

3. Seuhnghóiwá tùhng Gwokýuh kéuih dōu sīk góng ga.

He can speak both Shanghai dialect and Mandarin.

13. dōu, 'even'In the Subject-Predicate pattern X dōu negative Verb, dōu translates into English as 'even'.Ex: Yāt yih sàam (kéuih) dōu m̀sīk góng.(He) can't even say 'one two three.'(See Drill 14)14. Auxiliary verbs.Auxiliary verbs take other verbs as their objects. Two auxiliary verbs appear in Lesson Three: sīk, 'know (how),' and séung 'want to, plan to, be considering, have (it) in mind to ...'

Ex: 1. Néih sīk góng Seuhnghóiwá mē?!

You know how to speak Shanghai dialect?!

2. Ngóh séung hohk dí Yíngmán.

I want to learn a little English.

(See BC and Drill 2, 3, 4, 7)

15. sĭk 'know (how),' 'be acquainted with'; 'know (someone)'

sĭk operates both as an auxiliary verb and as a main verb.

1. As an auxiliary verb:

Ex: Kéuih sĭk góng Gwokýúh. He can speak Mandarin.

(See Drill 2)

2. As a main verb:

Ex: 1. Kéuih m̄hsĭk Seuhnghóiwá. He is unacquainted with
Shanghai dialect.

(See Drill 2a)

2. Ngóh m̄hsĭk kéuih. I don't know him.

(See Drill 13)

III. DRILLS

1. Transformation Drill: Transform the sentences from question to statement, following the pattern of the example.

Ex: T: Kéuih góng mēyéh wá a? T: What language is he speaking?
+ wá a? /Gwóngdùngwá/ /Cantonese/
(Cantonese)

S: Kéuih góng Gwóng- S: He's speaking Cantonese.
dùngwá.

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. Kéuih góng mēyéh wá a?
/Seuhnghóiwá/ | 1. Kéuih góng Seuhnghóiwá. |
| 2. Kéuih góng mēyéh wá a? | 2. Kéuih góng Gwokýúh. |
| 3. Kéuih góng mēyéh wá a?
Yíngmáhn/ | 3. Kéuih góng Yíngmáhn. |
| + 4. Kéuih góng mēyéh wá a?
/Yahtbúnwá/
(Japanese spoken language) | 4. Kéuih góng Yahtbúnwá.
He's speaking Japanese. |
| 5. Kéuih góng mēyéh wá a?
/Gwóngdùngwá/ | 5. Kéuih góng Gwóngdùngwá. |

Comment: The examples in this drill could also serve as general statements:

T: What language(s) does he speak?

S: He speaks Cantonese.

2. Substitution Drill

- Ex: T: Kéuihdeih s̄ik góng Gwóngdùngwá.
/Seuhnghóiwá/ T: They can speak Cantonese.
/Shanghai dialect/
- S: Kéuihdeih s̄ik góng Seuhnghóiwá. S: They can speak Shanghai dialect.
1. Kéuih s̄ik góng Yíngmahn.
/Gwóngdùngwá/ 1. Kéuih s̄ik góng Gwóngdùngwá.
 2. Wòhng Sàang s̄ik góng Gwóngdùngwá. 2. Wòhng Sàang s̄ik góng Gwokyuh.
 3. Hòh Táai s̄ik góng Gwokyuh
/Seuhnghóiwá/ 3. Hòh Táai s̄ik góng Seuhnghóiwá.
 4. Hòh S̄insàang s̄ik góng Seuhnghóiwá. /Yíngmán/ 4. Hòh S̄insàang s̄ik góng Yíngmán.
 5. Chàhn Siujé s̄ik góng Yíngmán.
/Yahtbúnwá/ 5. Chàhn Siujé s̄ik góng Yahtbúnwá.
- a. Repeat, omitting góng:
- T: Kéuihdeih s̄ik Gwóngdùngwá. /Seuhnghóiwá/ They know Cantonese.
/Shanghai dialect/
- S: Kéuihdeih s̄ik Seuhnghóiwá. They know Shanghai dialect.
- b. Repeat, adding mē:
- T: Kéuihdeih s̄ik góng Gwóngdùngwá. They know Cantonese.
- S: Kéuihdeih s̄ik góng Gwóngdùngwá mē!?! They know Cantonese?!?

3. Transformation Drill

- Ex: T: Méihgwokyahn m̄hs̄ik góng Gwóngdùngwá. Americans can't speak Cantonese.
- S: Méihgwokyahn s̄ik m̄hs̄ik góng Gwóngdùngwá a? Can Americans speak Cantonese?
1. Kéuih m̄hs̄ik góng Yíngmán. 1. Kéuih s̄ik m̄hs̄ik góng Yíngmán a?
 2. Hòh Siujé s̄ik góng Seuhnghóiwá. 2. Hòh Siujé s̄ik m̄hs̄ik góng Seuhnghóiwá a?

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| 3. Kéuihdeih sīk góng Gwokýúh. | 3. Kéuihdeih sīk mhsīk góng Gwokýúh a? |
| + 4. Méihgwokyàhn mhsīk sé <u>Jùngmàhn</u> .
Americans can't write Chinese. | 4. Méihgwokyàhn sīk mhsīk sé Jùngmàhn a?
Do Americans know how to write Chinese. |
| + 5. Kéuih sīk <u>gaau</u> Yahtbúnwá.
He knows how to teach spoken Japanese. | 5. Kéuih sīk mhsīk gaau Yahtbúnwá a? |

4. Response Drill

Ex: T: Kéuih hohk Gwóng-dùngwá.
/Seuhnghóiwá/ T: He studies Cantonese.
/Shanghai dialect/

S: Gám, kéuih hohk mhhohk Seuhnghóiwá a? S: Well, then, does he study Shanghai dialect?

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|---|---|
| 1. Kéuih sīk Yíngmán. /Jùngmàhn/ | 1. Gám, kéuih sīk mhsīk Jùngmán a? |
| 2. Kéuih gaau Gwóngdùngwá.
/Gwokýúh/ | 2. Gám, kéuih gaau mhgau Gwok-yuh a? |
| 3. Kéuih sīk góng Gwokýúh.
/Seuhnghóiwá/ | 3. Gám, kéuih sīk mhsīk góng Seuhnghóiwá a? |
| 4. Kéuih sīk sé Jùngmàhn.
/Yíngmán/ | 4. Gám, kéuih sīk mhsīk sé Yíngmàhn a? |
| 5. Kéuih sīk gaau Yíngmán.
/Gwóngdùngwá/ | 5. Gám, kéuih sīk mhsīk gaau Gwóngdùngwá a? |

Comment: gám is a sentence prefix with the connotation of continuing from before, resuming the thread of previous discourse. The closest English approximations would be 'In that case,...', 'Then,...', 'Well, then,...' but these don't always fit. Gám is very frequent in Cantonese, but if translated in counter-part English sentences is not usually idiomatic. We will usually not translate gám in the English sentences. In the above examples gám is translated as 'Well, then,' suggesting continuation from the previous statement.

5. Transformation Drill

Ex: T: Wòhng Sàang hohk Gwóngdùngwá. T: Mr. Wong is studying Cantonese.

S: Wòhng Sàang haih
mhhaih hohk
Gwóngdùngwá a?

1. Léih Táai gaau Gwokýuh.
2. Hòh Sàang góng Yingmán.
3. Chàhn Siujé sé Jùngmàhn.
4. Jèung Sàang sīk góng
Yahtbúnwá.
5. Làuh Táai sīk gaau Gwóng-
dùngwá.

S: Is Mr. Wong studying Cantonese?

1. Léih Táai haih mhhaih gaau
Gwokýuh a?
2. Hòh Sàang haih mhhaih góng
Yingmán a?
3. Chàhn Siujé haih mhhaih sé
Jùngmàhn a?
4. Jèung Sàang haih mhhaih sīk
góng Yahtbúnwá a?
5. Làuh Táai haih mhhaih sīk
gaau Gwóngdùngwá a?

6. Question and Answer Drill

Ex: T: Wòhng Sàang sé
Yingmàhn.
+ /Yahtmàhn/(or)
Yahtmán/

S₁: Wòhng Sàang haih
mhhaih sé Yahtmán a?

S₂: Mhhaih. Kéuih mhhaih
sé Yahtmán; kéuih
sé Yingmàhn.

1. Jèung Táai góng Gwokýuh.
/Seuhng hóiwá/
2. Wòhng Táai gaau Gwóngdùngwá.
/Yingmàhn/
3. Léih Sàang hohk Yingmàhn.
/Yahtbúnwá/

Mr. Wong is writing English
(right now). /Japanese/

Is Mr. Wong writing Japanese?

No, he's not writing Japanese,
he's writing English.

1. S₁: Jèung Táai haih mhhaih
góng Seuhng hóiwá a?
S₂: Mhhaih. Kéuih mhhaih
góng Seuhng hóiwá,
kéuih góng Gwokýuh.
2. S₁: Wòhng Táai haih mhhaih
gaau Yingmàhn a?
S₂: Mhhaih. Kéuih mhhaih
gaau Yingmàhn; kéuih
gaau Gwóngdùngwá.
3. S₁: Léih Sàang haih mhhaih
hohk Yahtbúnwá a?
S₂: Mhhaih. Kéuih mhhaih
hohk Yahtbúnwá; kéuih
hohk Yingmàhn.

Comment: The above sentence may also be translated 'He writes'
instead of 'He is writing,' etc. For example:
sé Yingmàhn, 'writes English'--not knows how to,

but does it as a habit, custom or general rule. For instance, He writes English at the office. Likewise for sentences with main verb hohk, gaau, and góng. The situational context, not the structural form of the Cantonese verb, makes the meaning clear.

7. Expansion Drill

- Ex: T: Ngóh sĭk góng Gwokýúh. I can speak Mandarin.
/Seuhnghóiwá/ /Shanghai dialect/
- S: Ngóh sĭk góng Gwokýúh, I can speak Mandarin, but not
daahnhaih m̃hsĭk góng the Shanghai dialect.
Seuhnghóiwá.
- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. Ngóh sĭk góng Gwóngdùngwá.
/Seuhnghóiwá/ | 1. Ngóh sĭk góng Gwóngdùngwá,
daahnhaih m̃hsĭk góng
Seuhnghóiwá. |
| 2. Kéuih sĭk góng Yíngmán.
/Gwokýúh/ | 2. Kéuih sĭk góng Yíngmán,
daahnhaih m̃hsĭk góng
Gwokýúh. |
| + 3. Kéuihdeih sĭk góng Tòih sānwá.
They can speak Toishan
dialect. /Yíngmán/ | 3. Kéuihdeih sĭk góng Tòih sān-
wá, daahnhaih m̃hsĭk góng
Yíngmán. |
| 4. Hòh Táai sĭk góng Gwokýúh.
/Gwóngdùngwá/ | 4. Hòh Táai sĭk góng Gwokýúh,
daahnhaih m̃hsĭk góng
Gwóngdùngwá. |
| 5. Chàhn Táai sĭk góng Yíngmán.
/Yahtbúnwá/ | 5. Chàhn Táai sĭk góng Yíng-
mán, daahnhaih m̃hsĭk góng
Yahtbúnwá. |

8. Expansion Drill

- Ex: T: Ngóh sĭk góng Yíng- I can speak English. /Cantonese/
màhn. /Gwóngdùngwá/
- S: Ngóh sĭk góng Yíngmàhn; I can speak English; (and I)
dōu sĭk góng Gwóng- can also speak Cantonese.
dùngwá.
- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. Ngóh sĭk góng Gwóngdùngwá.
/Seuhnghóiwá/ | 1. Ngóh sĭk góng Gwóngdùngwá,
dōu sĭk góng Seuhnghóiwá. |
| 2. Kéuih sĭk Gwokýúh. /Yíngmán/ | 2. Kéuih sĭk góng Gwokýúh;
dōu sĭk góng Yíngmán. |
| 3. Léih Sàang sĭk góng Seuhng-
hóiwá. /Gwokýúh/ | 3. Léih Sàang sĭk góng Seuhng-
hóiwá; dōu sĭk góng Gwokýúh. |

4. Chàhn Táai sĭk góng Yíngmán. /Gwóngdùngwá/ 4. Chàhn Táai sĭk góng Yíngmán; dōu sĭk góng Gwóngdùngwá.
5. Hòh Siujé sĭk góng Seuhnghóiwá. /Gwóngdùngwá/ 5. Hòh Siujé sĭk góng Seuhnghóiwá; dōu sĭk góng Gwóngdùngwá.

9. Expansion Drill

- Ex: T: Kéuih sĭk góng Gwóngdùngwá. /Gwok-yuh/ He can speak Cantonese. /Mandarin/
 + S: Kéuih (yauh) sĭk góng Gwóngdùngwá, yauh sĭk góng Gwok-yuh. He can speak Cantonese and Mandarin. or He can speak both Cantonese and Mandarin.
 [(both) ... and ...]
1. Kéuih hohk Yahtmán. /Yíngmán/ 1. Kéuih jauh hohk Yahtmán, jauh hohk Yíngmán. He's studying written Japanese and English.
2. Ngóh gaau Jùngmán. /Yíngmán/ 2. Ngóh jauh gaau Jùngmán, jauh gaau Yíngmán.
3. Kéuih sĭk sé Yíngmán. /Yahtmán/ 3. Kéuih jauh sĭk sé Yíngmán, jauh sĭk sé Yahtmán.
4. Kéuih m̀hahh Méihgwok-yahn. /Yínggwok-yahn/ 4. Kéuih jauh m̀hahh Méihgwok-yahn, jauh m̀hahh Yínggwok-yahn.
5. Ngóh m̀hhohk góng Gwok-yuh. /Seuhnghóiwá/ 5. Ngóh jauh m̀hhohk góng Gwok-yuh, jauh m̀hhohk góng Seuhnghóiwá.

10. Expansion Drill

- Ex: T: Léih Sàang haih Seuhnghóiyahn. /Léih Táai/ Mr. Lee is from Shanghai /Mrs. Lee/
 S: Léih Sàang tùng Léih Táai dōu haih Seuhnghóiyahn. Mr. [Lee] and Mrs. Lee are both from Shanghai.
1. Wòhng Táai sĭk góng Gwok-yuh. /Chàhn Siujé/ 1. Wòhng Táai tùng Chàhn Siujé dōu sĭk góng Gwok-yuh.
2. Kéuih sĭk Wòhng Sàang. /ngóh/ 2. Kéuih tùng ngóh dōu sĭk Wòhng Sàang.

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|---|---|
| 3. Jèung Siujé hohk Gwóngdùngwá.
/kéuih pahngyáuh/ | 3. Jèung Siujé tùng kéuih
pahngyáuh dōu hohk Gwóng-
dùngwá. |
| 4. Ngòh haih sing Jèung ge.
/kéuih/ | 4. Ngòh tùng kéuih dōu haih
sing Jèung ge. |
| 5. Hòh Táai sīk sé Yahtmàhn.
/Chàhn Siujé/ | 5. Hòh Táai tùng Chàhn Siujé
dōu sīk sé Yahtmàhn. |

11. Expansion Drill

- Ex: T: Kéuih sīk góng Gwokyúh. He can speak Mandarin. /Canton-
/Gwóngdùngwá/ ese/
- S: Kéuih sīk góng Gwokyúh He can speak Mandarin and
tùng Gwóngdùngwá. Cantonese.
- | | |
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| 1. Kéuih hohk Yíngmán. /Yahtmán/ | 1. Kéuih hohk Yíngmán tùng
Yahtmán. |
| 2. Kéuihdeih gaau Jùngmàhn.
/Yíngmán/ | 2. Kéuihdeih gaau Jùngmàhn
tùng Yíngmán. |
| 3. Léih Táai sīk sé Yahtmàhn.
/Jùngmán/ | 3. Léih Táai sīk sé Yahtmán
tùng Jùngmàhn. |
| + 4. Ngòh sīk Léih Sàang. /Léih
Táai/ (<u>know (someone)</u>) | 4. Ngòh sīk Léih Sàang tùng
Léih Táai.
I know Mr. and Mrs Lee. |

12. Substitution Drill

- + Ex: T: Bíngō gaau Gwóng-
dùngwá a?
/Léih Sàang/
Who teaches Cantonese?
- S: Léih Sàang gaau Gwóng-
dùngwá. Mr. Lee teaches Cantonese.
- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. Bíngō góng Seuhnghóiwá a?
/Hòh Táai/ | 1. Hòh Táai góng Seuhnghóiwá. |
| 2. Bíngō hohk Gwokyúh a?
/Wòhng Sàang/ | 2. Wòhng Sàang hohk Gwokyúh. |
| 3. Bíngō gaau Yíngmàhn a?
/Chàhn Siujé/ | 3. Chàhn Siujé gaau Yíngmàhn. |
| 4. Bíngō sīk góng Yahtbúnwá a?
/Jèung Sàang/ | 4. Jèung Sàang sīk góng Yaht-
búnwá. |

5. Bīngō sīk gaau Gwóngdùngwá
a? /Léih Táai/

5. Léih Táai sīk gaau Gwóng-
dùngwá.

13. Response & Expansion Drill

Ex: 1.T: Néih sīk m̄hsīk
Wòhng Sàang a?
/nod/

T: Do you know Mr. Wong?

S: Ngóh sīk kéuih.
Kéuih haih ngóh
pàhngyáuh.

S: Yes, he is a friend of mine.

2.T: Néih sīk m̄hsīk
Wòhng Sàang a?
/shake/

T: Do you know Mr. Wong?

S: Ngóh m̄hsīk kéuih.
Kéuih haih bīngō
a?

S: No, who is he?

1. Néih sīk m̄hsīk Hòh Táai a?
/nod/

1. Ngóh sīk kéuih. Kéuih haih
ngóh pàhngyáuh.

2. Néih sīk m̄hsīk Chàhn Sàang a?
/shake/

2. Ngóh m̄hsīk kéuih. Kéuih haih
bīngō a?

3. Néih sīk m̄hsīk Jèung Siujé a?
/nod/

3. Ngóh sīk kéuih. Kéuih haih
ngóh pàhngyáuh.

4. Néih sīk m̄hsīk Léih Sàang a?
/shake/

4. Ngóh m̄hsīk kéuih. Kéuih haih
bīngō a?

14. Response Drill

Ex: T: Néih sīk m̄hsīk góng
Yahtbúnwá a?
/shake/

T: Do you know how to speak
Japanese? /shake/

S: M̄hsīk. Yahtbúnwá
+ ngóh yāt geui dōu
m̄hsīk góng.

S: No. I don't even know one
sentence in Japanese.

T: /nod/

S: Sīk sèsiu jē.

S: (I) know just a little.

1. Néih sīk m̄hsīk góng Gwóng-
dùngwá a? /shake/

1. M̄hsīk. Gwóngdùngwá ngóh
yāt geui dōu m̄hsīk góng.

2. Néih sīk m̄hsīk góng Gwokyúh a?
/shake/

2. M̄hsīk. Gwokyúh ngóh yāt geui
dōu m̄hsīk góng.

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| 3. Néih sĭk m̄hsĭk góng Seuhng-
hóiwá a? /nod/ | 3. Sĭk sèsiu jē. |
| 4. Néih sĭk m̄hsĭk góng Yíngmáhn a?
/nod/ | 4. Sĭk sèsiu jē. |
| 5. Néih sĭk m̄hsĭk góng Yahtbúnwá
a? /shake/ | 5. M̄hsĭk. Yahtbúnwá ngòh yāt
geui dōu m̄hsĭk góng. |

15. Expansion Drill

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| Ex: T: Kéuihdeih góng
mēyēh wá a? | T: What language are they speaking? |
| S: Néih jĭ m̄hji kéuih-
deih góng mēyēh
wá a? | S: Do you know what language
they're speaking? |
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|---|---|
| 1. Kéuih sing mēyēh a?
"What is his name?" | 1. Néih jĭ m̄hji kéuih sing
mēyēh a?
Do you know what his name
is? |
| 2. Kéuih gaau mēyēh wá a?
What language does he teach? | 2. Néih jĭ m̄hji kéuih gaau
mēyēh wá a? |
| 3. Kéuih sé mēyēh a?
What is he writing? | 3. Néih jĭ m̄hji kéuih sé mēyēh
a? |
| 4. Kéuih haih bíngō a?
Who is he? | 4. Néih jĭ m̄hji kéuih haih
bíngō a? |
| 5. Kéuih haihm̄h haih sing Hòh
ga?
Is her name Ho? | 5. Néih jĭ m̄hji kéuih haih
m̄h haih sing Hòh ga?
Do you know if her name
is Ho? |

16. Translation Drill

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|---|--|
| Ex: T: "Pàhngyáuh" Yíngmán
dím góng a? | T: How do you say "friend" in
English |
| S: Friend | S: Friend. |
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- | | |
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| 1. "Hohk," Yíngmán díng góng a? | 1. "Learn". |
| 2. "Gaau," Yíngmán díng góng a? | 2. "Teach!" |
| 3. "Daahn haih," Yíngmán díng góng
a? | 3. "But." |
| 4. "Sèsiu," Yíngmán díng góng a? | 4. "A little!" |
| 5. "Gwokyúh," Yíngmán díng góng a? | 5. "Mandarin!" |

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| 6. "Jidou", Yingmán dím góng a? | 6. "Know" (something)." |
| 7. "Sik", Yingmán dím góng a? | 7. "Know how to <u>or</u> know (a person)." |
| 8. "Sé", Yingmán dím góng a? | 8. "Write." |
| 9. "Hohksāang", Yingmán dím góng a? | 9. "Student." |

17. Translation Drill

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| Ex: T: "Two" Gwóngdùngwá dím góng a? | T: How do you say "two" in Cantonese? |
| S: "Yih". | S: "Yih". |
| 1. "Three" Gwóngdùngwá dím góng a? | 1. "Sàam." |
| 2. "Teach" Gwóngdùngwá dím góng a? | 2. "Gaaу." |
| 3. "They" Gwóngdùngwá dím góng a? | 3. "Kéuihdeih." |
| 4. "Who" Gwóngdùngwá dím góng a? | 4. "Bíngо." |
| 5. "Know how" Gwóngdùngwá dím góng a? | 5. "Sik." |
| 6. "But" Gwóngdùngwá dím góng a? | 6. "Daahnhaih." |
| 7. "Please say it again" Gwóngdùngwá dím góng a? | 7. "Mhgoi néih joi góng yāt chí." |
| 8. "I don't know" Gwóngdùngwá dím góng a? | 8. "Ngóh m̀hji." |
| 9. "Teacher" Gwóngdùngwá dím góng a? | 9. "Sĩnsàang." |
| 10. "Four" Gwóngdùngwá dím góng a? | 10. "Sei." |
| 11. "Five" Gwóngdùngwá dím góng a? | 11. "Ngh." |

18. Response Drill:

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| Ex: T: Kéuih haih bíngо a?
/gaaу Yingmán/ | T: Who is he?
/teach English/ |
| S: Kéuih haih gaaу
Yingmán ge. | S: He's someone who teaches
English. |

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|--|---|
| 1. Kéuih haih bīngō a?
/sing Wòhng/ | 1. Kéuih haih sing Wòhng ge. |
| 2. Kéuih haih bīngō a?
/gaau Gwóngdùngwá/ | 2. Kéuih haih gaau Gwóngdùng-
wá ge. |
| 3. Kéuih haih bīngō a?
/gaau Yíngmán/ | 3. Kéuih haih gaau Yíngmán ge. |
| 4. Kéuih haih bīngō a?
/hohk Gwokýuh/ | 4. Kéuih haih hohk Gwokýuh ge. |

a. Repeat, teacher cueing with right hand column, students responding with correspond haih mhhaih question sentence, thus:

T: Kéuih gaau ngóh Yíngmán ge.

S: Kéuih haih mhhaih gaau néih Yíngmán ga?

IV. CONVERSATIONS FOR LISTENING

(On tape. Listen to tape with book closed.)

V. SAY IT IN CANTONESE:

A. Ask your neighbor:

1. if he can speak the Shanghai dialect.
2. who teaches him to speak Cantonese.
3. if Mrs. Wong teaches Cantonese.
4. if his friend can speak Cantonese.
5. how to say 'Good morning' in Cantonese.
6. if he can write Chinese.
7. if Mr. Chan can speak the Taishan dialect.
8. if Mr. Cheung can speak Japanese and English.

B. And he answers:

1. that he can't, but that he can speak Mandarin.
2. that Mr. Cheung does.
3. that she doesn't; she teaches English.
4. that he can't say even one sentence.
5. that he didn't hear you (hear clearly)--would you repeat.
6. that he can't write it, but can speak a little.
7. that he can speak Taishan dialect and also can speak Shanghai dialect.
8. Yes, he can speak both Japanese and English.

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| 9. if he knows what language they are speaking. | 9. they're speaking English. |
| 10. whether his student is American. | 10. No, he's not an American, he's an Englishman. |

Vocabulary Checklist for Lesson 3

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|---------------------|---|
| 1. bīngō? | QW: who? |
| 2. chí | m: time, occasion |
| 3. chingchó | adj: clear |
| 4. daahnhaih | cj: but |
| 5. dī | m: a little, some |
| 6. díng? | QW: how? |
| 7. dōu | adv: both |
| 8. gaau | v: teach |
| 9. ga/ge/g | ss: sen. suf. for matter of fact assertion |
| 10. geui | m: sentence |
| 11. góng | v: speak |
| 12. Gwokýúh | n: Mandarin spoken language |
| 13. Gwóngdùngwá | n: Cantonese spoken language |
| 14. hohk | v: study, learn |
| 15. jē | ss: sen. suf. only, merely; that's all |
| 16. jí(dou) | v: know (something) |
| 17. joi | adv: again |
| 18. Joi góng yātchi | Ph: Say it again. |
| 19. Jùngmàhn | n: Chinese (written) language |
| 20. mē | ss: sen. suf. for question indicating surprise |
| 21. Mhngòì néih... | Ph: Please..., Would you please...
sen. pre. preceding a request |
| 22. ñgh | nu: five |
| 23. sàam | nu: three |
| 24. sé | v: write |
| 25. sèsíu | Ph: a little |
| 26. sei | nu: four |
| 27. Seuhngóiwá | n: Shanghai dialect (spoken language) |

28. séung aux v: wish to, want to, would like to, am considering, be of a mind to
29. sīk v: to know someone
30. sīk aux v/v: know how (to do something)
31. tēng v: hear, listen
32. Tòihseānwá n: Toishan dialect
33. tūhng cj: and (connects nouns)
34. wá n: spoken language, dialect
35. Yahtbúnwá n: Japanese (spoken) language
36. Yahtmán n: Japanese (written) language
37. Yahtmàhn n: Japanese (written) language
38. yāt nu: one
39. yāt chi Ph: once [one-time]
40. yauh adv: also (connects Verb Phrases)
41. yauh V, yauh V. PAdv: both..., and
42. yih nu: two
43. Yíngmàhn n: English language
44. Yíngmán n: English language

CLASSROOM PHRASES

Learn to respond to the following classroom instructions. First look at the English equivalents as the teacher reads the Cantonese instructions. Then close your books and listen to the teacher and watch his gestures to help you understand. Check your book if you have difficulty. The teacher will say the sentences several times to help you become familiar with them. Your goal is to be able to respond to the Cantonese without needing to do mental translations into English.

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| 1. Yíhgā néihdeih tái daih
<u>1</u> yíhp. | 1. Now look at page <u>1</u> . |
| 2. Dáhòì néih bún syù, daih
<u>1</u> yíhp. | 2. Open your book to page ____. |
| 3. Yíhgā ngóhdeih dukh daih <u>4</u>
fo gèibún wuihwá. | 3. Now we'll read aloud Lesson <u>4</u> ,
Basic Conversation. |
| 4. Yíhgā ngóhdeih wánjaahp daih
<u>3</u> fo. | 4. Now we'll review Lesson <u>3</u> . |
| 5. Káhmyaht gaadou bīndouh a? | 5. Where did we get to [lit. teach to]
yesterday? |
| 6. Seuhng chi gaadou bīndouh a? | 6. Where did we get to last time? |
| 7. Káhmyaht gaadou daih <u>2</u>
yíhp, daih <u>2</u> fo, daih
<u>2</u> go, lihnjaahp, daih
<u>2</u> geui. | 7. Yesterday we got to page <u>2</u> ,
Lesson <u>2</u> , Drill <u>2</u> ,
Sentence <u>2</u> . |
| 8. Dāk meih? | 8. Are you ready yet? |

Responses:

Dāk laak.

Ready.

Meih dāk a. or Meih dāk.

Not ready yet.

I. BASIC CONVERSATION

A. Buildup:

Léih Baak-chiu appears at the door of Làuh Gwok-jūng's office. The two had planned to have lunch together, and Mr. Léih has come to get Mr. Làuh.

Léih:

dāk meih?

ready?

Baak-chiu, dāk meih?

Baak-chiu, are you ready?

Làuh:

meih

not yet

Meih a.

Not yet.

dīmjūng or dīm

hour, o'clock

géidīm or géidīmjūng?

what time?

Géidīm a?

What time is it?

Léih:

yīngā

now

daahp yāt

five after the hour

yāt dīm daahp yāt

five after one

Yīngā ... (he looks at his watch)

It's ...five after one.

yāt dīm daahp yāt.

Làuh:

wá?

sentence suffix 'what did
you say?'

Géidīm wá?

What time did you say?

Léih:

yāt go jih

five minutes

Yāt dīm yāt go jih.

It's one oh five.

Làuh:

jéun

accurate

jéun m̀hjéun a?

accurate/not accurate

bīu

wristwatch, watch

go bīu

a watch

néih go bīu

your watch

Néih go bīu jéun m̀hjéun ga?

Your watch accurate one? (i.e.
Is your watch accurate?)

Léih

Cháihdō--

faai

la

faai sèsiu la

lā = la + raised sentence

final intonation

waahkjé

Waahkjé faai sèsiu lā.

Approximately--

fast

sentence suffix indicating
change from previous
condition: 'has become'.

gotten a bit fast

raised final intonation =
a sentence suffix indi-
cating casualness.

maybe, or

Maybe it's a little fast. or

Or a little fast.

Lāuh

fānjūng

gēi

gēi fānjūng

dāng

dāng gēi fānjūng

dāng ngòh gēi fānjūng

joi dāng ngòh gēi fānjūng

tīm

lā

Gám, joi dāng ngòh gēi fānjūng

tīm lā.

minute(s)

several

several minutes

wait

wait a few minutes

wait for me a few minutes

again wait for me a few
minutes

in addition, also, more

sentence suffix for
suggestion--polite
imperative.

Well, wait for me a few minutes

more, please.

Léih

hóu

Hóu, ngòh dāng néih lā.

OK, all right, fine

OK, I'll wait for you.

Lāuh

àh hóu yisi

I'm sorry. or It's
embarrassing. (used in
apologizing for social
gaffe.)

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| bo | | sentence suffix, expressing
certainty. |
| Mhóu yisi bo. | | I'm sorry. |
| | <u>Léih</u> | |
| Mhángyiu. | | It's all right. |

B. Recapitulation:

| | | |
|---|-------------|---|
| | <u>Léih</u> | |
| Baak-chiu, dāk meih? | | Baak-chiu, are you ready? |
| | <u>Làuh</u> | |
| Meih a. Géidim a? | | Not yet. What time is it? |
| | <u>Léih</u> | |
| Yihgā ... (he looks at his
watch) ... yāt dim daahp yāt. | | It's ... five after one. |
| | <u>Làuh</u> | |
| Géidim wá? | | What time did you say? |
| | <u>Léih</u> | |
| Yāt dim yāt go jih. | | It's one oh five. |
| | <u>Làuh</u> | |
| Néih go bíu jéun mhjéun ga? | | Is your watch accurate?
[Your watch accurate one?] |
| | <u>Léih</u> | |
| Chàhdō--waahkjé faai sèsfu lā. | | Approximately--or a little fast. |
| | <u>Làuh</u> | |
| Gám, joi dáng ngóh géi
fānjūng tím lā. | | Well, wait for me a few minutes
more, please. |
| | <u>Léih</u> | |
| Hóu, ngóh dáng néih lā. | | OK, I'll wait for you. |
| | <u>Làuh</u> | |
| Mhóu yisi bo. | | I'm sorry. |
| | <u>Léih</u> | |
| Mhángyiu. | | That's all right. |

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PRONUNCIATION PRACTICE

1. aa, (written in our text as a when it is in syllable-final position)
as in yíngā, Máh, wá

aa as syllable final is a low back vowel [a]. It is similar to the vowel in the American word "Pa," though the American vowel is less backed than the Cantonese one. (American [a]; Cantonese [a]). Some Americans have the backed vowel in their pronunciation of the English word "balm." [balm] Since the backed mid-central vowel in Cantonese [ə̃] which we write with the letter a does not occur as a syllable final but only as the first part of a two-part final, we use a single a to write the lowback vowel aa [a] when it is final in its syllable.

Listen and repeat:

1. Máh , Mäh , Mäh . 馬
2. wá , wá , wá . 話
3. yíngā , yíngā , yíngā . 而家

2. aap, as in daahp

aap is a two-part final composed of the low back vowel aa [a] plus the bilabial stop consonant p [p]. As a final p is unreleased: [p̚]. aa before p is produced the same way as aa finally, as a low back vowel, relatively long in an isolated syllable [a·p̚]. The nearest American counterpart is the op in the American word "pop," but the vowel portion is more backed than the American vowel. (American [a], Cantonese [a]).

Listen and repeat:

- daahp , daahp , daahp . 踏

3. ap, as in sahp, '10'

ap is a two-part final composed of the backed mid-central vowel a [ə̃] plus the bilabial stop consonant p [p]. As a final p is unreleased: [p̚]. The a is relatively short in an isolated syllable: [ə̃·p̚], but it can be attenuated in sentence context under certain conditions. The nearest American counterpart to ap is the mid-central vowel [ə] in the up of general American "cup," [kəp], but the Cantonese vowel is more backed than the American one (Cantonese [ə̃], American [ə]).

Listen and repeat:

sahp , sah , sah , sah . 拾

4. ap/aap contrasts

Listen and repeat:

1. sah , sah , sah . 拾

2. daahp , daahp , daahp . 踏

3. sah daahp , sah daahp , sah daahp 拾踏.

4. daahp sah , daahp sah , daahp sah 踏拾.

5. eung practice

1. léuhng (5 times) 兩

2. séung (5 times) 想

3. Jèung (5 times) 球

6. eun, as in jéun

eun is a two-part final composed of the lower mid-central rounded vowel eu [œ] plus the dental nasal n. eu before n is lower and more backed than the same vowel before ng. eun = [œ n]; eung = [œ ŋ] The vowel eu before n is relatively long: [œ :n]. The vowel is an open vowel before the nasal final. The rounded eu has a rounding effect on a consonant preceding and following it. There is no close counterpart in English.

Listen and repeat: (Watch the teacher, copy his lip position)

準準準 1. jéun, jéun, jéun ; jéun, jéun, jéun .
準唔準呀? 2. jéun m̀hjéun a? , jéun m̀hjéun a? ,
jéun m̀hjéun a? .

7. eun/eung contrast

1. jéun (3 times) , séung (3 times) .

2. jéun (3 times) , Jèung (3 times) .

3. jéun (3 times) , léuhng (3 times)

4. séung, Jèung, léuhng , jéun jéun jéun ;

5. jéun, jéun, jéun , séung, Jèung, léuhng .

8. eun/eui contrast

1. jéun jéun deui deui

2. jéun deui , deui jéun , jéun deui ,
deui jéun .

9. uk, as in luhk, 'six'

uk is a two-part final composed of the high back rounded vowel u plus the velar stop consonant k. k as a final is unreleased: [k̚] Before k, the tongue position for u is considerably lowered in regard to tongue height from cardinal high position to upper-mid position: [o]. The vowel is relatively short before k: [o k]. The closest American counterpart is the ook of "look," but the Cantonese vowel is lower than the American one. (Cantonese [o̞k], American [U k].)

Listen and repeat:

1. luhk luhk luhk
2. luhk , luhk , luhk . 六

10. ung, as in tùhng

ung is a two-part final composed of the high back rounded vowel u plus the velar nasal consonant ng: [ŋ]. The tongue position for u before ng is the same as that of u before k--lowered from cardinal high back position to upper mid position: [oŋ]. The vowel is an open vowel before the nasal final. Lips are rounded.

Listen and repeat:

1. tùhng tùhng tùhng
2. tùhng , tùhng , tùhng . 冚

11. ung/uk contrast

1. luhk tùhng , luhk tùhng , luhk tùhng .
2. tùhng luhk , tùhng luhk , tùhng luhk .
3. luhk tùhng , tùhng luhk ,
tùhng luhk , luhk tùhng .

12. un/ung contrast [u̥n]/[o ŋ]

Compare: Listen and repeat:

1. tùhng tùhng 冚 , bun bun 半 .
2. bun tùhng , tùhng bun .
3. tùhng bun tǔng
4. bun tùhng bun

II. NOTES

A. Culture Notes:

Greetings. When two Americans meet for the first time during the day they use some sort of greeting before ordinary talk begins. Hi, hello, good morning, good afternoon, whatever seems appropriate to the situation. In English it is a bit rude not to offer a greeting before getting down to the business at hand. But Cantonese doesn't have one to one correspondences with American greetings and uses greeting forms more sparingly than English does. A good all-purpose greeting is just to greet the addressee by name.

Ex: Mr. Chan (to Mr. Lee): Léih Sàang.

Mr. Lee: A, Chàhn Sàang.

In this connection notice the first lines of dialogue in the opening conversation.

Ex: When A comes to B's office to get him for lunch:

A: Bāk-chiu dāk meih? Bāk-chiu, are you ready?

B: Meih a. Not yet.

In an equivalent English situation, A would be likely to say "Hi" or some such greeting before saying "Ready yet?"

B. Structure Notes:1. 'Dāk meih?'

Dāk means 'OK, all right' and meih, 'not yet,' Together they form a positive-negative question--'OK?, or not yet?,' i.e., "Ready yet?"

Responses to Dāk meih? are:

Dāk la. = Ready.

Meih dāk. = Not ready yet.

2. Time Expressions

1. The following time expressions are used in telling time in Cantonese:

dīm or dīmjūng = hour, o'clock

fānjūng = minute (not used as much in Cantonese as in English)

gwāt = quarter-hour sections of the hour (transliteration of English "quarter")

jih = five-minute sections of the hour (jih)

literally means "figure," here the 12 numbers on the clock dial.)

2. The above time-words combine as follows:

1. yāt dīm (jūng) = one o'clock
2. yāt dīm yāt fānjūng = one minute after one o'clock
3. yāt dīm yāt go jih = five minutes after one

(See Drill 7)

4. yāt dīm yāt go gwāt = a quarter after one

(See Drill 6)

5. yāt dīm bun = half past one

(See Drill 3)

3. daahp in time expressions

daahp, literally "tread on" is used in reference to the number on the clock face to which the minute hand points to tell time:

Ex: yāt dīm daahp yāt = five minutes after one

yāt dīm daahp yih = ten minutes after one

(See BC and Drills 4, 7)

4. gēi? 'which number?' in time expressions

in time expressions operates as an interrogative number, and occupies the position in the sentence which the reply number occupies.

Ex: 1. gēidīm a? = what time is it? [What number o'clock?]

Ńghdīm. = It's five o'clock.

2. Yíngā daahp gēi a? = What time is it? [Now treads on what number?]

Yíngā daahp sei. = It's 20 after. [Now treads 4.]

(See BC and Drills 1, 3, 4)

5. Positioning of time expressions in relation to main verbs:

1. A time expression which precedes the verb in the sentence indicates the time that the action represented by the verb took/takes/will take place. We refer to the pre-verb time expression as a 'time when' expression.

Ex: Kéuih sahp dímjūng gaau He teaches Cantonese at

Gwóngdūngwá. 10 o'clock.

(See Drill 10)

2. A time expression which follows the verb indicates the length of time the action represented by the verb took/takes/will take place. We refer to the post-verb time expression as a "time spent" expression.

Ex: Mhngòi néih joi dáng Would you mind waiting for
ngòh géi fānjūng tim me a few more minutes.
lā.

(See Drill 12)

3. Sentence suffix wá?

wá is an interrogative sentence suffix attaching to question-word questions, asking for a repeat of the ^{preceding} sentence. It has the force of " ??? did you (or he, etc.) say?"

Ex: 1. Géidim wá? What time did you say it was?
2. Bīngō gaau néih wá? Who did you say taught you?
3. Kéuih sing mēyéh wá? What did you say his name
was?

(See Drill 11)

4. Measures:

A Measure is a word in Cantonese which comes between a number (or a limited set of other entities) and a noun.

Ex: go = representative of a class of words
called Measures.

Ngòh go bīu = my [Measure] watch = my watch

yāt go jih = one [Measure] figure = one figure, i.e.,
(in relation to time on the clock dial)
five minutes past the hour

Inasmuch as ordinary English nouns do not have a category of word standing between number (and certain other modifiers) and noun, Measures are usually not translatable in English equivalent sentences.

sàam go gwāt = 3 [M] quarters = three quarters

In follow sentences the Measure substitutes for the noun.

Ex: Kéuih go bīu jéun mhjéun His [M] watch--is it
ga? accurate?

Kéuih go m̀hjúun. His one isn't accurate.

(See Drill 8)

We defer fuller treatment of Measures to Lessons 6 and 7.

5. Adjectives:

Adjectives in Cantonese are descriptive words. Examples in this lesson are jéun, 'accurate,' faai, 'fast,' maahn, 'slow.'

Adjectives are classed with Verbs, since they can be preceded by the negative m̀h.

Ex: Néih go bíu jéun m̀h-
júun ga?

Is your watch accurate?

Ngóh go bíu m̀hjúun.

My watch isn't accurate.

(See BC)

Note that whereas in English an appropriate form of the verb "be" is needed when an adjective is used in the predicate, in Cantonese adjectives are used in the predicate without any other verb.

Compare:

| Subject | Predicate |
|-------------|------------------|
| My watch | is not accurate. |
| Ngóh go bíu | m̀hjúun. |

This class of words which we call "adjectives," some other writers refer to as "stative verbs."

Adjectives will be treated more fully in Lesson 8.

6. Numbers:

1. Simple numerals

a. From 1 to 10:

| | |
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| 1. yāt | 6. luhk |
| 2. yih | 7. chāt |
| 3. sàam | 8. baat |
| 4. sei | 9. gáu |
| 5. ñgh | 10. sahpyāt |

b. From 11 to 19 Cantonese numbers use an adding formula:

ten-one, ten-two, etc:

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| 11. sahpyāt | 13. sahpsàam |
| 12. sahpyih | 14. sahpsai |

mean 'inciting to action,' including everything from peremptory commands to polite requests and also self-imperatives, such as the equivalent of 'I'll do such and such.') Perhaps the closest English equivalent for lā is a polite tone of voice. The connotation is 'please,' 'Would you mind...' and for the self-imperative, 'I'll...'

- Ex: 1. M̀hgoi néih dáng ngóh Would you please wait for
 géi fānjūng tīm lā. me a few minutes more.
 2. Hóu, ngóh dáng néih OK, I'll wait for you.
 lā.

(See BC)

10. Dialect variations: (ng)āam(ng)āam and others

Words in Cantonese which begin with aa, o, and u have a variant pronunciation in Standard Cantonese in which the initial vowel is preceded by ng.

- Examples: āamāam, ngāamngāam 'exactly; just'
 oi, ngoi 'want'
 ūk, ngūk 'house'

(See Drill 5)

III. DRILLS

Preliminary Number Drill: 6-10

1. Students listen.
 Teacher counts off from one to five, then from six to ten, gesturing with fingers.
 + Yāt yih sām sei ŋgh (1 time)
 luhk chāt baat gáu sahp
 (six seven eight nine ten)
 (do 10 times)
2. Students in chorus count simultaneously with teacher.
 Teacher counts from 6 to 10, using hand signals.
 luhk chāt baat gáu sahp
 (10 times)
3. Teacher silent, signals to an individual student to recite by himself.
 luhk chāt baat gáu sahp
4. Random order count: Teacher indicates one finger at a time in random order, signalling students either individually or in chorus to call out appropriate number.
 sahp, luhk, gáu, etc.
 (approximately 30 numbers)

1. Listen and repeat: number drill: clock hours. Teacher uses pointer and blackboard clock. The students repeat after the teacher in the pauses provided.
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| 1. yāt (pause) | yāt dīm. (pause) | yāt dīmjūng. (pause) | 1, 1:00. |
| + 2. yih (pause) | <u>léuhng</u> dīm
(pause) | léuhng dīmjūng. (pause) | 2, 2:00. |
| 3. sàam (pause) | sàam dīm. (pause) | sàam dīmjūng. (pause) | 3, 3:00. |
| 4. sei (pause) | sei dīm. (pause) | sei dīmjūng. (pause) | 4, 4:00. |
| 5. ngh (pause) | ngh dīm. (pause) | ngh dīmjūng. (pause) | 5, 5:00. |
| 6. luhk (pause) | luhk dīm. (pause) | luhk dīmjūng. (pause) | 6, 6:00. |
| 7. chāt (pause) | chāt dīm. (pause) | chāt dīmjūng. (pause) | 7, 7:00. |
| 8. baat (pause) | baat dīm. (pause) | baat dīmjūng. (pause) | 8, 8:00. |
| 9. gáu (pause) | gáu dīm. (pause) | gáu dīmjūng. (pause) | 9, 9:00. |
| 10. sah p (pause) | sah p dīm. (pause) | sah p dīmjūng. (pause) | 10, 10:00. |
| + 11. <u>sahpyāt</u>
(pause) | sahpyāt dīm.
(pause) | sahpyāt dīmjūng.
(pause) | <u>11</u> , 11:00. |
| + 12. <u>sahpyih</u>
(pause) | sahpyih dīm.
(pause) | sahpyih dīmjūng.
(pause) | <u>12</u> , 12:00. |
| 13. géi (pause) | géidīm? (pause) | géidīmjūng? (pause) | |
- Which number? What o'clock? What o'clock?

- a. Random order. Teacher silent, points to different numbers on clock dial in random order, students call out time. Individual or group response, or both.

Comment: géi? 'which?' is an interrogative pronoun of number.

2. Expansion Drill: Props: A big clock drawn on blackboard. Teacher silent, gives visual cues by pointing to numbers on clock.

Ex: T: (points to 7 on the clock dial)

S: Yīngā chāt dīm. It's seven o'clock. [Now seven o'clock.]

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| 1. (3) | 1. Yīngā sàam dīm. |
| 2. (6) | 2. Yīngā luhk dīm. |
| 3. (9) | 3. Yīngā gáu dīm. |
| 4. (8) | 4. Yīngā baat dīm. |
| 5. (2) | 5. Yīngā léuhng dīm. |

- a. Continue, teacher pointing to numbers on clock to cue students. Teacher signals for choral or individual response.

3. Expansion Drill: Props: A big clock drawn on blackboard. Teacher points to number and says cue word.

Ex: T: /yāt/

T: /one/

S: Yīngā daahp yat.

S: It's five after.

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| 1. /sàam/ | 1. Yīngā daahp sàam. |
| 2. /baat/ | 2. Yīngā daahp baat. |
| 3. /gáu/ | 3. Yīngā daahp gáu. |
| 4. /sei/ | 4. Yīngā daahp sei. |
| 5. /chāt/ | 5. Yīngā daahp chāt. |
| 6. /yih/ | 6. Yīngā daahp yih. |
| 7. /sahpyat/ | 7. Yīngā daahp sahpyāt. |
| + 8. /bun/
<u>half</u> | 8. Yīngā daahp bun.
It's half past. |
| 9. /ngh/ | 9. Yīngā daahp ngh. |

4. Conversation Drill: Props: A big clock drawn on blackboard. Teacher provides visual cues only, by pointing to number on clock.

Ex: T: 1

S₁: Yīngā daahp géi a?

T: What time is it?

S₂: Yīngā daahp yāt.

S: It's five after.

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| 1. 5 | 1. A. Yīngā daahp géi a?
B. Yīngā daahp ngh. |
| 2. 7 | 2. A. Yīngā daahp géi a?
B. Yīngā daahp chāt. |
| 3. 11 | 3. A. Yīngā daahp géi a?
B. Yīngā daahp sahpyāt. |
| 4. 8 | 4. A. Yīngā daahp géi a?
B. Yīngā daahp baat. |
| 5. 6 | 5. A. Yīngā daahp géi a?
B. Yīngā <u>daahp bun.</u>
(daahp bun = half past) |
| + 6. 2 | 6. A. Yīngā daahp géi a?
B. Yīngā daahp yih. |

5. Expansion Drill: Props: Blackboard clock. Teacher points first to hour number then to the half-hour number, as he voices the cue sentence.

Ex: T: Yíngā sàam dím bun. T: It's half past three.
[Now three o'clock half.]

+ S: Yíngā ngāamngāam
sàam dím bun. S: It's exactly half past three.
(ng)āam(ng)āam =
exactly, just.

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| 1. Yíngā léuhng dím bun. | 1. Yíngā ngāamngāam léuhng dím bun. |
| 2. Yíngā ngh dím bun. | 2. Yíngā ngāamngāam ngh dím bun. |
| 3. Yíngā luhk dím bun. | 3. Yíngā ngāamngāam luhk dím bun. |
| 4. Yíngā baat dím bun. | 4. Yíngā ngāamngāam baat dím bun. |
| 5. Yíngā sahp dím bun. | 5. Yíngā ngāamngāam sahp dím bun. |

6. Expansion Drill: Props: Blackboard clock. Teacher says cue then points to the quarter hour on the clock to signal students' response.

Ex: T: Sahrp dím. T: Ten o'clock
S: Yíngā sahp dím S: It's a quarter after ten.
+ yāt go gwāt. [Now ten o'clock one quarter.]

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| 1. yāt dím | 1. Yíngā yāt dím yāt go gwāt. |
| 2. sei dím | 2. Yíngā sei dím yāt go gwāt. |
| 3. chāt dím | 3. Yíngā chāt dím yāt go gwāt. |
| 4. ngh dím | 4. Yíngā ngh dím yāt go gwāt. |
| 5. sàam dím | 5. Yíngā sàam dím yāt go gwāt. |
| 6. léuhng dím | 6. Yíngā léuhng dím yāt go gwāt. |

Comment: gwāt 'quarter', a transliteration from English.
Grammatically gwāt is a Noun, having the Measure go.
It occurs in combination with numbers 1 and 3 to form time phrases marking the 2 quarter-hours:

sàam dím yāt go gwāt - Three o'clock one quarter
= 3:15

sàam dím sàam go gwāt - Three o'clock three quarters
= 3:45

7. Alteration Drill:

Ex: T: Yíngā sàam dím
daahp yāt.

It's five after three.
or It's three-oh-five.
[three touch one]

S: Yíngā sàam dím
yāt go jìh.

It's five after three.
or It's three-oh-five.
[Now three o'clock one figure.]

(TO STUDENT: Take out paper & pencil and write a column of numbers from 1 to 7. As you respond orally, write down the times on paper (e.g. 3:05.) After the exercise, the teacher will give responses in English, and you correct your paper.)

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| 1. Yíngā sàam dím daahp yìh. | 1. Yíngā sàam dím léuhng go jìh. |
| 2. Yíngā sàam dím daahp séi. | 2. Yíngā sàam dím séi go jìh. |
| 3. Yíngā sàam dím daahp chāt. | 3. Yíngā sàam dím chāt go jìh. |
| 4. Yíngā sàam dím daahp sàam. | 4. Yíngā sàam dím sàam go jìh. |
| 5. Yíngā sàam dím daahp sahp. | 5. Yíngā sàam dím sahp go jìh. |

Comment: a. jìh, 'figure'. Grammatically jìh is a Noun, having the Measure go. It occurs in combination with the numbers 1 through 11 to form a series of time phrases marking the five-minute subdivisions of the hour.

yāt go jìh = 5 after

léuhng go jìh = 10 after, etc.

b. The go jìh part of the above phrases may be omitted, with the meaning unchanged:

sàam dím sàam go jìh - sàam dím sàam = 3:15

8. Expansion Drill:

Ex: T: Léih Táai go bíu
faai sèsiu.
/maahn sèsiu/

Mrs. Lee's watch is a little
fast. /slow a little/

B: Léih Táai go bíu faai
sèsiu; ngóh go
maahn sèsiu.

Mrs. Lee's watch is a little
fast, mine's a little slow.

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| 1. Léih Táai go bíu maahn sèsiu.
/faai sèsiu/ | 1. Léih Táai go bíu maahn
sèsiu, ngóh go faai sèsiu. |
| 2. Léih Táai go bíu faai yātgo-
jìh. /maahn yātgojìh/ | 2. Léih Táai go bíu faai yātgo-
jìh, ngóh go maahn yātgo-
jìh. |

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| 3. Léih Táai go bíu maahn
yāt fānjung /faai yāt fān-
jūng/
Mrs. Lee's watch is one
minute slow. | 3. Léih Táai go bíu maahn yāt
fānjūng, ngóh go faai yāt
fānjūng. |
| 4. Chàhn Táai go bíu faai sèsiu.
/maahn sèsiu/ | 4. Chàhn Táai go bíu faai sèsiu,
ngóh go maahn sèsiu. |
| 5. Chàhn Táai go bíu maahn léuhng-
gojih./faai yāt go gwāt/ | 5. Chàhn Táai go bíu maahn
léuhng go jih, ngóh go
faai yāt go gwāt. |

9. Response Drill:

Ex: T: Kéuihdeih haih m̀h̄haih
Yínggwokyàhn a?
/Méihgwokyàhn/

Are they English?
/Americans/

S: Ngóh m̀h̄ji. Waahkjé
haih Yínggwokyàhn,
waahkjé haih
Méihgwokyàhn.

I don't know - They may be
English, may be Americans.

1. Kéuih haih m̀h̄haih Gwóng-
dùngyàhn a? /Seuhngóiyàhn/

1. Ngóh m̀h̄ji, waahkjé haih
Gwóngdùngyàhn, waahkjé
haih Seuhngóiyàhn.

2. Kéuih haih m̀h̄haih Méihgwok-
yàhn a? /Yínggwokyàhn/

2. Ngóh m̀h̄ji, waahkjé haih
Méihgwokyàhn, waahkjé
haih Yínggwokyàhn.

3. Kéuih haih m̀h̄haih Seuhngóih-
yàhn a? /Gwóngdùngyàhn/

3. Ngóh m̀h̄ji, waahkjé haih
Seuhngóiyàhn; waahkjé
haih Gwóngdùngyàhn.

4. Kéuih haih m̀h̄haih Jùnggwok-
yàhn a? /Yahtbúnyàhn/

4. Ngóh m̀h̄ji, waahkjé haih
Jùnggwokyàhn; waahkjé
haih Yahtbúnyàhn.

a. Repeat, Teacher giving the two fillers only, students
taking both parts of conversation, thus:

T: /Yínggwokyàhn/ Méihgwokyàhn/

S1: Kéuih haih m̀h̄haih Yínggwokyàhn a?

S2: Waahkjé haih Yínggwokyàhn, waahkjé haih Méihgwokyàhn.

10. Combining Drill:

Ex: T: Yíngā sahp dím bun.
Keuihdeih hohk
Gwóngdùngwá.

T: It's ten thirty.
They study Cantonese.

S: Kéuihdeih sahp dím S: They study Cantonese at 10:30.
 bun hohk Gwóngdùng-
 wá.

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| 1. Yíngā gáu dímjūng.
Kéuih gaau bīngō a? | 1. Kéuih gáu dímjūng gaau
bīngō a? |
| 2. Yíngā léuhng dím yātggōwāt.
Bīngō hohk Yíngmāhn a? | 2. Bīngō léuhng dím yātggōwāt
hohk Yíngmāhn a? |
| 3. Yíngā sàam dím sàangōgwāt.
Léih Sàang hohk mēyéh a? | 3. Léih Sàang sàam dím sàangō-
gwāt hohk mēyéh a? |
| 4. Yíngā sahpýāt dím bun.
Ngóhdeih hohk sé Jūngmāhn. | 4. Ngóhdeih sahpýāt dím bun
hohk sé Jūngmāhn. |
| 5. Yíngā sei dím bun.
Hòh Síujé gaau Méihgwokyàhn
Gwokyúh. | 5. Hòh Síujé sei dím bun gaau
Méihgwokyàhn Gwokyúh. |
| 6. Yíngā baat dím sàangōgwāt.
Jèung Táai gaau néih góng
Gwóngdùngwá. | 6. Jèung Táai baat dím sàangō-
gwāt gaau néih góng
Gwóngdùngwá. |

Comment: A time phrase which indicates the time that the action represented by the verb takes place, precedes the verb in the sentence.

11. Response Drill: Make a wá? question out of each statement, substituting the appropriate question word for the expression underlined in the cue sentence.

Ex: T: Yíngā sahpdím bun. T: It is now 10:30.
 S: Yíngā géidím wá? S: What time did you say it was now?

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| 1. Kéuih sing <u>Làuh</u> . | 1. Kéuih sing mēyéh wá? |
| 2. <u>Kéuih</u> haih ngóh hohksàang. | 2. Bīngō haih néih hohksàang
wá? |
| 3. <u>Hòh Síujé</u> gaau ngóh Seuhng-
hóiwá. | 3. Bīngō gaau néih Seuhnghóih-
wá wá? |
| 4. <u>Chàhn Táai</u> haih kéuih sínsàang.
Mrs. Chan is her teacher. | 4. Bīngō haih kéuih sínsàang
wá? |
| 5. <u>Léih Sàang</u> haih Méihgwokyàhn. | 5. Bīngō haih Méihgwokyàhn wá? |

12. Substitution Drill: Repeat the first sentence, then substitute as directed.

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| 1. Ngòih néih dáng ngóh géi
fánjūng. | 1. Ngòih néih dáng ngóh géi
fánjūng. |
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| 2. /gèi go jih/ | 2. M̀hgoi ǹeih d̀ang ngoh g̀ei go jih. |
| 3. /yāt go jih/ | 3. M̀hgoi ǹeih d̀ang ngoh yāt go jih. |
| 4. /léuhng fānjūng/ | 4. M̀hgoi ǹeih d̀ang ngoh léuhng fānjūng. |
| 5. /léuhng go jih/ | 5. M̀hgoi ǹeih d̀ang ngoh léuhng go jih. |
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IV. CONVERSATIONS FOR LISTENING

(On tape. Listen to tape with book closed.)

V. SAY IT IN CANTONESE.

A. Ask your neighbor:

1. if his watch is accurate.
2. what time Mr. Chan teaches English.
3. if Mr. Wong teaches English at 2:15.
4. how to say 'five after three' in Cantonese.
5. to wait for you 10 more minutes.
6. if he's ready.
7. if he's ready.
8. what time he said it was.
9. if Mr. and Mrs. Chan are from Shanghai.
10. what time his watch has, adding that your own might not be accurate.

B. And he replies:

1. that it is a little slow.
 2. that he is sorry but he doesn't know.
 3. no, he teaches English at 2:45.
 4. telling you two ways to say it.
 5. OK, he'll wait.
 6. that he is.
 7. that he's not--and asks you to wait a few minutes.
 8. 10:30.
 9. that Mr. Chan is from Shanghai but Mrs. Chan is from Taishan.
 10. that it's exactly 11:02.
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Vocabulary Checklist for Lesson 4

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|-------------------|--------|---|
| 1. āamāam | adv: | exactly |
| 2. baat | nu: | eight |
| 3. bīu | n: | watch |
| 4. bo | ss: | sen. suf. for certainty |
| 5. bun | nu: | half |
| 6. chāmhdō | Ph: | approximately |
| 7. chāt | nu: | seven |
| 8. daahp | v: | tread on |
| 9. daahp bun | TW: | half past |
| 10. daahp géi? | TW: | how many five minutes past the hour? |
| 11. Dāk meih? | Ph: | Ready? |
| 12. dāng | v: | wait (for) |
| 13. dīm(jūng) | m: | o'clock |
| 14. faai | adj: | fast |
| 15. fānjūng | m: | minute(s) |
| 16. gáu | nu: | nine |
| 17. géi | nu: | several |
| 18. géi? | QW: | which number? |
| 19. géidīm(jūng)? | Ph: | What o'clock? What time? |
| 20. go | m: | M. for nouns |
| 21. gwāt | (bf)n: | quarter (hour) |
| 22. Hóu | adj: | OK. All right. (response used in agreeing with someone.) |
| 23. jéun | adj: | accurate, right |
| 24. jih | n: | written figure; word |
| 25. lā | ss: | sen. suf. <u>la</u> for change + raised intonation for doubt. |
| 26. lā | ss: | sen. suf. for polite suggestion |
| 27. la | ss: | sen. suf. indicating change from previous condition. |
| 28. léuhng | nu: | two |
| 29. luhk | nu: | six |
| 30. maahn | adj: | slow |
| 31. Meih | adv: | Not yet. |

32. Mhóu yisi Ph: I'm sorry; It's embarrassing.
33. ngāamngāam adv: exactly (see āamāam)
34. sām go gwāt Ph: three quarters after the hour
35. sah̄p nu: ten
36. sah̄pyāt nu: eleven
37. sah̄pyih nu: twelve
38. tīm ss: in addition, also, more
39. wá ss: interrogative sen. suf. calling for repeat of preceding sentence. i.e., '____ did you say?'
40. waahkjé cj: maybe; or
41. yāt go gwāt Ph: a quarter after the hour
42. yāt go jih Ph: five minutes
43. yīngā TW: now

I. BASIC CONVERSATION

A. Buildup:

| | | |
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| Mrs. Wòhng stops in to see her friend Mrs. Jèung at home. | | |
| jyúyáhn | | host, hostess |
| | <u>Jyúyáhn</u> | |
| chóh | | sit |
| chèuihbín | | As you wish, at your convenience |
| Chèuihbín chóh lā. | | Sit anywhere you like. |
| yáhnhaak | | guest |
| | <u>Yáhnhaak</u> | |
| ̀m̀gòì | | thank you |
| Hóu, ̀m̀gòì. | | All right, thank you. |
| (The hostess extends a pack of cigarettes) | | |
| | <u>Jyúyáhn</u> | |
| yín | | tobacco |
| síhk | | eat |
| síhk yín | | smoke tobacco, smoke |
| Síhk yín lā. | | Have a cigarette. |
| | <u>Yáhnhaak</u> | |
| haakhei | | polite |
| ̀m̀hsáì | | unnecessary, no need to |
| ̀m̀hsáì haakhei. | | You don't need to be polite.
(i.e., no thanks) |
| | <u>Jyúyáhn</u> | |
| ̀m̀hóu | | don't ... (as a command)
[not good to ...] |
| ̀m̀hóu haakhei a. | | Don't be polite. (i.e., Do
have one) |
| | <u>Yáhnhaak</u> | |
| Hóu, ̀m̀gòì. | | All right, thanks. |
| | <u>Jyúyáhn</u> | |
| ̀m̀hsáì ̀m̀gòì. | | No need to thank. (i.e.,
You're welcome.) |

(A servant brings in tea and cakes.)

Jyúhahn

cháh
yám
Yám cháh lā.

tea
drink
Have some tea.

Yáhnhaak

Mhgoi.

Thank you.

Jyúyahn

bóng
Sihk bóng lā.

cake(s), cookie(s)
Have some cookies.

Yáhnhaak

laak

sentence suffix la
indicating change or
potential change + k =
lively. la + k = laak.

Mhsái laak; mhgoi.

No thanks.

Jyúyahn

si
Siháh lā.

try
Try a little.

Yáhnhaak

jánhah
léh

really
sentence suffix for
definiteness.

Jánhah mhsái haakhei léh.

No thanks--really.

(They talk awhile, then the guest prepares to leave.)

Yáhnhaak

aiya!
Aiya! Ngh dím la.
jáu
yiu jáu
Ngóh yiu jáu laak.

exclamation of consternation
Oh--oh. It's five o'clock.
leave
must go
I must be going.

Jyúyahn

faai
gam
gam faai
gam faai jáu

fast
so
so fast, so soon
go so soon

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Mhóu gam faai jáu lā. | <u>Yahnhaak</u> | Don't go so soon! |
| Mhahh a-- | | No-- |
| Jānhahh yiu jáu laak. | | I really must go. |

B. Recapitulation:

Mrs. Wóhng stops in to see her friend Mrs. Jèung at home.

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| | <u>Jyúyahn</u> | |
| Chèuhbín choh lā. | | Sit anywhere you like. |
| | <u>Yahnhaak</u> | |
| Hóu, mhgòì. | | All right; thanks. |
| | | (The hostess extends a pack of cigarettes.) |
| | <u>Jyúyahn</u> | |
| Sihk yīn lā. | | Have a cigarette. |
| | <u>Yahnhaak</u> | |
| Mhsái haakhei. | | You don't have to be polite.
(i.e., No thanks.) |
| | <u>Jyúyahn</u> | |
| Mhóu haakhei a. | | Don't be polite. (i.e., Do
have one.) |
| | <u>Yahnhaak</u> | |
| Hóu, mhgòì. | | All right, thanks. |
| | <u>Jyúyahn</u> | |
| Mhsái mhgòì. | | No need to thank. (i.e.,
you're welcome.) |
| | | (A servant brings in tea and cakes.) |
| | <u>Jyúyahn</u> | |
| Yám chàh lā. | | Have some tea. |
| | <u>Yahnhaak</u> | |
| Mhgòì. | | Thank you. |
| | <u>Jyúyahn</u> | |
| Sihk béng lā. | | Have some cookies. |
| | <u>Yahnhaak</u> | |
| Mhsái laak; mhgòì. | | No thanks. |

| | | |
|---|-----------------|--|
| | <u>Jyúyàhn</u> | |
| Siháh lā. | | Try a little. |
| | <u>Yàhnhaak</u> | |
| Jànhaih m̀hsái haakhei léh. | | No thanks--really. |
| (They talk awhile, then the guest prepares to leave.) | | |
| | <u>Yàhnhaak</u> | |
| Aiya! Ngh dím laak. Ngóh yiu
jáu laak. | | Oh--oh. It's five o'clock. I
must be going. |
| | <u>Jyúyàhn</u> | |
| M̀hóu gam faai jáu lā. | | Don't go so soon! |
| | <u>Yàhnhaak</u> | |
| M̀hahh a-- | | No-- |
| Jànhaih yiu jáu laak. | | I really must go. |

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Pronunciation:

1. ai

ai is a two-part final composed of the backed mid central vowel a [ə⁷] plus high front unrounded offglide i [i⁷]. The a portion is quite short in an isolated syllable--[ə⁷i]. The syllable may be lengthened when it occurs in stress position in a sentence, in which case it is the i part that lengthens, not the a part.

m̀hsái (5 times) 唔使

2. aai

aai is a two-part final composed of the low back vowel aa [a] plus high front unrounded offglide i, which following aa is somewhat lower than it is following a, [a⁷]. The aa portion is relatively long in an isolated syllable--[a:⁷i]. The aai syllable may be lengthened when it occurs in stress position in a sentence, in which case it is the aa part that lengthens, not the i part. The Cantonese aai is similar to the ie of the American words 'fie,' 'die,' 'tie.'

Listen and repeat:

1. faai (five times) 快
2. táai (five times) 太

3. ai/aai contrasts

Listen and repeat:

1. h̄sái, faai . (5 times)

2. faai, h̄sái . (5 times)

4. ang in dáng (Lesson 4)

ang is a two-part final composed of the backed mid central vowel a [ə̄] plus the velar nasal consonant ng. The closest American counterpart to the Cantonese vowel is the mid central vowel in the English "dung." The Cantonese vowel is shorter than the American one, more backed, and not nasalized before the nasal final.

Compare English and Cantonese--Listen:

dung dáng (5 times) 凍等

Listen and repeat:

dáng (5 times) 等

5. aang in cháang

aang is a two-part final composed of the low back vowel aa [a] plus the velar nasal consonant ng. The aa before ng is pronounced the same way as aa before p and before i. The closest American counterpart is the low central vowel of "dong" [a] in "ding dong," but the Cantonese aa [a] is more backed and not nasalized before the final nasal consonant.

Compare English and Cantonese--Listen:

dong cháang (5 times) 橙

Listen and repeat:

cháang (5 times) 橙

s̄ins̄aang (5 times) 先生

6. ang/aang contrasts

Listen and repeat:

1. dáng (3 times)

2. cháang (3 times)

3. dáng cháang (3 times)

4. cháang dǎng (3 times)

7. ak in dāk (Lesson 4)

ak is a two-part final composed of the backed mid central vowel a [ə̄] plus velar stop consonant k. As a final k is unreleased--[k⁷], a is as elsewhere--short in an isolated unstressed syllable, more backed than its closest American counterpart, which is the [ə] of "duck." It is also tenser than the American counterpart.

Compare English and Cantonese:

duck dāk (5 times)

Listen and repeat:

dāk (5 times)

Compare the a before k with the a elsewhere:--

Listen and repeat:

1. dāk (3 times)
2. chāt (3 times)
3. sah̄p (3 times)
4. dāk chāt sah̄p (3 times)
5. gām (3 times)
6. Chàhn (3 times)
7. dāng (3 times)
8. gām, Chàhn, dāng
9. m̄hsái

8. aak in yàhnhaak, haakhei

aak is a two-part final composed of the low back vowel aa [a] plus the velar stop k. As a final k is unreleased [k̚], aa is produced the same way as before -ng, -p and elsewhere. It is somewhat more backed than the vowel of "hock," the closest general American counterpart.

Listen and repeat:

1. yàhnhaak (3 times) 人客
2. haakhei (3 times) 客氣

9. ak/aak contrasts

Listen and repeat:

1. meih dāk (3 times) 未得
2. yàhnhaak (3 times) 人客
3. meih dāk, yàhnhaak (3 times)
4. yàhnhaak, meih dāk (3 times)

10. Fast speech forms.

Listen to fast speech pronunciation:

1. haakhei 客氣
2. m̄hsái haakhei 唔使客氣
3. m̄hhóu haakhei 唔好客氣

Comments: 1. You notice that there is a tendency for the friction of the h consonant to disappear in fast speech. This is particularly true in such ritual courtesy forms as the above. We similarly abbreviate courtesy forms in English without perhaps noticing it. Ex: 'anksalot' = Thanks a lot.

2. The k in syllable final but not word final position has a tendency in fast speech to be pronounced as a glottal stop rather than as a velar stop. Listen:

1. waahkjé (3 times)
2. Jünggwokyähñ (3 times)
3. haakhei (3 times)
4. hohksāang (3 times)

We are not going to give much specific attention to fast speech forms in this text. It is probably just as well for you not to try to produce them, because chances are you would notice some and not others.

11. The -k final of sentence suffix laak.

We have used k to represent the final sound in the sentence suffix laak. This sound is a glottal stop, rather than the velar stop which is the sound k normally represents. Linguistically this is a messy way to handle this situation, but in practice, restricted as it is to sentence suffix position, it has not given previous students difficulty.

The laak spelling derives thus:

la is initial l plus the low back aa vowel [a], which we spell a when it is final in a syllable. (The mid central a vowel [ə] never occurs in syllable final position.)

Adding k as final makes the aa not final in its syllable, so its spelling is represented as aa: la + -k = laak

Ex: Ngóh haih yáhnhaak.
Ngóh yiu jáu laak.

I am a guest.
I must go now.

12. au as in jáu, gáu

au is a two-part final composed of the backed mid central vowel a [ə̯] and the high back rounded vowel u [u]. The a before u has a tongue position slightly lower than in other positions (before -i, -p, -k, etc.). The nearest American counterpart is general American ow in "cow."

Listen and repeat:

1. jáu (3 times) 酒
2. bējáu (3 times) 啤酒
3. gáu (3 times) 九
4. jáu jái ("son") 酒仔, jáu jái , jáu jái .

13. aa in gaau

aa is a two-part final composed of the low back vowel aa and the high back rounded vowel u [u]. In this position the aa is more fronted [a̠] than in other positions. The nearest American counterpart is in the relatively fronted vowel of the Southern Pronunciation of "cow," the vowel of which begins with the low front a [æ] of "cat."

Listen and repeat:

gaau (5 times)

14. au/aa

Listen and repeat, comparing au and aa:

1. jáu gaau (3 times) 酒教
2. gaau jáu (3 times) 教酒
3. gáu gaau (3 times) 九教
4. gau ('enough') gaau (3 times) 夠教
5. gaau gau (3 times) 教夠

II. NOTES

A. Culture Notes1. Customs of polite behavior for host and guest.

In a host-guest situation in Cantonese, it is standard courtesy for the host to offer some refreshment, for the guest to politely decline, and for the host to urge the guest again to have some, at which point the guest politely accepts or declines as he wishes.

Since it is customary to decline offered refreshments, in offering them it is best to avoid phrasing your offer in a choice-type question, because your Cantonese friends will feel it pushy to answer yes when asked this way. If the food is already at hand it is better to use the polite suggestion form: Sihk béng lā.

'Have some cookies.' If the refreshments are not right at hand, use the question-word question: Yám dī mēyéh a? [Drink a little what?] 'What would you like to drink?

2. sihk faahn [eat rice] means 'to have a meal,' 'to eat.' It may also mean to eat Chinese food, in contrast to eating Western food.

3. yám chàh, 'drink tea.'

yám chàh also has a wider meaning, reflecting a distinctively Cantonese custom. This is the custom of going to the teahouse in the morning to drink tea and eat hot snacks, generally steamed shrimp dumplings [hā gāau] and steamed dumplings of minced pork and mushrooms [sīu mǎai]. This is called 'going out to yám chàh!' It is on the whole a morning custom, though in Hong Kong, perhaps influenced by the British custom of afternoon tea, some teahouse also serve tea and snacks in the afternoon. yám chàh doesn't correspond to the coffee break; instead it substitutes for a regular meal, either breakfast or lunch. At a 'regular' meal you have rice, but when you go to a teahouse to yám chàh, by tradition you don't get rice. Now that custom too is breaking down, and you may, though the chances are against it, get rice with a yám chàh meal.

4. Aiya! is an exclamation of consternation. English equivalents are very much dependent on the speaker, ranging from "Oh, my!" to "Good Lord!" to "Oh my god!" etc.

Aiya! is said to be used more by women than by men. Men use Wah! more often instead.

5. m̀hgòì, 'thank you' is appropriate for thanking someone for a service. When someone gives you some information or does you a favor, you thank them with m̀hgòì. There is another word, dòjeh, 'thank you,' which is appropriate for thanking someone for a gift. (We encounter this word in the text of Lesson 14.)

In the Conversation which opens this lesson, the guest accepted a cigarette with m̀hgòì--viewing this as more of a courtesy than a gift.

(See BC and Drills 7, 8, 9)

B. Structure Notes

1. Sentence suffix laak.

laak is a fusion of sentence suffix la indicating change-- (that change has occurred, or is about to occur, or may occur)-- plus k, which is suffixed to a few sentence suffixes, giving the sentence a lively air.

Whether la or laak is used depends partly on the speaker-- some speakers habitually tend to use laak more than la--, partly on whether the conversation is spirited or matter-of-fact, laak tending to be used more in spirited than in matter-of-fact discourses.

Because la/laak has to do with change, it works pretty well to translate it in English as "now," keeping in mind that it contrasts the present situation to some previous or future one.

Examples from the Basic Conversation:

1. M̀hsái laak, m̀hgòì. (In response to being offered some cookies:) Not [necessary] now, thanks. (It's not that I don't want your cookies, I might change and have some later, but not just now, thanks.)
2. Aiya! Ngh dím laak! Wow! It's five o'clock already (I didn't realize it had gotten so late.)

3. Ngóh yiu jáu laak. I must be going now.

(See BC and Drills 7, 8, 9)

2. -k for lively speech.

-k is a glottal stop ending to certain sentence suffixes-- for example, la and a which adds liveliness.

(See BC, Drills 7, 8, 9, and Structure Notes 1, 3)

3. Sentence suffix aak.

aak is a fusion of sentence suffix a (which softens abruptness) and the final -k, giving a lively air.

a + k = aak (cf: la + -k = laak)

Example:

Host: Sihk yīn lā. Have a cigarette.

Guest: Hóu aak, m̀hgoi. OK, thanks.

(See Drills 7, 8, 9)

4. Sentence suffix léh.

léh is an emphatic sentence suffix, adding the connotation that you are quite definite about what you say. (léh is probably derived from sentence suffix la.) The tone of voice is polite.

Example from the Basic Conversation:

Jànhaih m̀hsái haakhei (Declining cookies which the
léh. host has urged you twice to
take) No thanks, really.

(See BC and Drill 11)

5. Sentence suffix lā for polite suggestion.

This lesson has many examples of sentence suffix lā, first encountered in Lesson 4.

lā is suffixed to command sentences, softening the command to a polite suggestion.

Ex: Sihk yīn lā. Have a cigarette. (polite tone
of voice.)

(See BC and Drills 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9)

6. Imperative sentences without sentence suffix.

Without a softening sentence suffix an imperative sentence has the force of a command rather than a suggestion.

Example:

M̀hhou sihk béng. Don't eat those cookies.

(See Drill 5)

The above sentence might be one said by a father or mother to a child.

7. -háh, Verb suffix for casualness.

-hah is a verb suffix which gives a somewhat casual air to the verb it attaches to. In this lesson -háh attaches to the verb si, 'try.' Siháh has the force of 'give it a try,'--a bit more casual than 'thr it.'

(See BC)

8. yiú, 'must,' and mhsái, 'mustn't,' 'needn't'

yiú used as an auxiliary verb preceding another verb can have the meaning 'must V,' 'have to V,' 'need to V.' The basic meaning of yiú is 'require,' and it can be used as a full verb, though in this lesson it is introduced only in its auxiliary verb use.

Ex: yiu jáu = must leave, have to be going
 Ngóh yiu jáu laak. I must be going.

To express that you needn't do something, or to ask if something is necessary, Cantonese doesn't use the negative and question forms of yiú, but uses the negative and question forms of the verb sái, 'need,' 'have to.'

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| Ex: Ngóh yìhgā | yiu | hohk | Yìngmàhn. | I have to study English right now. |
| Ngóh yìhgā | | mhsái hohk | Yìngmàhn. | I don't have to study English right now. |
| Néih yìhgā | sái | mhsái hohk | Yìngmàhn a? | Do you have to study English right now? |

(See BC)

III. DRILLS

1. Substitution Drill

Ex: T: Sīhk bēng lā.
/yīn/

T: Have a cookie [polite].
/tobacco/

or

Have some cookies [polite].

S: Sīhk yīn lā.

S: Have a cigarette [polite].

+ 1. Sīhk yīn lā. /faahn/
(rice)

1. Sīhk faahn lā.
Dinner is ready; come eat.

+ 2. Sīhk faahn lā. /pīhnggwó/
(apple)

2. Sīhk pīhnggwó lā.
Have an apple.

+ 3. /cháang/
(orange)

3. Sīhk cháang lā.
Have an orange.

4. /bēng/

4. Sīhk bēng lā.

5. /yīn/

5. Sīhk yīn lā.

+ 6. /jīu/
(banana)

6. Sīhk jīu lā.

2. Substitution Drill

+ Ex: T: Yám cháh lā! /gafē/
S: Yám gafē lā!

T: Have some tea! [polite] /coffee/
S: Have some coffee!

1. Yám cháh lā. /gafē/

1. Yám gafē lā.

+ 2. Yám gafē lā. /heiséui/
(soft drink)

2. Yám heiséui lā.
Have a soft drink.

+ 3. Yám heiséui lā. /bējáu/
(beer)

3. Yám bējáu lā.
Have a beer.

+ 4. Yám bējáu lā. /séui/
(water)

4. Yám séui lā.
Have some water.

5. Yám séui lā. /cháh/

5. Yám cháh lā.

+ 6. /ngàuhnáaih/
(milk)

6. Yám ngàuhnáaih lā.

+ 7. /jau/
(alcoholic beverage)

7. Yám jáu lā.

3. Substitution Drill

Ex: T: Yám m̄hyám heiséui a? T: Would you like a soft drink?
/bējáu/ /beer/

S: Yám m̄hyám bējáu a? S: Would you like a beer?

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. /gafē/ | 1. Yám m̄hyám gafē a? |
| 2. /heiséui/ | 2. Yám m̄hyám heiséui a? |
| 3. /séui/ | 3. Yám m̄hyám séui a? |
| 4. /bējáu/ | 4. Yám m̄hyám bējáu a? |
| 5. /ngàuhnáaih/ | 5. Yám m̄hyám ngàuhnáaih a? |

Comment: The above sentences could also mean 'Do you drink?'
(as a custom, as opposed to an intention)

Social comment: Chinese custom makes one feel awkward to answer choice type question affirmatively. It is better to ask 'Yám dī mēyéh a?' 'You'll drink a little what?', i.e. "What'll you have to drink?"

4. Expansion Drill

| | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Ex: 1. T: chàn | T: tea |
| S: Yám chàn lā! | S: Have some tea. |
| 2. T: bēng | T: cookies |
| S: Sīhk bēng lā! | S: Have a cookie. |

or

Have some cookies.

- | | |
|-------------|----------------------|
| 1. gafē | 1. Yám gafē lā! |
| 2. heiséui | 2. Yám heiséui lā! |
| 3. faahn | 3. Sīhk faahn lā! |
| 4. bējáu | 4. Yám bējáu lā! |
| 5. yīn | 5. Sīhk yīn lā! |
| 6. pīhnggwó | 6. Sīhk pīhnggwó lā! |
| 7. séui | 7. Yám séui lā! |
| 8. cháang | 8. Sīhk cháang lā! |
| 9. bēng | 9. Sīhk bēng lā! |
| 10. chàn | 10. Yám chàn lā! |
| 11. jáu | 11. Yám jáu lā! |
| 12. jīu | 12. Sīhk jīu lā! |

5. Transformation Drill

Ex: T: Sihk yīn lā!

T: Have a cigarette. (polite invitation)

S: Mhhou sihk yīn!

S: Don't smoke! (abrupt; note absence of lā)

1. Yám bējáu lā.

1. Mhhou yám bējáu!

2. Sihk yīn lā.

2. Mhhou sihk yīn!

3. Yám gafē lā.

3. Mhhou yám gafē!

4. Sihk bēng lā.

4. Mhhou sihk bēng!

5. Yám heiséui lā.

5. Mhhou yám heiséui!

a. Repeat. as polite negative request, thus:

T: Sihk yīn lā!

T: Have a cigarette.

S: Mhhou sihk yīn lā.

S: Please don't smoke.

6. Expansion Drill

Ex: T: Kéuih yám cháh.
/gafē/

T: He drinks tea. /coffee/

S: Kéuih yám cháh,
daahnhaih mhyám
gafē.S: He drinks tea, but he doesn't
drink coffee.or

He drinks tea, but not coffee.

1. Kéuih yám heiséui. /bējáu/

1. Kéuih yám heiséui,
daahnhaih mhyám bējáu.

2. Kéuih yám gafē. /cháh/

2. Kéuih yám gafē, daahnhaih
mhyám cháh.

3. Kéuih sihk pihngwó. /cháang/

3. Kéuih sihk pihngwó, daahn-
haih mhsihk cháang.

4. Kéuih sihk bēng. /yám cháh/

4. Kéuih sihk bēng, daahnhaih
mhyám cháh.5. Kéuih sík sé Jüngmahn. /Ying-
mán/5. Kéuih sé Jüngmán, daahnhaih
mhsik sé Yingmahn.

7. Response Drill

Ex: 1. T: Yám gafē lā? /nod/ T: Would you like some coffee?
/nod/

+ S: Hóu aak. M̀ngòì. S: Yes; thanks.

2. T: Yám gafē lā? /shake/ T: Would you like some coffee?
/shake/

S: M̀hyám laak, m̀ngòì. S: No thanks, not right now.

1. Yám chàh lā? /nod/

1. Hóu aak. M̀ngòì.

2. Yám bējáu lā? /nod/

2. Hóu aak. M̀ngòì.

3. Yám heisēui lā? /shake/

3. M̀hyám laak, m̀ngòì.

4. Yám gafē lā? /shake/

4. M̀hyám laak, m̀ngòì.

5. Yám séui lā? /nod/

5. Hóu aak. M̀ngòì.

Comment: aak occurs in a set with hóu as a fixed phrase, followed by pause: Hóu aak. 'Agreed.', 'OK.' But hóu, when it introduces a comment, is not followed by aak. Compare the pausing of:

Hóu, m̀ngòì. OK, thanks.

Hóu aak. M̀ngòì. OK. Thanks.

8. Response Drill

Ex: 1. T: Sīhk bēng lā! /nod/ T: Have a cookie. /nod/

S: Hóu aak. M̀ngòì. S: All right. Thanks you.

2. T: Sīhk bēng lā! /shake/ T: Have a cookie. /shake/

S: M̀sīhk laak; m̀ngòì. S: Not just now, thanks.

1. Sīhk pihnggwó lā! /nod/

1. Hóu aak. M̀ngòì.

2. Sīhk yīn lā! /nod/

2. Hóu aak. M̀ngòì.

3. Sīhk faahn lā! /shake/

3. M̀sīhk laak; m̀ngòì.

4. Sīhk cháang lā! /shake/

4. M̀sīhk laak; m̀ngòì.

5. Sīhk bēng lā! /nod/

5. Hóu aak. M̀ngòì.

6. Sīhk jǐu lā! /nod/

6. Hóu aak. M̀ngòì.

Comment: If you don't smoke, the way to say so colloquially, when you are invited to have a cigarette, is: "Sīu sīhk", 'smoke very little', 'seldom smoke', i.e. "I don't smoke."

9. Response Drill: Respond appropriately, following patterns established in Drills 7 and 8. (For the negative use ̀nsihk and ̀nyám, although ̀nsái is equally appropriate.)

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|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Yám chàh lā? /nod/ | 1. Hóu aak. ̀ngòì. |
| 2. Yám bējáu lā? /shake/ | 2. ̀nyám laak. ̀ngòì. |
| 3. Sihk yín lā! /nod/ | 3. Hóu aak. ̀ngòì. |
| 4. Sihk bēng lā! /shake/ | 4. ̀nsihk laak. ̀ngòì. |
| 5. Yám gafē lā? /nod/ | 5. Hóu aak. ̀ngòì. |
| 6. Sihk p̀hnggwó lā! /nod/ | 6. Hóu aak. ̀ngòì. |
| 7. Yám heisēui lā? /shake/ | 7. ̀nyám laak. ̀ngòì. |
| 8. Sihk cháang lā? /shake/ | 8. ̀nsihk laak. ̀ngòì. |

a. Repeat, teacher cueing nouns only, students doing Q&A, answering ̀nsái laak, ̀ngòì. 'No, thanks.'

10. Substitution Drill: Substitute in Subject or Object position as appropriate.

- | | |
|--|---|
| Ex: 1. T: Néih yám mēyéh a? /néih p̀hngyáuh/ | T: What would you like to drink? /your friend/ |
| S: Néih p̀hngyáuh yám mēyéh a? | S: What would your friend like to drink? |
| T: Néih p̀hngyáuh yám mēyéh a? /heisēui/ | T: What would your friend like to drink? /soft drink/ |
| S: Néih p̀hngyáuh yám heisēui. | S: Your friend would like a soft drink. |
| 1. Kéuih yám mēyéh a? /kéuih p̀hngyáuh/ | 1. Kéuih p̀hngyáuh yám mēyéh a? |
| 2. /séui/ | 2. Kéuih p̀hngyáuh yám séui. |
| 3. /jáu/ | 3. Kéuih p̀hngyáuh yám jáu. |
| 4. /ngóhdeih p̀hngyáuh/ | 4. Ngóhdeih p̀hngyáuh yám jáu. |
| 5. /néih p̀hngyáuh/ | 5. Néih p̀hngyáuh yám jáu. |
| 6. /b́ingo/ | 6. B́ingo yám jáu a? |
| 7. /kéuih/ | 7. Kéuih yám jáu. |
| 8. /mēyéh/ | 8. Kéuih yám mēyéh a? |

Comment: Yám Object can mean (1) 'intend to yám object' and it can mean (2) in process of yám-ing object or could mean (3) 'customarily yám object'. The situation governs which interpretation is appropriate. This follows for all the sentences in this drill.

11. Conversation Drill

Ex: Host: Sihk béng lā?

Guest: M̄hsái haakhei.

Host: M̄hhóu haakhei a.

Guest: (shake) Ngóh
jànhaih m̄hsikh
léh.

Host: Won't you have some cookies?

Guest: Ah, no, thank you.

Host: Oh, do have some.

Guest: No thanks, really not.

or

Guest: (nod) Hóu aak.
m̄ngòì.

Host: M̄hsái m̄ngòì.

or

Guest: Well, all right, thanks.

Host: You're welcome. or
Not at all.

1. A. Sihk p̄hnggwó lā?

B.

A.

B. (shake)

2. A. Yám gafē lā?

B.

A.

B. (nod)

A.

3. A. Sihk cháang lā?

B.

A.

B. (shake)

4. A. Sihk yīn lā?

B.

A.

B. (shake)

5. A. Yám bējáu lā?

B.

A.

B. (shake)

1. A. Sihk p̄hnggwó lā?

B. M̄hsái haakhei.

A. M̄hhóu haakhei a.

B. Ngóh jànhaih m̄hsikh léh.

2. A. Yám gafē lā?

B. M̄hsái haakhei.

A. M̄hhóu haakhei a.

B. Hóu aak, m̄ngòì.

A. M̄hsái m̄ngòì.

3. A. Sihk cháang lā?

B. M̄hsái haakhei.

A. M̄hhóu haakhei a.

B. Ngóh jànhaih m̄hsikh léh.

4. A. Sihk yīn lā?

B. M̄hsái haakhei.

A. M̄hhóu haakhei a.

B. Ngóh jànhaih m̄hsikh léh.

5. A. Yám bējáu lā?

B. M̄hsái haakhei.

A. M̄hhóu haakhei a.

B. Ngóh jànhaih m̄hyám léh.

12. Conversion Drill

Ex: Waiter: Yám mēyéh a? A: What'll you have to drink?
 Customer: Ngóh yám cháh. B: I'll have tea.
 Waiter: Síujé haih m̀hhaih dōu yám cháh a? A: Will the young lady have tea too?
 Customer: M̀hhaih. Kéuih yám gafē. B: No, she'll have coffee.

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|-------------------------|--|
| 1. W.? | 1. W. Yám mēyéh a? |
| C. bējáu. | C. Ngóh yám bējáu. |
| W. Néih p̀hngyáuh? | W. Néih p̀hngyáuh haih m̀hhaih dōu yám bējáu a? |
| C.gafē. | C. M̀hhaih. Kéuih yám gafē. |
| 2. W.? | 2. W. Yám mēyéh a? |
| C.heiséui. | C. Ngóh yám heiséui. |
| W. Kéuih? | W. Kéuih haih m̀hhaih dōu yám heiséui a? |
| C. bējáu. | C. M̀hhaih. Kéuih yám bējáu. |
| 3. W. S̀insàng? | 3. W. S̀insàng yám mēyéh a?
What will you have to drink, sir? |
| C. cháh. | C. Ngóh yám cháh. |
| W. Síujé? | W. Síujé haih m̀hhaih dōu yám cháh a?
Will the young lady have tea too? |
| C.heiséui. | C. M̀hhaih.Kéuih yám heiséui. |
| 4. W. Hòh Sàng? | 4. W. Hòh Sàng yám mēyéh a?
What'll you have to drink, Mr. Ho? |
| C. bējáu. | C. Ngóh yám bējáu. |
| W. Hòh T̀ai? | W. Hòh T̀ai haih m̀hhaih dōu yám bējáu a?
Will Mrs. Ho have beer too? |
| C.heiséui. | C. M̀hhaih.Kéuih yám heiséui. |

Comment: In a different situation the Example conversation (and likewise those below) could also be appropriately interpreted as:

A. What's that you're drinking?

B: I'm drinking tea.

A: Is he drinking tea too?

A: No, he's drinking coffee.

13. Conversation Drill



Ex: Guest: Aiya! Yíngā
sahp dím daahp
chāt. Ngòh yiu
jáu laak.

Guest: Oh-oh! It's 10:35.
I must be going.

Host: Mhhóu gam faai
jáu lā!

Host: Oh don't go so soon!

Guest: Mhhaih a. Jàn-
haih yiu jáu
laak.

Guest: No. Really, I must go.

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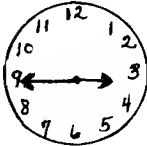


1. A. Aiya! Yíngā yāt dím daahp
chāt. Ngòh yiu jáu laak.

B. Mhhóu gam faai jáu lā!

A. Mhhaih a. Jàn-haih yiu
jáu laak.

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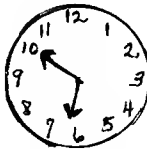


2. A. Aiya! Yíngā sàam dím
sàamgogwāt. Ngòh yiu
jáu laak.

B. Mhhóu gam faai jáu lā!

A. Mhhaih a. Jàn-haih yiu
jáu laak.

3.



3. A. Aiya! Yíngā luhk dím
daahp sah. Ngòh yiu
jáu laak.

B. Mhhóu gam faai jáu lā!

A. Mhhaih a. Jàn-haih yiu
jáu laak.

4.



4. A. Aiya! Yíngā sahpyih dím
daahp sei. Ngòh yiu
jáu laak.

B. Mhhóu gam faai jáu lā!

A. Mhhaih a. Jàn-haih yiu
jáu laak.

5.



5. A. Aiyā! Yīngā baat dīm yāt-gogwāt. Ngòh yiu jáu laak.

B. Àhhóu gam faai jáu lā!

A. Àhhaih a. Jànhaih yiu jáu laak.

IV. CONVERSATIONS FOR LISTENING

(On tape. Listen to tape with book closed.)

V. SAY IT IN CANTONESE

A. Student A to Student B:

1. offers him tea.
2. Have some cookies.
3. It's 6:30--I have to go.
4. Sit anywhere you like.
5. (acting the part of a waiter:) What'll you have to drink?
6. Don't go so soon!
7. (offering cookies to a guest who has politely declined them already:) Do try some!

B. Student B replies:

1. Thank you.
2. No thanks.
3. Don't go so soon!
4. Thanks.
5. I'll have beer.
6. No, I really have to go.
7. I really don't care for any, thanks. [really not eat]

Vocabulary Checklist for Lesson 5

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| 1. aak | ss: sen. suf. <u>a</u> to soften abruptness + <u>-k</u> for liveliness |
| 2. Aiya! | ex: exclamation of consternation |
| 3. bējáu | m: beer |
| 4. bēng | n: cake |
| 5. cháang | n: orange |
| 6. chàh | n: tea |
| 7. ch̀euihbin | adv: As you wish, At your convenience |
| 8. ch̀euihbin ch̀oh lā. | Ph: 'Sit anywhere you like.' |
| 9. ch̀oh | v: sit |
| 10. faahn | n: rice (cooked) |
| 11. gafē | n: coffee |
| 12. gam | adv: so, such |
| 13. haakhei | adj: polite |
| 14. -háh | Vsuf: Verb suffix for casual effect |
| 15. heiséui | n: soft drink |
| 16. Hóu aak | Ph: OK. Agreed. Response indicating agreement. |
| 17. jánhaih | adv: really, indeed |
| 18. jáu | n: alcoholic beverage |
| 19. jáu | v: leave, depart |
| 20. jīu | n: banana |
| 21. jyúyahn | n: host, hostess |
| 22. -k | ss: a glottal stop ending to certain sentence suffixes, giving sentence a lively air. |
| 23. la | ss: sen. suf. indicating potential change |
| 24. laak | ss: sen. suf. <u>la</u> (change) + sen. suf. <u>-k</u> (liveliness) |
| 25. léh | ss: sen. suf. for definiteness |
| 26. M̀ngòì | Ph: Thank you (for service) |
| 27. m̀hhóu | Ph: don't (as a command) |
| 28. M̀hhóu haakhei | Ph: 'Don't be polite.' |
| 29. M̀hsái | Ph: no need to, not necessary |
| 30. M̀hsái la(ak) | Ph: No thanks (when offered something) [not necessary now] |

31. Mhsái m̀hgoi. Ph: You're welcome. [not necessary] Polite response when someone thanks you for doing him a service
32. Mhsái haakhei Ph: [don't need to be polite.]
"No thanks." (to an offer)
"You're welcome." (when someone thanks you.)
33. ngàuhnáaih n: milk
34. pihnggwó n: apple
35. séui n: water
36. si v: try
37. siháh Vsuf: give it a try
38. sihk v: eat
39. sihk yīn vo: to smoke
40. Siu sihk Ph: 'I don't smoke.' non-smoker's response in refusing a cigarette. [seldom-smoke]
41. yàhnhaak n: guest
42. yám v: drink
43. yīn (bw)n: tobacco; smoke
44. yiu auxV: must, need, have to

I. BASIC CONVERSATION

A. Buildup:

(Clerk and Customer in a department store)

| | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| sauhfoyhñ | <u>Sauhfoyhñ</u> | sales clerk |
| máaih | | buy |
| Máaih mēyóh a? | | Buy what? (i.e., May I help you?) |
| guhaak | <u>Guhaak</u> | customer |
| sēutsām | | shirt |
| gihn | | measure for clothing |
| séung máaih | | wish to buy, want to buy |
| Ngóh séung máaih gihn sēutsām. | | I want to buy a shirt. |
| chín | | money |
| géidō? | | how much? |
| géidō chín a? | | how much money? |
| nī | | this |
| nī gihn | | this one (this 'measure') |
| Nī gihn géidō chín a? | | How much is this one? |
| | <u>Sauhfoyhñ</u> | |
| mān | | dollar |
| yahsei | | twenty-four |
| yahsei mān | | \$24 |
| Nī gihn yahsei mān. | | This one is \$24. |
| | <u>Guhaak</u> | |
| gó | | that |
| gó gihn | | that one (that 'measure') |
| gó léuhng gihn | | those two |
| dōu haih yahsei mān | | is also \$24, are also \$24. |
| haih mhhaih dōu haih | | are (they) also \$24? <u>or</u> |
| yahsei mān a? | | is (it) also \$24? |
| Gó léuhng gihn haih mhhaih | | Those two, are they also \$24 |
| dōu haih yahsei mān gihn a? | | each? |

Sauhfoyhñ

Àhhaih; yihshp mán jē.

No; twenty dollars only

Àhhaih--yihshp mán gihn jē.

No--Only \$20 each.

Guhaak

béi

give

béi ngóh

give me

béi ní gihn ngóh

give this one (to) me

Hóu, béi ní gihn ngóh lā.

OK, give me this one.

Sauhfoyhñ

géidō gihn

how many ones

Yiu géidō gihn a?

How many do you want?

Guhaak

gau

enough

Yāt gihn gau laak.

One is enough.

Sauhfoyhñ

Gám, néih máaih àhmáaih gó

Are you going to buy those

léuhng gihn a?

two?

Guhaak

Àhmáaih laak.

Not buy.

B. Recapitulation:Sauhfoyhñ

Máaih méyéh a?

What would you like to buy?

Guhaak

Ngóh séung máaih gihn séutsāam.

I'm looking for a shirt.

Ní gihn géidō chín a?

How much is this one?

Sauhfoyhñ

Ní gihn yahsei mán.

This one is \$24.

Guhaak

Gó léuhng gihn haih àhhaih

Are those two also \$24 each?

dōu haih yahsei mán gihn a?

Sauhfoyhñ

Àhhaih; yihshp mán gihn jē.

No; only \$20 each.

Guhaak

Hóu, béi ní gihn ngóh lā.

OK, give me this one.

| | | |
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| | <u>Sauhfoyhñ</u> | |
| Yiu góidō gihn a? | | How many do you want? |
| | <u>Guhaak</u> | |
| Yāt gihn gau laak. | | One is enough. |
| | <u>Sauhfoyhñ</u> | |
| Gám, néih máaih ñhmáaih gó
léuhng gihn a? | | Are you going to buy those two? |
| | <u>Guhaak</u> | |
| Ñhmáaih laak. | | Not now, thanks. |

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Pronunciation:

1. at in chāt, bāt, maht

at is a two-part final composed of the mid central vowel a [ə^ˈ], plus the consonant stop t. To produce t the tongue tip stops the flow of air at the dental ridge, close to the base of the lower teeth. In final position the t is unreleased:--[t̚]. The closest American counterpart to the Cantonese at is the ut of general American "but," but the Cantonese syllable is shorter in an isolated syllable, more backed, and tenser.

Listen and repeat:

| | | |
|------|-----------|---|
| chāt | (3 times) | 七 |
| bāt | (3 times) | 等 |
| maht | (3 times) | 勿 |

2. aat in baat

aat is two-part final composed of the low back unrounded vowel aa [ɑ], plus the consonant stop t. t is produced as described above, with the tongue tip stopping the air flow at the dental ridge at the base of the upper teeth, with the air unreleased. aa before t is produced the same way as before the other final stops (-k and -p). The nearest American counterpart to aat is the ot sound in general American "hot," [ɑ], but the Cantonese syllable is more backed, and somewhat longer in the isolated syllable.

3. at/aat contrasts

Listen and repeat:

1. bāt baat (3 times)
2. baat bāt (3 times)
3. baat baat bāt bāt (3 times)
4. bāt bāt baat baat (3 times)
5. chāt baat baat chāt . (3 times)
6. maht baat (3 times)
7. baat maht (3 times)
8. baat maht maht baat (3 times)
9. chāt baat maht (3 times)
10. maht baat chāt (3 times)

4. eui

Listen and repeat-(Remember that the eui final is rounded throughout, that the i part here represents that rounded yu [ü] sound, and that a rounded vowel has a rounding effect on a consonant preceding it in a syllable):

1. chèuihbín (3 times) 隨便
2. chèuih (3 times) 隨
3. séui (3 times) 水
4. deuiḿhjyuh (3 times) 對唔住
5. deui (3 times) 對

5. au/aau practice

Listen and repeat: (Watch the teacher)

1. gau , gau , gau . 夠
2. gaau , gaau , gaau . 教
3. gau gaau , gau gaau , gau gaau .
4. gaau gau , gaau gau , gaau gau .
5. gau gaau gaau gau
6. gaau gau gau gaau
7. ḿhgau 唔夠, ḿhgaau 唔教
8. gau ḿhgau a? , gaau ḿhgaau a? .
9. Jáu gau ḿhgau a? 酒夠唔夠呀?
10. ḿhgau jáu.

6. eut, as in sēutsāam

eut is a two-part final composed of the single vowel eu and the consonant stop t. eu before t is a lowered mid front rounded vowel [œ] produced the same way as before n and i. The t as final is produced as elsewhere as final, with the tongue tip stopping the flow of air at the dental ridge, near the base of the upper teeth, unreleased--[t̚]. There is no close comparison in American English to the eut sound, though the "sēut" of "sēutsāam" is a transliteration into Cantonese of the English word "shirt."

Listen and repeat: (Remember that the rounded vowel has a rounding effect on the consonant preceding it in a syllable)

1. sēutsāam (3 times) 恤衫
2. sēut sēut sēut , sēut sēut sēut . 恤恤恤
3. sēut séui (3 times) 恤水
4. séui sēut (3 times) 水恤
5. sēut jéun (3 times) 恤俾
6. jéun sēut (3 times) 俾恤

7. eu before dentals in contrast to eu before velars: Notice the difference in tongue height of eu before the dentals t, n, and yu (spelled i following eu); and eu before the velar nasal ng. The eu is relatively lowered before the dentals, raised before the velar.

1. sēut sēun séung séung
2. sēut sēut léuhng léuhng
3. séui séui séung séung
4. deui deui Jèung Jèung
5. jéun jéun Jèung Jèung
6. jéun jéun séung séung

II. NOTES

1. Numbers 20 - 99

a. 20 through 90. For the even 10's the Cantonese use a multiplying formula: two-ten's, three-ten's, etc.

| | |
|-------------|--------------|
| 20. yihshp | 60. luhksahp |
| 30. sàamshp | 70. chātsahp |
| 40. seishp | 80. baatsahp |
| 50. nghshp | 90. gāushp |

b. 21 through 99. For these numbers which are not the even 10's, a combination of the multiplying and adding formula is used: two-ten's-one, two-ten's-two, etc.

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|-------------------------|
| 21. yihshpyāt |
| 22. yihshpyih |
| 23. yihshpsāam etc., to |
| 99. gāushpgāu |

c. Full forms and abbreviated forms:

There is a full form and an abbreviated form for the numbers from twenty to ninety-nine. Both forms are used in everyday speech. The contracted form shortens the shp element to -ah-.

| Ex: | Full form | Abbreviated form |
|-----|------------|------------------|
| 20 | yihshp | yah |
| 21 | yihshpyāt | yahyāt |
| 22 | yihshpyih | yahyih |
| 30 | sàamshp | sà'ah |
| 31 | sàamshpyāt | sà'ahyāt |
| 40 | seishp | sei'ah |
| 50 | ngshp | ng'ah |
| 60 | luhksahp | luhk'ah |
| 70 | chātsahp | chāt'ah |
| 80 | baatsahp | baat'ah |
| 90 | gāushp | gāu'ah |
| 99 | gāushpgāu | gāu'ahgāu |

(See Drill 6)

2. Measures

In Lesson 4 we touched briefly on Measures, saying they were a class of word in Cantonese which comes between a number (or a limited set of other entities) and a noun.

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| Ex: | M | N | |
| | ngóh | go | bīu my watch |
| | sàam | go | gwāt three-quarters |

In English some nouns are counted in terms of a measure of their volume or size or shape. For example, we do not ordinarily say 'a water,' but rather 'a glass of water,' 'a gallon of water,' 'a tub of water,' etc. In English 'glass, gallon, tub' type words are measures used in counting nouns perceived as a mass--(sand, bread, milk, tobacco, etc.) but not ordinarily in counting nouns perceived as individual units--(pencil, man, shirt, etc.)

In Chinese, however, a measure word precedes every noun when it is counted. For a mass-type noun the measure is variable--one cup, bowl, pound, etc. of rice, for example--but every individual-type noun has its own invariable measure which is by nature a pronoun standing in apposition to the noun.

a. Individual Measures

In Lesson Six you will encounter several new individual measures.

| | | | |
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| Ex: | M | Noun | |
| 1. | yāt | tīuh | tāai one [M] tie = one tie |
| 2. | ngóh | bá | jē my umbrella = my umbrella |
| 3. | kéuih | gihn | sēutsāam his [M] shirt = his shirt |

The individual measures are in apposition to the noun that follows. Some individual measures have a degree of independent meaning apart from their structural function. For example, bá means 'handle,' and is a measure for objects having handles, tīuh means 'strip' and is a measure for objects which are long and narrow in shape. However, go, statistically the most frequent measure, has no independent meaning of its own.

What we have called individual measures some writers have called classifiers, indicating that nouns are classified according

to shape. We use the wider term 'measure' to cover individual measures and other types of measure as well.

(See Drills 1, 2, 3, 4)

b. Group Measures

In addition to individual measures, there are other types of measures. One type is the group measure. An example is deui, 'pair.' Structurally group measures do not differ from individual measures-- they fill the same position in a sentence that individual measures do, and combine with the same kinds of words. Semantically, of course, a group measure differs from an individual measure.

| Ex: | <u>Measure</u> | + | <u>Noun</u> | |
|-----|----------------|---|-------------|------------------------------------|
| yāt | deui | | hāaih | one pair shoes = one pair of shoes |
| yāt | jek | | hāaih | one [M] shoe = one shoe |

What we call group measures some writers have called 'collective' measures.

c. Standard Measures

Another type of measure is the standard measure. In English we talk of 'standard weights and measures'--pounds, inches, gallons, etc. This is the type involved in the Cantonese category of standard measure. The standard measure is of itself a meaningful unit. Some examples which you have encountered so far are:

| | <u>Number</u> | + | <u>Standard Measure</u> | |
|-----|---------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------|
| yāt | mān | | | one dollar |
| yāt | dím | | | one o'clock (hour) |
| yāt | fānjūng | | | one minute |

Standard measures, like all measures, may follow a number directly. They differ from individual and group measures in that they are not in apposition to a following noun, and do not depend on a following noun to give them meaning. Thus they are measures only in the grammatical sense; they behave like measures in that they follow numerals directly. Semantically they are like nouns.

3. Nouns

A word which requires a measure between a number and itself is classed as a noun in Cantonese.

Ex: Number + Measure + Noun

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| léuhng | gihn | sēutsāam | two shirts |
| sāam | go | bīu | three watches |
| sei | go | jih | 4 figures (in reference to time, 4 numbers on the clock dial, i.e. 20 minutes) |

4. Measure as substitute for noun.

In a follow sentence a measure substitutes for the noun it represents. In this way a measure operates like a pronoun.

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| Ex: | A. Ngóh máaih léuhng
tiuh tāai. | I'm buying two <u>[M] ties</u> . |
| | B. Bīn léuhng tiuh a? | Which two <u>[ones]</u> ? |
| | C. Nī léuhng tiuh. | These two <u>[ones]</u> . |

(See BC and Drills 3,4)

5. Measure without preceding number.

We noted in Lesson 2 that nouns do not indicate singular and plural in Cantonese. (sēutsāam = shirt, shirts) The use of a measure without a number preceding it indicates singular number.

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| Ex: 1. Kéuih séung máaih
sēutsāam. | 1. He wants to buy some shirts. <u>or</u>
He wants to buy a shirt. |
| 2. Kéuih séung máaih gihn
sēutsāam. | 2. He wants to buy a shirt. |

(See BC)

6. ḡhsái not used in affirmative.

The verb sái 'need,' 'have to,' is used in the negative and in choice-type question, but not in the affirmative.

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| Ex: Q: Sái ḡhsái máaih lukh
gihn gām dô a? | Do you need to buy 6--
so many? (doubtful
that it is necessary) |
| A: ḡhsái máaih lukh gihn--
sām gihn gau laak. | I don't need 6--3 are
enough. |

(See Drills 1, 3, 12)

To answer a sái m̀hsái? question affirmatively you use yi 'require,' 'need,' 'have to.'

Ex: Q: Sái m̀hsái máaih luhk
gihn gám dò a?

Do you need to buy so
many as six?

A: Yiu máaih luhk gihn--
sàam gihn m̀hgau.

I need to buy six--
three aren't enough.

(See Drill 12)

7. Free words and boundwords

Words in Cantonese which can be spoken as one word sentences are free words, and ones which are never spoken as a one-word sentence, but always with some other word accompanying, are boundwords. Words which are always bound to an element which follows them we call right-bound (b-), and ones which are always bound to an element which precedes them we call left-bound (-b). Some boundwords can be bound in either direction.

8. nī, 'this,' and gó, 'that' classed as specifiers.

nī, 'this,' and gó, 'that,' are boundwords functioning as modifier in a Noun Phrase (NP). They are right bound, bound to a following element or elements, commonly a measure, or a number + measure:

Ex: nī/gó nu. M
 nī gihn = this one [this M]
 gó léuhng go = those two [that-two-M]

(See BC and Drills 2, 3, 11)

Note the word order of nī/gó constructions:

| | <u>N/Pro.</u> | <u>nī/gó</u> | <u>Nu.</u> | <u>M</u> | <u>N</u> | |
|----|---------------|--------------|------------|----------|----------|------------------------|
| 1. | | <u>nī</u> | léuhng | gihn | sēutsāam | these two shirts |
| 2. | | <u>gó</u> | sei | bá | jē | those 4 umbrellas |
| 3. | ngóh | <u>nī</u> | léuhng | tíuh | tāai | these two ties of mine |

(See Drills 1, 11)

nī and gó fill a position in a sentence that can be occupied by only a few words. bīn? 'which?' fills this same position. We use the class name Specifier to refer to this small group.

We call nī and gó 'this' and 'that' to give you memory-aid definitions. More specifically, nī refers to what is relatively near, and gó to what is relatively distant.

9. Relative word order of direct and indirect object.

Some verbs, such as béi, 'give,' take two objects: a direct object (thing), and indirect object (usually a person). In Cantonese the word order is Verb + Direct object + Indirect object.

Verb + Direct obj + Indirect obj

Béi nī gihn ngóh lā. Give this one (to) me.
Béi sàam mǎn kéuih lā. Give \$3 (to) him.

(See BC and Drills 11, 12, 15)

10. géi(dō)?, 'how many, how much?' as an interrogative number.

géidō? and

occupying the position in a question-word sentence that a number occupies in the response sentence. In this frame géi(dō) is classed as an interrogative number. As a number it precedes a measure.

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| Ex: | <u>Number</u> | <u>Measure</u> | |
| | Kéuih máaih géi(dō) | gihn | a? How many is he going to buy? |
| | Kéuih máaih sàam | gihn. | He's going to buy three. |

(See BC and Drill 9)

You will remember that géi has another meaning which you encountered in Lesson Four. géi, 'several' is an approximate number and is distinguished from géi?, 'how many?', in a sentence by the presence of the sentence suffix a in the question sentence but not in the statement sentence.

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| Ex: 1. | Kéuih séung máaih géi gihn. | He's thinking of buying several. |
| 2. | Kéuih séung máaih géi gihn a? | How many is he thinking of buying? |

11. géidō?, 'how many?' and géi-?, 'how many?' differentiated.

The difference between géi-? and géidō? is that géi-? is a boundword bound to a following Measure, and géidō? is a free word which can be bound to a following measure as modifier (in which case it is interchangeable with géi-?), but may also be head in a nominal construction, which gei-? cannot.

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| Ex: 1. | Kéuih séung máaih { géi } gihn a? | 1. How many [Ms] does he want? |
| | { géidō } | |
| 2. | Kéuih séung máaih géidō a? | 2. How many does he want? |

12. Mhji... $\left. \begin{array}{l} \{n\bar{e}?\} \\ \{a?\} \end{array} \right\}$ as polite question form: 'I wonder...?', i.e., 'I wonder (if you could tell me)...?'

By extension mhji, 'don't know,' may be taken to mean something like 'I wonder...?' 'Could you tell me...?' a polite way of making a question without being abrupt. By adding the sentence suffix a or nē to the end of the negative sentence, the negative is transformed to the polite 'I wonder...?' question.

Ex: Mhji yiu géidō chin. (I)don't know how much it costs.
Mhji yiu géidō chin $\left. \begin{array}{l} \{n\bar{e}\} \\ \{a\} \end{array} \right\} ?$ (I) wonder how much it costs?
 (You assume that the person you're talking to does know and in this indirect way prompt him to tell you.)

III. DRILLS

1. Expansion Drill: (Students repeat sentence after the teacher.)

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| + 1. a. Máaih <u>yúhlāu</u> . | 1. a. Buy a <u>raincoat/raincoats</u> . |
| b. Máaih gihn yúhlāu. | b. Buy a raincoat. |
| c. Máaih ngh gihn yúhlāu. | c. Buy 5 raincoats. |
| d. Máaih nī ngh gihn yúhlāu. | d. Buy these 5 raincoats. |
| e. Ngóh máaih nī ngh gihn yúhlāu. | e. I'll take these 5 raincoats. |
| + 2. a. Máaih <u>fu</u> .
(<u>slacks, trousers, long-pants</u>) | 2. a. Buy slacks. |
| + b. Máaih <u>tíuh fu</u> .
(<u>M. for trousers</u>) | b. Buy a pair of slacks. |
| c. Máaih léuhng tíuh fu. | c. Buy two pairs of slacks. |
| d. Máaih nī léuhng tíuh fu. | d. Buy these two pairs of slacks. |
| e. Máaih nī léuhng tíuh fu lā! | e. Buy these two pairs of slacks! |
| + 3. a. Máaih <u>maht</u> . | 3. a. Buy <u>socks</u> . |
| + b. Máaih <u>deui maht</u> . | b. Buy a <u>pair</u> of socks. |
| c. Máaih sàam deui maht. | c. Buy three pairs of socks. |
| d. Mh̄sái máaih sàam deui maht. | d. You don't need to buy three pairs of socks. |
| e. Mh̄sái máaih sàam deui maht laak. | e. You don't need to buy 3 pairs of socks just now. |
| + 4. a. Máaih <u>bāt</u> .
(<u>writing implements</u>) | 4. a. Buy pens (<u>or</u> pencils) |
| + b. Máaih <u>jí bāt</u> .
(<u>M. for bāt</u>) | b. Buy a pen (<u>or</u> pencil) |
| + c. Máaih jí <u>yùhnbāt</u> . | c. Buy a <u>pencil</u> . |
| d. Séung máaih jí yùhnbāt. | d. Want to buy a pencil |
| e. Mh̄séung máaih jí yùhnbāt. | e. Don't want to buy a pencil. |
| f. Séung mh̄séung máaih jí yùhnbāt a? | f. Do (you) want to buy a pencil? |
| | <u>or</u> |
| | Are you planning to buy a pencil? |

- or
Would you like to buy a pencil?
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| <p>+ 5. a. <u>Jūng</u>.
b. Máaih jūng.
c. Máaih go jūng.
d. Séung máaih go jūng.
e. Séung máaih léuhng go jūng.
f. Ngóh séung máaih léuhng go jūng.</p> <p>+ 6. a. <u>Kwàhn</u>.
b. Máaih kwàhn.
c. Máaih tiuh kwàhn.
+ d. Máaih tiuh <u>dáikwàhn</u>
(<u>slip, petticoat</u>)
e. Máaih léuhng tiuh dáikwàhn.
f. Séung máaih léuhng tiuh dáikwàhn.
g. Ngóh séung máaih léuhng tiuh dáikwàhn.</p> <p>7. a. <u>Siujé</u>
+ b. Go <u>wái siujé</u>

c. Sīk go wái siujé.
d. Mh̄sīk go wái siujé.
e. Ngóh mh̄sīk go wái siujé.</p> <p>+ 8. a. <u>Jē</u>
+ b. <u>Bá jē</u>
(<u>M. for umbrella</u>)
c. Máaih nī bá jē.
d. Máaih nī bá jē, géidō chīn a?
+ e. Máaih nī bá jē <u>yiuh</u> géidō chīn a?
(<u>yiuh + money expression = want X amount, costs X amount, i.e., the asking price</u>)</p> | <p>5. a. <u>Clock</u>
b. Buy clock(s).
c. Buy a clock.
d. Plan to buy a clock.
e. Plan to buy two clocks.
f. I plan to buy two clocks.</p> <p>6. a. <u>Skirt</u>
b. Buy skirt(s).
c. Buy a skirt.
d. Buy a slip.
e. Buy two slips.
f. Wish to buy two slips.
g. I wish to buy two slips.</p> <p>7. a. <u>Lady</u>
b. That lady (<u>wái = polite M for person</u>)
c. Know that lady
d. Not know that lady.
e. I don't know that lady.</p> <p>8. a. <u>Umbrella</u>
b. An umbrella

c. Buy this umbrella.
d. How much does this raincoat cost?
e. How much (do you) want for this raincoat?</p> |
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| f. Ngóh m̀hji máaih ní bá jē
yiu géidō ch́n. | f. I don't know how much
this umbrella is. |
| + g. Ngóh m̀hji máaih ní bá jē yiu
geidō ch́n a?
[(Ngóh) m̀hji...a? =
I wonder...? i.e. polite
question introduction] | g. I wonder how much this
raincoat is? |

2. Transformation Drill: Transform the sentences from affirmative to choice type question.

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| Ex: T: Ní gih̄n sēutsāam
sahpsāam m̄n. | T: This shirt is thirteen dollars. |
| S: Ní gih̄n sēutsāam
hah̄h m̀hah̄h sahpsāam m̄n a? | S: Is this shirt thirteen dollars? |
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| 1. Ní gih̄n sēutsāam sahpyāt m̄n. | 1. Ní gih̄n sēutsāam hah̄h m̀hah̄h sahpyāt m̄n a? |
| + 2. Gó t̄uh t̄ai sei m̄n.
That <u>tie</u> is four dollars. | 2. Gó t̄uh t̄ai hah̄h m̀hah̄h sei m̄n a? |
| 3. Ní t̄uh fu sahpsāam m̄n. | 3. Ní t̄uh fu hah̄h m̀hah̄h sahpsāam m̄n a? |
| + 4. Gó deui h̄aih yah̄gh m̄n.
That pair of <u>shoes</u> is
twenty-five dollars. | 4. Gó deui h̄aih hah̄h m̀hah̄h yah̄gh m̄n a? |
| 5. Ní deui maht s̄am m̄n. | 5. Ní deui maht hah̄h m̀hah̄h s̄am m̄n a? |
| 6. Gó bá jē sahpyāt m̄n. | 6. Gó bá jē hah̄h m̀hah̄h sahpyāt m̄n a? |
| 7. Ní gih̄n yúhlāu sahpgáu m̄n. | 7. Ní gih̄n yúhlāu hah̄h m̀hah̄h sahpgáu m̄n a? |
| 8. Ní go bíu ngh'ahgáu m̄n. | 8. Ní go bíu hah̄h m̀hah̄h ngh'ahgáu m̄n a? |
| + 9. Gó jí ỳh̄njíbat̄ yat̄ m̄n.
That <u>ball point pen</u> is
one dollar. | 9. Gó jí ỳh̄njíbat̄ hah̄h m̀hah̄h yat̄ m̄n a? |

3. Response Drill: Teacher should point to a spot near himself for ní-, students should point away for gó-, to link the words with the situation.

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| Ex: T: Ní gih̄n sahpyāt m̄n. | T: This one is eleven dollars. |
| S: Gó gih̄n dōu yiu
sahpyāt m̄n. | S: That one is eleven dollars. |

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| 1. NĪ tīuh sahpsēi m̄n. | 1. Gó tīuh dōu yiu sahpsēi m̄n. |
| 2. NĪ deui luhk m̄n. | 2. Gó deui dōu yiu luhk m̄n. |
| 3. NĪ gihn sahpbāat m̄n. | 3. Gó gihn dōu yiu sahpbāat m̄n. |
| 4. NĪ jī yāt m̄n. | 4. Gó jī dōu yiu yāt m̄n. |
| 5. NĪ go yahgáu m̄n. | 5. Gó go dōu yiu yahgáu m̄n. |
| + 6. NĪ tīuh dáifu ngh m̄n.
(underpants, undershorts) | 6. Gó tīuh dáifu dōu yiu ngh m̄n. |

Comment: Note that in the sentences above, numbered money expressions stand as predicate without the inclusion of a verb. The inclusion of haih is, however, also permitted: NĪ gihn haih sahpyāt m̄n. 'This one is \$11'.

4. Expansion Drill

Ex: T: NĪ gihn yúhlāu sah man. T: This raincoat is \$10.

S: NĪ gihn yúhlāu sah man, gó gihn dōu haih sah man. S: This raincoat is \$10. That one is also \$10.

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| 1. NĪ gihn sēutsāam sahpngh m̄n. | 1. NĪ gihn sēutsāam sahpngh m̄n, gó gihn dōu haih sahpngh m̄n. |
| 2. NĪ deui hāaih yahluhk m̄n. | 2. NĪ deui hāaih yahluhk m̄n, gó deui dōu haih yahluhk m̄n. |
| 3. NĪ bá jē sahphāt m̄n. | 3. NĪ bá jē sahphāt m̄n, gó bá dōu haih sahphāt m̄n. |
| 4. NĪ tīuh fu yahyih m̄n. | 4. NĪ tīuh fu yahyih m̄n, gó tīuh dōu haih yahyih m̄n. |
| 5. NĪ tīuh tāai baat m̄n. | 5. NĪ tīuh tāai baat m̄n, gó tīuh dōu haih baat m̄n. |

5. Substitution Drill: Repeat the first sentence after the teacher, then substitute the cues as appropriate to make new sentences.

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| 1. Ngóh séung máaih gihn yúhlāu.
I want to buy a raincoat. | 1. Ngóh séung máaih gihn yúhlāu. |
| 2. /gó go yáhn/ | 2. Gó go yáhn séung máaih gihn yúhlāu. |

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| | That man wants to buy this raincoat. |
| 3. Gó go Yíngwokyaahn. | 3. Gó go Yíngwokyaahn séung maaih gihn yuhlāu. |
| 4. deui maht | 4. Gó go Yíngwokyaahn séung maaih deui maht. |
| + 5. Gó go <u>siujé</u>
(<u>woman</u>) | 5. Gó go siujé séung máaih deui maht.
That lady wants to buy a pair of socks. |
| + 6. Gó wái <u>sínsàang</u>
(<u>man</u>) | 6. Gó wái sínsàang séung máaih deui maht. |
| 7. tiuh fu | 7. Gó wái sínsàang séung máaih tiuh fu. |

6. Transformation Drill: Transform the numbers from full form to abbreviated form.

Ex: T: Ní tiuh sàamsahp mán. T: This one is thirty dollars.

S: Ní tiuh sà'ah mán. S: This one is thirty dollars.

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| 1. Ní tiuh yihsahpsei mán.
[24] | 1. Ní tiuh yahsei mán. |
| 2. Ní tiuh yihsahpchāt mán.
[27] | 2. Ní tiuh yahchāt mán. |
| 3. Ní tiuh sàamsahpńgh mán.
[35] | 3. Ní tiuh sà'ahńgh mán. |
| 4. Ní tiuh sàamsahpyih mán.
[32] | 4. Ní tiuh sà'ahyih mán. |
| 5. Ní tiuh seisahpbaat mán.
[48] | 5. Ní tiuh sei'ahbaat mán. |
| 6. Ní tiuh seisahpluhk mán.
[46] | 6. Ní tiuh sei'ahluhk mán. |
| 7. Ní tiuh ńghsahpsei mán.
[54] | 7. Ní tiuh ńgh'ahsei mán. |
| 8. Ní tiuh ńghsahpyih mán.
[51] | 8. Ní tiuh ńgh'ahyih mán. |
| 9. Ní tiuh luhksahpńgh mán.
[65] | 9. Ní tiuh luhk'ahńgh mán. |
| 10. Ní tiuh luhksahpgáu mán.
[69] | 10. Ní tiuh luhk'ahgáu mán. |

7. Response Drill: Teacher points away for gó-, students near for ní-.

Ex: T: Gó tiuh fu sahp
mān. /baat mān/

T: That pair of trousers is ten
dollars.

S: Ní tiuh baat mān jē. S: This pair is only eight dollars.

1. Gó deui haaih yahsāam mān.
/yahyāt mān/

1. Ní deui yahyāt mān jē.

2. Gó deui maht lukh mān. /sei mān/

2. Ní deui sei mān jē.

3. Gó tiuh fu sahp yih mān.
/sahp mān/

3. Ní tiuh sahp mān jē.

4. Gó go biu sà'ahng mān.
/yahchāt mān/

4. Ní go yahchāt mān jē.

5. Gó gihn yúhlāu yihsahp mān.
/sahpgāu mān/

5. Ní gihn sahp gāu mān jē.

8. Response Drill

Ex: T: Ní gihn sahp lukh
mān.

T: This one is sixteen dollars.

S: Gám, gó gihn haih
m̄h haih dōu haih
sahp lukh mān a?

S: Well, is that one sixteen
dollars too?

1. Ní bá sahp baat mān.

1. Gám, gó bá haih m̄h haih dōu
haih sahp baat mān a?

2. Ní tiuh ngh mān.

2. Gám, gó tiuh haih m̄h haih
dōu haih ngh mān a?

3. Ní gihn sahp sei mān.

3. Gám, gó gihn haih m̄h haih
dōu haih sahp sei mān a?

4. Ní deui yahsāam mān.

4. Gám, gó deui haih m̄h haih
dōu haih yahsāam mān a?

5. Kéuih haih Gwóngdúngyahn.
/kéuih pāngyauh/

5. Gám, kéuih pāngyauh haih
m̄h haih dōu haih Gwóng-
dúngyahn a?

9. Response Drill

Ex: T: Néih máaih géidō
gihn a? /nḡh/

T: How many do you want to buy?
are you going to get?
/5/

S: Ngóh máaih ngh gihn. S: I want five.

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| 1. Néih máaih géidō bá a?
/léuhng/ | 1. Ngóh máaih léuhng bá. |
| 2. Néih máaih géidō tiuh a? /sàam/ | 2. Ngóh máaih sàam tiuh. |
| 3. Néih máaih géidō deui a? /luhk/ | 3. Ngóh máaih luhk deui. |
| 4. Néih máaih géidō gihn a? /sei/ | 4. Ngóh máaih sei gihn. |
| 5. Néih máaih géidō jí a? /sei/ | 5. Ngóh máaih sei jí. |
| 6. Néih máaih géidō go a? /
/sahpyih/ | 6. Ngóh máaih sahpyih go. |

a. Repeat, teacher cuing with Measure and number only, students giving question and answer, thus:

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| T: /gihn/ŋgh/ | T: /M:/5/ |
| S1: Néih máaih géidō
gihn a? | S1: How many are you going to buy? |
| S2: Ngóh máaih ŋgh
gihn. | S2: I'm going to buy 5. |

10. Expansion Drill

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| Ex: T: Máaih sēutsāam. | T: Buy shirts. |
| S: Kéuih máaih gihn
sēutsāam. | S: She's buying a shirt. |

Note that the measure is not cued, that student must supply it.

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| 1. Máaih fu. | 1. Kéuih máaih tiuh fu. |
| 2. Máaih tāai. | 2. Kéuih máaih tiuh tāai. |
| 3. Máaih maht. | 3. Kéuih máaih deui maht. |
| 4. Máaih jē. | 4. Kéuih máaih bá jē. |
| 5. Máaih hàaih. | 5. Kéuih máaih deui hàaih. |
| 6. Máaih yúhlāu. | 6. Kéuih máaih gihn yúhlāu. |
| 7. Máaih sēutsāam. | 7. Kéuih máaih gihn sēutsāam. |
| 8. Máaih bíu. | 8. Kéuih máaih go bíu. |
| 9. Máaih cháang. | 9. Kéuih máaih go cháang. |
| 10. Máaih kwàhn. | 10. Kéuih máaih tiuh kwàhn. |
| 11. Máaih dáikwàhn. | 11. Kéuih máaih tiuh dáikwàhn. |
| 12. Máaih pihnggwó. | 12. Kéuih máaih go pihnggwó. |
| 13. Máaih bāt. | 13. Kéuih máaih jí bāt. |
| 14. Máaih yùhnbat. | 14. Kéuih máaih jí yùhnbat. |
| 15. Máaih yùhnjibāt. | 15. Kéuih máaih jí yùhnjibāt. |

16. Máaih bējáu.

16. Kéuih máaih jí bējáu.

17. Máaih jūng.

17. Kéuih máaih go jūng.

11. Expansion Drill: Expand the given sentence by adding the cue word in the appropriate place.

Ex: T: Béi léuhng tuih
tāai ngóh lā. /ní/

T: Give me two ties. /this/

S: Béi ní léuhng tuih
tāai ngóh lā.

S: Give me these two ties.

1. Béi bá ngóh lā. /ní/

1. Béi ní bá ngóh lā.

2. Béi tuih fu ngóh lā. /gó/

2. Béi gó tuih fu ngóh lā.

3. Béi deui maht ngóh lā. /luhk/

3. Béi luhk deui maht ngóh lā.

4. Béi sàam gihn ngóh lā. /gó/

4. Béi gó sàam gihn ngóh lā.

5. Béi sàam tuih ngóh lā. /ní/

5. Béi ní sàam tuih ngóh lā.

6. Béi léuhng tuih ngóh lā. /tāai/

6. Béi léuhng tuih tāai ngóh
lā.

7. Béi gó deui hàaih ngóh lā.
/léuhng/

7. Béi gó léuhng deui hàaih
ngóh lā.

8. Béi léuhng gihn sēutsāam ngóh
lā. /gó/

8. Béi gó léuhng gihn sēutsāam
ngóh lā.

9. Béi tuih kwàhn ngóh lā. /gó/

9. Béi gó tuih kwàhn ngóh lā.

12. Response Drill

Ex: 1. T: Néih máaih m̄h-
máaih ní deui
hàaih a? /nod/

T: Are you going to get this pair
of shoes? Do you want this
pair of shoes?

S: Hóu, béi ní deui
ngóh lā.

S: OK, give me that pair.

2. T: Néih máaih m̄h-
máaih ní deui
hàaih a? /shake/

T: Do you want this pair of
shoes?

S: M̄hmáaih laak.

S: Not today, thanks. [not buy
now.]

1. Néih máaih m̄hmáaih ní gihn
sēutsāam a? /nod/

1. Hóu, béi ní gihn ngóh lā.

2. Néih máaih m̄hmáaih ní gihn
yúhlāu a? /nod/

2. Hóu, béi ní gihn ngóh lā.

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| 3. Néih máaih mhmáaih ní bá jē
a? /shake/ | 3. Mhmáaih laak. |
| 4. Néih máaih mhmáaih ní tíuh
fu a? /shake/ | 4. Mhmáaih laak. |
| 5. Néih máaih mhmáaih ní deui maht
a? /nod/ | 5. Hóu, béi ní deui ngóh lā. |
| 6. Néih máaih mhmáaih ní tíuh
tāai a? /shake/ | 6. Mhmáaih laak. |
| 7. Néih máaih mhmáaih ní deui
hāaih a? /nod/ | 7. Hóu, béi ní deui ngóh lā. |
| 8. Néih máaih mhmáaih ní jí
yühnbāt a? /shake/ | 8. Mhmáaih laak. |
| 9. Néih máaih mhmáaih ní go bíu
a? /nod/ | 9. Hóu, béi ní go ngóh lā. |

Comment: In these sentences idiomatic English counterparts for máaih might be 'take,' 'get,' 'want,' as well as 'buy.'

13. Expansion/Substitution Drill: Expand or substitute as appropriate with the cue provided.

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| Ex: T: Máaih ní gihn.
/ngóh/ | T: Buy this one. /I/ |
| S: Ngóh máaih ní gihn. | S: I'll take this one.
(said to clerk in store) |
| T: /gó gihn/ | T: That one. |
| S: Ngóh máaih gó gihn. | S: I'll take that one.
(said to clerk) |

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| 1. Gó go yàhn máaih sēutsāam.
/séung/
That man is buying shirts. | 1. Gó go yàhn séung máaih
seutsāam.
That man wants to buy
shirts. |
| 2. /gihn/ | 2. Gó go yàhn séung máaih gihn
seutsāam. |
| 3. /léuhng/ | 3. Gó go yàhn séung máaih
léuhng gihn seutsāam. |
| 4. /géidō/ | 4. Gó go yàhn séung máaih
geidō gihn seutsāam a? |
| 5. /sei/ | 5. Gó go yàhn séung máaih sei
gihn seutsāam. |
| 6. /mhséung/ | 6. Gó go yàhn mhséung máaih
sei gihn seutsāam. |

7. /séung m̄hséung a?/

7. Gó gó yáhn séung m̄hséung
m̄aih sei gihn s̄eutsāam a?

8. /léuhng t̄iuh tāai/

8. Gó go yáhn séung m̄hséung
m̄aih léuhng t̄iuh tāai a?

14. Conversation Exercise:

Ex: A: M̄hsái m̄aih luhk
gihn s̄eutsāam,
sāam gihn gau laak.A: You needn't buy 6 shirts;
3 is enough.B: M̄hah. Sāam gihn
m̄gau; yiu m̄aih
luhk gihn.B: No, 3 isn't enough; I need to
get 6.1. A. ...sāam deui maht;
Yāt deui1. A. M̄hsái m̄aih sāam deui
maht; yāt deui gau laak.

B.

B. M̄hah. Yāt deui m̄gau;
yiu m̄aih sāam deui.2. A. ...léuhng bá jē;
Yāt bá.....2. A. M̄hsái m̄aih léuhng bá jē;
yāt bá gau laak.

B.

B. M̄hah. Yāt bá m̄gau;
yiu m̄aih léuhng bá.3. A. ...sahp go cháang;
Gáu go.....3. A. M̄hsái m̄aih sah p go
cháang; gáu go gau laak.

B.

B. M̄hah. Gáu go m̄gau;
yiu m̄aih sah p go.4. A. ...chāt jí bējáu;
luhk jí.....4. A. M̄hsái m̄aih chāt jí bējáu;
luhk jí gau laak.

B.

B. M̄hah. Luhk jí m̄gau;
yiu m̄aih chāt jí.5. A. ...sei go bēng;
Léuhng go.....5. A. M̄hsái m̄aih sei go bēng;
léuhng go gau laak.

B.

B. M̄hah. Léuhng go m̄gau;
yiu m̄aih sei go.

15. Response Drill: Respond affirmatively or negatively as directed, following the pattern of the example.

- Ex: 1. T: Yāt bá jē gau T: Is one umbrella enough?
 ̀m̀hgau a? /nod/
 S: Gau laak. Yāt bá S: Yes, one is enough.
 gau laak.
2. T: Yāt bá jē gau T: Is one umbrella enough?
 ̀m̀hgau a? /shake/
 S: Yāt bá ̀m̀hgau. S: One is not enough. Please give
 ̀m̀hgòì nēih béi me two.
 léuhng bá ngòh
 lā.

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| 1. Léuhng jǐ yùhnjǐbāt gau
̀m̀hgau a? /nod/ | 1. Gau laak. Léuhng jǐ gau laak. |
| 2. Yāt gihn yúhlāu gau ̀m̀hgau a?
/shake/ | 2. Yāt gihn ̀m̀hgau. ̀M̀hgòì nēih
béi léuhng gihn ngòh lā. |
| 3. Luhk jǐ heiséui gau ̀m̀hgau a?
/nod/ | 3. Gau laak. Luhk jǐ gau laak. |
| 4. Yāt deui hàaih gau ̀m̀hgau a?
/shake/ | 4. Yāt deui ̀m̀hgau. ̀M̀hgòì nēih
béi léuhng deui ngòh lā. |
| 5. Sàam go pǐhnggwó gau ̀m̀hgau a?
/shake/ | 5. Sàam go ̀m̀hgau. ̀M̀hgòì nēih
béi sei go ngòh lā. |
| 6. Léuhng go bǐu gau ̀m̀hgau a?
/nod/ | 6. Gau laak. Léuhng go gau
laak. |
| 7. Səhp go béng gau ̀m̀hgau a?
/shake/ | 7. Səhp go ̀m̀hgau. ̀M̀hgòì nēih
béi səhpyāt go ngòh lā. |

IV. CONVERSATIONS FOR LISTENING

(On tape. Listen to tape with book closed.)

V. SAY IT IN CANTONESE

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| A. You ask your neighbor: | B. And he replies: |
| 1. What he wants to buy. | 1. That he wants to buy a tie. |
| 2. How many (ties) he wants. | 2. He wants to buy two. |
| 3. How much these shoes cost. | 3. They are \$60 a pair. |
| 4. Whether those (shoes) are
also \$60.00 a pair. | 4. No, they are \$65. |

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| 5. Whether three pairs of socks are enough. | 5. That he doesn't need three pairs--two pairs are enough. |
| 6. How much that ballpoint pen is. | 6. That it is \$1--two sell for \$1.90. |
| 7. Whether 5 pencils are enough. | 7. That five aren't enough--he wants ten. |
| 8. How much that petticoat costs. | 8. That it sells for \$12.50. |
| 9. Who that gentleman is. | 9. That he doesn't know. |
| 10. Who that lady is. | 10. That her name is Chan--she teaches Cantonese. |

Vocabulary Checklist for Lesson 6

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| 1. bá | m: | M. for things with handles, such as umbrellas |
| 2. bāt | n: | writing implement; pen or pencil |
| 3. béi | v: | give |
| 4. chín | n/m: | money |
| 5. dáifu | n: | underpants, undershorts |
| 6. dáikwàhn | n: | slip, petticoat |
| 7. deui | m; | pair; group measure for shoes, socks, chopsticks |
| 8. fu | n: | trousers |
| 9. gau | adj: | enough |
| 10. géi(dō) | QW/nu: | how much? how many? |
| 11. gihn | m: | M. for clothes |
| 12. gó | sp: | that |
| 13. go | m: | general M. for nouns |
| 14. guhaak | n: | customer (restricted use) |
| 15. hàaih | n: | shoes |
| 16. jē | n: | umbrella |
| 17. jí | m: | M. for pen, pencil, bottles |
| 18. jūng | n: | clock |
| 19. kwàhn | n: | skirt |
| 20. máaih | v: | buy |
| 21. maht | n: | socks |

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| 22. m̄an | m: dollar |
| 23. Mhji(dou)...a? | Ph: I wonder...? |
| 24. nī | sp: this |
| 25. sauhfoyùhn | n: Salesclerk [sell-goods-personnel] |
| 26. sēutsāam | n: shirt |
| 27. sīnsàang | n: man |
| 28. síujé | n: lady, woman |
| 29. tāai | n: tie |
| 30. tīuh | m: M. for trousers, ties, roads |
| 31. wái | m: polite M. for persons |
| 32. yàhn | n: person |
| 33. yiu + money expression | v: wants <u>X</u> amount, costs <u>X</u> amount, (i.e.,
the asking price is <u>X</u> amount.) |
| 34. yúhlāu | n: raincoat |
| 35. yùhnbāt | n: pencil |
| 36. yùhnjībāt | n: ball point pen |

CLASSROOM PHRASES

Below are some sentences for students to say to the teacher. Don't try to memorize them all at once, but learn them as you find them useful.

1. Ngóh m̀hji ____ dím gáai. I don't know what ____ means.
[lit. I don't know how ____ is explained.]
2. M̀hgòì néih gáaisíkháh. Please explain.
3. M̀hgòì néih géui go laih làih táiháh. Please give an example to demonstrate.
4. M̀hgòì néih yuhng ____ jough yāt geui béi ngóh t̀nggháh. Please use ____ to make a sentence for me to hear.
5. Háì m̀yéh síhauh sínji góng? When do you say that? (i.e., in what kind of situation?)
6. Háì m̀yéh chíhngyíhng sínji góng? In what circumstances is that said?
7. A t̀uhng B yáuh móuh f̀anbiht? Is there any difference between A and B?
8. A t̀uhng B yáuh m̀yéh f̀anbiht? What is the difference between A and B?
9. Ngóh ní geui yáuh dī mahntáih. I have a question about this sentence.
10. Ngóh ní go jih yáuh dī mahntáih. I have a question about this word.
11. Gám góng dāk m̀hdāk a? Is it OK to say it this/that way?
12. ____ hóu m̀hóu t̀ng? Does ____ sound right?
13. ____ duhk m̀yéh síng a? What tone is ____?

I. BASIC CONVERSATION

A. Buildup:

(Customer and clerk in a grocery store:)

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| | <u>Fógei</u> | |
| fógei | | clerk |
| Máaih mēyéh a? | | What will you have? |
| | <u>Guhaak</u> | |
| haih ... làih go | | is...(grammatical structure
emphasizing enclosed noun.) |
| haih mēyéh làih ga? | | is what? |
| dí | | mass measure; plural
measure |
| ní dí | | this (mass); these (units) |
| Ní dí haih mēyéh làih ga? | | What's <u>this</u> ? |
| | <u>Fógei</u> | |
| ngàuhyuhk | | beef |
| Ní dí haih ngàuhyuhk. | | This is beef. |
| oi, <u>or</u> ngoi | | want, want to possess,
want to have |
| oi àhoi, <u>or</u> ngoi àhngoi | | want/net want? |
| Néih oi àhoi nē? | | Do you want some? |
| | <u>Guhaak</u> | |
| gyúyuhk | | pork |
| dí gyúyuhk | | some pork |
| Àhoi, ngòh séung oi dí gyúyuhk. | | No, I don't; I want to get
some pork. |
| gân | | catty (unit of measure =
600 gms. ca. 1 1/3 pounds) |
| Géidō chín gân a? | | How much is it per catty? |
| | <u>Fógei</u> | |
| sei go luhk | | \$4.60 [4 measure 6 (dimes),
money [silver-money] |
| ngàhnchín | | \$4.60 [4 dollars 6 (dimes)] |
| sei go luhk ngàhnchín | | \$4.60 per catty |
| sei go luhk ngàhnchín gân | | This is \$4.60 per catty. |
| Ní dí sei go luhk ngàhnchín | | |
| gân. | | |

Guhaak

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| béi ngóh lā | give (it to) me please |
| léuhng gàn | two catties |
| Béi léuhng gàn ngóh lā. | Please give me two catties. |
| (They go over to the fruit section.) | |

Guhaak

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| maaih | sell |
| dím maaih nē? | how sell? |
| cháang díng maaih nē? | oranges--how sell? |
| Dí cháang díng maaih nē? | What do the oranges sell for? |

Fógei

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| hòuh(jí) | dime |
| Ńgh hòuhjí go. | 50¢ [5 dimes] each. |

Guhaak

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| Dí pihnggwó nē? | And the apples? |
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Fógei

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| yātyeuhng | same |
| Yātyeuhng--Ńgh hòuhjí go. | The same--50¢ each. |

Guhaak

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| tòhng | sugar |
| bohng tòhng | a pound of sugar |
| léuhng bohng tòhng | two pounds of sugar |
| A! Ngóh dōu séung máaih léuhng | Oh! I also want to buy two |
| bohng tòhng. | pounds of sugar. |
| gái chín a? | how much money? |
| Gáidō chín bohng a? | How much is it per pound? |

Fógei

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| luhk hòuh bun | 65¢ [6 dimes + half] |
| luhk hòuh bun jí | 65¢ [6 dimes half dime] |
| Luhk hòuh bun jí bohng. | 65¢ per pound. |

B. Recapitulation:Fógei

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| Máaih mēyéh a? | What will you have? |
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Guhaak

Ní dī haih mēyéh lāih ga?

What's this?FógeiNí dī haih ngāuhyhk. Néih oi
àhoi nē?This is beef. Do you want
some?GuhaakNhoi, ngóh séung oi dī jyúyhk.
Géidō chín gàn a?No, I don't; I want to get
some pork. How much is it
per catty?FógeiNí dī sei go lukh ngāhnchín
gàn.

This is \$4.60 per catty.

Guhaak

Béi léuhng gàn ngóh lā.

Please give me two catties.

(They go over to the fruit counter.)

Guhaak

Dí cháang dím maaih nē?

What do the oranges sell for?

Fógei

Ngh hòuhjí go.

50¢ [5 dimes] each.

Guhaak

Dí pihnggwó nē?

And the apples?

Fógei

Yātyehng--ngh hòuhjí go.

The same--50¢ each.

GuhaakA! Ngóh dōu séung máaih léuhng
bohng tòhng. Géidō chín
bohng a?Oh! I also want to buy two
pounds of sugar. How much
is it per pound?Fógei

Lukh hòuh bun jí bohng.

65¢ per pound.

Note to teacher:

In drill #2 of this lesson there are some
visual props needed which you may want to
assemble early.

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Pronunciation

1. Tone practice:

A. Tone practice with Measures: Repeat during the pauses provided:

1. mǎh (= yard (in length)) (3 times)
2. yāt jǐ , yāt bá , yāt go ; yāt tǐuh , yāt mǎh ,
yāt gihn .
3. yāt jǐ, yāt bá, yāt go ; yāt tǐuh, yāt mǎh, yāt gihn
4. yāt jǐ, yāt tǐuh , (3 times)
5. yāt go, yāt gihn (3 times); yāt gihn, yāt go . (3 times)
6. yāt bá, yāt mǎh (3 times); yāt mǎh, yāt bá . (3 times)
7. yāt gihn, yāt tǐuh (3 times)
8. chēut (= M. for movie) . (3 times)
9. yāt chēut, yāt go, yāt gihn ; yāt gihn, yāt go, yāt chēut .
10. jǐ bá go chēut , tǐuh mǎh gihn .
11. jǐ bá go chēut tǐuh mǎh gihn .

B. Tone practice with Numbers:

1. lǐhng (= 'zero') . (3 times)
2. sàam, gáu sei ; lǐhng, ñgh, yih .
3. sàam, gáu, sei, lǐhng, ñgh, yih .
4. sàam, gáu, sei, chāt ; lǐhng, ñgh, yih .
5. sàam, gáu, sei, chāt, lǐhng, ñgh, yih .
6. chāt sei , sei chāt ; yih sei , sei yih .
7. gáu ñgh , ñgh gáu .
8. lǐhng yih , yih lǐhng .
9. chāt go, baat go, sah p go , sah p go, baat go, chāt go .
10. sah p go, baat go; baat go, sah p go .
11. chāt go, baat go , baat go, chāt go .
12. gáu go, léuhng go , léuhng go, gáu go .

2. ai/aai contrasts

Listen and repeat: (Notice that ai is shorter and tenser in an isolated syllable than is aai; that the a of ai is a mid central vowel, whereas the aa of aai is a low back vowel; that i after a is high front unrounded, after aa is somewhat lower (i after a is more like the ee sound of English "see," after

aa it is more like the i sound of English "is.")

1. gāi gāi gāi 蟹, tāai tāai tāai 呔.
2. gāi tāai, tāai gāi.
3. haih haih haih, maaih maaih maaih.
4. haih m̄h haih a?, maaih m̄hmaaih a?.
5. haih m̄h haih a?, máaih m̄hmáaih a?.
6. Gó wái taaitái haih m̄h haih máaih hàaih a?
7. Ján haih m̄hsái máaih hàaih.

3. maaih and máaih

Listen and repeat:

1. maaih, maaih, máaih, máaih.
2. máaih, máaih, maaih, maaih.
3. máaih m̄hmáaih a?, maaih m̄hmaaih a?.
4. maaih m̄hmaaih a?, máaih m̄hmáaih a?.
5. m̄hséung maaih, m̄hséung máaih.
6. máaih léuhng go, máaih léuhng go, maaih léuhng go, maaih léuhng go.

4. yuk = y + uk

yuk is a syllable composed of y as initial and uk as a two-part final, composed of the high back rounded vowel u plus the velar consonant stop k. The high front rounded yu [ü] plus velar stop consonant k doesn't occur as a two-part final in Cantonese. Therefore the spelling yuk, which on paper could be ambiguously interpreted as either yu + k or y + uk, can only be y + uk.

Listen and repeat:

1. jyùyhk jyùyhk 猪肉
2. yuhk yuhk 肉肉
3. luhk luhk 六肉
4. yuhk luhk (2 times) 肉六

1. NOTES

1. dī 'some,' as general plural measure for individual nouns

a. Plurality unspecified in number is expressed by the plural measure

dī, 'some.'

1. go pīhnggwó = the apple, an apple
dī pīhnggwó = the apples, some apples
2. nī go pīhnggwó = this apple
nī dī pīhnggwó = these apples

b. Individual nouns have different individual measures, but dī serves as plural measure for all individual nouns.

- Ex: 1. bá jē = the umbrella, an umbrella
dī jē = the umbrellas, some umbrellas
2. tīuh tāai = the tie, a tie
dī tāai = the ties, some ties
3. go cháang = the orange, an orange
dī cháang = the oranges, some oranges

(See BC and Drill 4)

c. In a follow sentence dī substitutes for the noun it represents, serving in such position as an impersonal pronoun.

Béi gó dī cháang ngóh lā. = Give me those [M] oranges.

Béi gó dī ngóh lā. = Give me those. [distant ones]

d. dī is not used as Measure following a number. When number is specified, the individual measure follows the number.Ex: sp+nu +m +n

- nī dī jē = these umbrellas
sàam bá jē = three umbrellas
nī sàam bá jē = these three umbrellas
(-) sàam dī jē -- doesn't occur
(-)nī sàam dī jē -- doesn't occur

(See BC and Drills 1.5, 1.6)

2. Mass Nouns

- a. Mass nouns designate substances which are perceived in the mass rather than as discrete units. For example:

tòhng - 'sugar'
séui - 'water'
iyùyhk - 'pork'

- b. When counted, mass nouns do not use individual measures. Instead they are counted in terms of their length, weight, or some other standard; or in terms of a container of their volume; or in terms of a segment of their whole.

Ex: Nu. + M + N
 sàam bohng tòhng = three pounds of sugar
 sàam máh bou = three yards of cloth
 sàam bùi chàh = three cups of tea
 sàam faai pāi = three pieces of pie

Certain individual nouns may also be counted in terms of weight or other standard; but they are not limited to being counted this way:

Ex: sàam bohng cháang = three pounds of oranges
 sàam go cháang = three oranges

- c. Similarities and differences between individual and mass measures.

The standard/container/segment measures used in counting mass nouns occupy the same position in the sentence that individual measures occupy. The measures for mass nouns, however, differ from individual measures in not being in apposition with the following noun. They also differ in having independent meaning.

3. dī, general measure for mass nouns.

When mass nouns are particularized but not counted by number, the plural measure dī serves as general mass measure for all mass nouns. It is translated in English as 'the' in subject position, 'some,' 'a little,' in object position. Incorporated into a nī or gó compound, it translates as 'this' or 'that' in both subject and object positions.

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| Ex: 1. <u>Ní</u> dí ngàuhyuhk yiu luhk
man gan. | 1. This beef costs \$6.00
a catty. |
| 2. <u>Dí</u> faahn dungjó. | 2. The rice has gotten cold. |
| 3. Ngóh séung máaih <u>dí</u>
ngàuhyuhk. | 3. I'd like to buy some beef. |
| 4. Néih séung yám <u>dí</u> mēyéh
a? | 4. You'd like to drink a little
what? (i.e. What would
you like to drink?) |

(See BC and Drills 6, 7, 10, 11, 12 for subject position examples: See BC and Drills 1, 2, 3 for object position examples.)

4. haih ..X. làih ga?
ge.

haih ..X. làih ga? (& ge) is a phrase frame which has the effect of emphasizing the noun it envelopes.

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| Ex: Ní <u>dí</u> haih mēyéh a? | What's this? |
| Ní <u>dí</u> haih mēyéh làih
ga? | What in the world is this? |
| Gó go haih bīngó làih
ga? | Who in the world is that? |

(See BC and Drill 14)

Note that the question: Ní dí haih mēyéh làih ga? permits the mass/plural dí regardless of whether the object referred to is unit or mass, or whether, if unit, is singular or plural. If the item is singular, using the singular pronoun is also permitted.

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| Ex: Q: Ní <u>jí</u> haih mēyéh
làih ga? | What's <u>this</u> ? |
| A: Ní <u>jí</u> haih yùhnbāt
làih ge. | It's a <u>pencil</u> . |
| <u>or</u> Q: Ní <u>dí</u> haih mēyéh
làih ga? | What's <u>this</u> ? |
| A: Ní <u>dí</u> haih yùhnbāt
làih ge. | It's a <u>pencil</u> . |

5. Money Measures.

The unit of currency in Hong Kong is the Hong Kong dollar.
HK\$1.00 = US\$0.16 2/3; US\$1.00 = approximately HK\$6.00 in 1970.

a. The money measures used in counting money are the following:

1. mān = measure for 'dollar,' used when the figure is a round number. The word is derived from the first syllable of the English word 'money.'

2. go ngàhnchín = measure + noun. The compound of the two is used to represent 'dollar' when the figure is a round number. This form less common than the mān form for round number dollar figures. The basic meaning of ngàhnchín is 'money,' [literally 'silver-money']

Ex: sàam gò ngàhnchín = three dollars

3. go = measure for 'dollar' when the figure is not a round number.

Ex: \$3.10 = sàam go yāt = three dollars one (dime)
= \$3.10

4. hòuh(jí) = measure for 'dime,' used when the amount is less than one dollar.

Ex: sàam hòuh(jí) = three dimes, i.e. thirty cents

Note (in #3 above) that when dimes are part of a money expression which is larger than a dollar the dime measure is not stated. That a number following the dollar measure would indicate the dime number is predictable on the basis of the decimal system used in counting money.

5. The penny measure is not used in Hong Kong, except perhaps in banking. 5¢ is expressed, however, thus:

sei hòuh bun = 4 dimes (and) half = 45¢

In fact bun following any measure is left-bound to that measure, and means 'plus half that measure.'

Ex: sàam go bun = three dollars and a half

b. '\$1.00 apiece,' '\$1.00 a pound' type phrases.

In 'one dollar apiece' expressions in Cantonese the order of parts is irreversible with the money part coming first. (In English the order is often reversible: '5 cents for two/two for 5 cents.'

In the Cantonese phrase, the last number of the money measure must not directly precede the noun measure.

Ex: (read across)

| | Nu | M | Nu | M | Nu | M | |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|-----------|--------|--|
| 1. | sei | go | sei | ngàhnchín | | bá | } 4 dollars 4 dimes
for one [M] =
\$4.40 each. |
| 2. | sei | go | sei | | yāt | bá | |
| 3. | sei | go | sei | ngàhnchín | yāt | bá | |
| (-) | 4. | sei | go | sei | | | bá (not said this way) |
| | 5. | sei | go | sei | ngàhnchín | léuhng | bá: 4 dollars 4 dimes
for two [M] = 2
for \$4.40 |

(See BC and Drills 1, 6, 16.1)

c. Omission of yāt in certain 'one dollar' phrases.

When the dollar amount is one dollar and a fraction, the numeral yāt preceding the dollar measure go is ordinarily omitted in the spoken language.

Ex: go yāt = a dollar ten cents (\$1.10)

go yāt ngàhnchín bohng = a dollar ten cents a pound
or go yat yat bohng (\$1.10 per pound)

(See Drill 1.3)

Yāt is required, however, if the expression reaches a three-figure number.

Ex: yāt go baat hòuh bun jí bohng = \$1.85 per pound
yāt go baat hòuh bun = \$1.85

6. Words belonging to more than one grammatical category.

Ex: ngàhnchín = noun and measure: 'money' [silver-money]

nu + m + nu + m (+ n) + nu + m.

1. sei go sàam ngàhnchín léuhng bohng = \$4.30 for 2 pounds
2. sàam go ngàhnchín léuhng bohng = \$3.00 for 2 pounds
3. sàam mán léuhng bohng = \$3.00 for 2 pounds

In Sentence #1 above, ngàhnchín is a measure, in #2 a noun.

In comparison with English, there are relatively few words in Cantonese which belong to more than one grammatical category.

III. DRILLS

1. Expansion Drill: Repeat after the teacher:

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| 1. a. Gàn. | 1. a. Catty (1-1/3 pounds) |
| b. Géidō chín gàn a? | b. How much per catty? |
| c. Ngàuhyuhk géidō chín gàn a? | c. How much is beef per catty. |
| d. Dī ngàuhyuhk géidō chín gàn a? | d. How much is the beef per catty? |
| e. Dī ngàuhyuhk maaih géidō chín gàn a? | e. How much does the beef sell for per catty? |
| f. Gó dī ngàuhyuhk maaih géidō chín gàn a? | f. How much does that beef sell for per catty? |
| g. Gó dī ngàuhyuhk maaih ìgh mán gàn. | g. That beef sells for five dollars per catty. |
| + 2. a. <u>Yú</u> | 2. a. <u>Fish</u> |
| b. Dī yú. | b. The fish (in the mass) <u>or</u> These fish. |
| c. Ní dī yú. | c. This fish (in the mass) <u>or</u> These fish. |
| d. Ní dī yú géidō chín gàn a? | d. How much is this fish per catty? <u>or</u> ...are these fish. |
| e. Ní dī yú sàam go sei ngàhnchín gàn. | e. This fish is \$3.40 per catty. <u>or</u> These are ... |
| 3. a. Go yih.
(go + number, in a money phrase = one dollar and X number dimes) | 3. a. \$1.20 |
| b. Go yih ngàhnchín. | b. \$1.20 |
| + c. Go yih ngàhnchín <u>bàau</u> . | c. \$1.20 per <u>pack(age)</u> |
| + d. <u>Yínjái</u> go yih ngàhnchín <u>bàau</u> . | d. <u>Cigarettes</u> are \$1.20 per pack. |
| e. Dī yínjái go yih ngàhnchín <u>bàau</u> . | e. The cigarettes are \$1.20 per pack. |
| f. Ní dī yínjái go yih ngàhnchín <u>bàau</u> . | f. These cigarettes are \$1.20 per pack. |
| g. Kéuih wah ní dī yínjái go yih ngàhnchín <u>bàau</u> . | g. He says these cigarettes are \$1.20 per pack. |
| + 4. a. <u>máh</u> | 4. a. <u>yard</u> (in length) |
| b. Géidō chín máh a? | b. How much per yard? |
| + c. Dī <u>bou</u> géidō chín máh a?
[<u>cloth, fabric, material</u>] | c. How much is the cloth per yard? |

- d. Ní dī bou géidō chin máh a?
- e. Ní dī bou géidō chin léuhng máh a?
- f. Ní dī bou yahgáu mán léuhng máh.
- + 5. a. syù
- + b. bún syù (M. for book)
- c. Ní bún syù
- d. Ní bún syù dím maaih a?
- e. Ní léuhng bún syù dím maaih a?
- f. Ní léuhng bún syù maaih yah mán.
- g. Ní léuhng bún syù maaih yihshap mán bún.
- + 6. a. Gāi.
- + b. Jek gāi. (M. for chicken)
- c. Léuhng jek gāi.
- d. Ní léuhng jek gāi.
- e. Ní léuhng jek gāi sei mán gán.
- f. Ní léuhng jek gāi maaih sei mán gán.
- g. Ní léuhng jek gāi maaih sei go bun ngàhnchin gán.
- h. Kéuih wah ní léuhng jek gāi maaih sei go bun ngàhnchin gán.
- + 7. a. Hàaih.
- b. Jek hàaih.
- c. Béi jek hàaih ngóh.
- d. Ngóí néih béi jek hàaih ngóh.
- d. How much is this cloth per yard?
- e. How much is this cloth for 2 yards? How much is 2 yards of this cloth?
- f. This cloth is \$29 for 2 yards.
5. a. book
- b. a/the book
- c. this book
- d. How much is this book? or How much does this book sell for?
- e. How much do these 2 books sell for?
- f. These two books are \$20.00.
- g. These two books are \$20.00 each.
6. a. Chicken.
- b. A/the chicken.
- c. 2 chickens
- d. These 2 chickens.
- e. These 2 chickens are \$4 a catty.
- f. These 2 chickens sell for \$4 per catty.
- g. These 2 chickens sell for \$4.50 per catty.
- h. He says these 2 chickens sell for \$4.50 per catty.
7. a. Shoe
- b. the/a shoe
- c. Give me the shoe.
- d. Please give me the shoe.

Comment: jek is also the M. for maht, 'socks,' 'stockings.'

2. Response Drill

Ex: T: Ngóh séung máaih
dí ngàuhyuhk.

T: I want to buy some beef.

S: Kéuih dōu séung
máaih dí ngàuhyuhk.

S: He also wants to buy some beef.

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| 1. Ngóh séung máaih bá jē. | 1. Kéuih dōu séung máaih bá jē. |
| 2. Ngóh séung máaih dí jyùuhk. | 2. Kéuih dōu séung máaih dí
jyùuhk. |
| 3. Ngóh séung máaih bāau yīnjái. | 3. Kéuih dōu séung máaih bāau
yīnjái. |
| 4. Ngóh séung máaih dí tòhng. | 4. Kéuih dōu séung máaih dí
tòhng. |
| 5. Ngóh séung máaih tīuh yú. | 5. Kéuih dōu séung máaih tīuh
yú. |
| 6. Ngóh séung máaih jí bējáu. | 6. Kéuih dōu séung máaih jí
bējáu. |
| 7. Ngóh séung máaih gihn sēutsāam. | 7. Kéuih dōu séung máaih gihn
sēutsāam. |

3. Conversation Drill

Ex: T: /dí jyùuhk/

T: /some pork/

S1: Máaih mēyéh a?

S1: May I help you?

S2: Ngóh séung máaih dí
jyùuhk.

S2: I'd like to buy some pork.

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|-------------------|--|
| 1. /dí ngàuhyuhk/ | 1. A. Máaih mēyéh a?
B. Ngóh séung máaih dí
ngàuhyuhk. |
| 2. /bāau yīnjái/ | 2. A. Máaih mēyéh a?
B. Ngóh séung máaih bāau
yīnjái. |
| 3. /jek gāi/ | 3. A. Máaih mēyéh a?
B. Ngóh séung máaih jek gāi. |
| 4. /bohng tòhng/ | 4. A. Máaih mēyéh a?
B. Ngóh séung máaih bohng
tòhng. |
| 5. /dí jyùuhk/ | 5. A. Máaih mēyéh a?
B. Ngóh séung máaih dí
jyùuhk. |

6. /tíuh yú/

6. A. Máaih mēyéh a?

B. Ngóh séung máaih tíuh yú.

7. /deui hàaih/

7. A. Máaih mēyéh a?

B. Ngóh séung máaih deui hàaih.

4. Transformation Drill

Ex: T: Ní gihn sēutsāam géidō chín a?

How much is this shirt?

S: Ní dī sēutsāam géidō chín gihn a?

How much are these shirts apiece?

1. Ní bāau yīnjái géidō chín a?

1. Ní dī yīnjái géidō chín bāau a?

2. Ní bá jē géidō chín a?

2. Ní dī jē géidō chín bá a?

3. Ní deui hàaih géidō chín a?

3. Ní dī hàaih géidō chín deui a?

4. Ní gihn yúhlāu géidō chín a?

4. Ní dī yúhlāu géidō chín gihn a?

5. Ní tíuh fu géidō chín a?

5. Ní dī fu géidō chín tíuh a?

6. Ní gihn sām géidō chín a?

6. Ní dī sām géidō chín gihn a?

Comment: The individual Measures mean 'apiece,' 'each,' following a money phrase: Standard Measures mean 'per M.'

Ex: Ní dī gāi sei mán gán.

These chickens are \$4.00 per catty.

Ní dī yùnbāt sām hòuhjī jí.

These pencils are 30¢ each.

Ní dī yùnbāt luhk hòuhjī léuhng jí.

These pencils are 60¢ for two.

5. Substitution Drill

Ex: T: jyúyuhk /gàn/

T: pork /catty/

S: Ní dī jyúyuhk géidō chín gán a?

S: How much is this pork per catty?

1. /ngàuhyuhk /gàn/

1. Ní dī ngàuhyuhk géidō chín gán a?

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| 2. /sēutsāam/gihn/ | 2. Ní dī sēutsāam géidō chín gihn a? |
| 3. /gāi/jek/ | 3. Ní dī gāi géidō chín jek a? |
| 4. /bējáu/jí/ | 4. Ní dī bējáu géidō chín jí a? |
| 5. /yīnjái/bāau/ | 5. Ní dī yīnjái géidō chín bāau a? |
| 6. /tòhng/bohng/ | 6. Ní dī tòhng géidō chín bohng a? |
| 7. /cháang/go/ | 7. Ní dī cháang géidō chín go a? |
| 8. /pīhnggwó/go/ | 8. Ní dī pīhnggwó géidō chín go a? |
| 9. /jīu/gàn/ | 9. Ní dī jīu géidō chín gàn a? |
| 10. /dáifu/tíuh/ | 10. Ní dī dáifu géidō chín tíuh a? |

6. Transformation Drill

Ex: T: Ní dī ngàuyuhk sām go luhk ngàhnchín gàn.

T: This beef is \$3.60 per catty.

S1: Ní dī ngàuyuhk géidō chín gàn a? S1: How much is this beef per catty?

S2: Sām go luhk ngàhnchín gàn.

\$3.60 per catty.

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| 1. Ní dī jyùuyuhk sei man gàn. | 1. A. Ní dī jyùuyuhk géidō chín gàn a?
B. Sei mán gàn. |
| 2. Ní dī ngàuyuhk ŋgh mán bohng. | 2. A. Ní dī ngàuyuhk géidō chín bohng a?
B. ŋgh mán bohng. |
| 3. Ní dī yīnjái go yih ngàhnchín bāau. | 3. A. Ní dī yīnjái géidō chín bāau a?
B. Go yih ngàhnchín bāau. |
| 4. Ní dī dáikwàhn léuhng mán tíuh. | 4. A. Ní dī dáikwàhn géidō chín tíuh a?
B. Léuhng mán tíuh. |
| 5. Ní dī dáikwàhn go yih ngàhnchín gihn. | 5. A. Ní dī dáikwàhn géidō chín gihn a?
B. Go yih ngàhnchín gihn. |

7. Alteration Drill

Ex: T: Ní dī ngàuhyuhk
dím maaih a?

T: How do you sell this beef? or
What does this beef sell for?

S: Ní dī ngàuhyuhk géi-
dō chín gàn a?

S: How much is this beef per
catty?

1. Ní dī jyùyhk dím maaih a?
/gàn/

1. Ní dī jyùyhk géidō chín
gàn a?

2. Ní dī gāi dím maaih a? /gàn/

2. Ní dī gāi géidō chín gàn a?

3. Ní dī yú dím maaih a? /gàn/

3. Ní dī yú géidō chín gàn a?

4. Ní dī bējáu dím maaih a? /jǐ/

4. Ní dī bējáu géidō chín jǐ a?

5. Ní dī tòhng dím maaih a?
/bohng/

5. Ní dī tòhng géidō chín
bohng a?

6. Ní dī yǐnjái dím maaih a?
/bāau/

6. Ní dī yǐnjái géidō chín
bāau a?

8. Response Drill: Answer with '2' each time.

Ex: T: Néih oi m̀hoi yǐnjái
a?

T: Do you want cigarettes?

S: Oi - Béi léuhng
bāau ngòh lā.

S: Yes - Give me two packs
please.

1. Néih oi m̀hoi bējáu a?

1. Oi - Béi léuhng jǐ ngòh lā.

2. Néih oi m̀hoi yǐnjái a?

2. Oi - Béi léuhng bāau ngòh
lā.

3. Néih oi m̀hoi ngàuhyuhk a?

3. Oi - Béi léuhng gàn ngòh lā.

4. Néih oi m̀hoi tòhng a?

4. Oi - Béi léuhng bohng ngòh
lā.

5. Néih oi m̀hoi heiséui a?

5. Oi - Béi léuhng jǐ ngòh lā.

6. Néih oi m̀hoi yǐnjái a? /jǐ/

6. Oi - Béi léuhng jǐ ngòh lā.

(M for one cigarette)

9. Response Drill

Ex: 1. T: Ngh bohng gau
m̀hgau a? /nod/

T: Is five pounds enough?

S: Gau laak.

S: That's enough.

2. T: Ngh bohng gau T: Is five pounds enough?
 ̀m̀hgau a? /shake/

S: M̀hgau. Ngóh oi luhk S: No, I want to get six pounds.
 bohng.

Note: Answer with one more than the given number in response to the negative cue.

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Sei bohng gau ̀m̀hgau a? /nod/ | 1. Gau laak. |
| 2. Léuhng bāau gau ̀m̀hgau a? /shake/ | 2. M̀hgau. Ngóh oi sām bāau. |
| 3. Luhk gàn gau ̀m̀hgau a? /shake/ | 3. M̀hgau. Ngóh oi chāt gàn. |
| 4. Sām jǐ gau ̀m̀hgau a? /nod/ | 4. Gau laak. |
| 5. Yāt jek gau ̀m̀hgau a? /shake/ | 5. M̀hgau. Ngóh oi léuhng jek. |
| 6. Chāt gih̄n gau ̀m̀hgau a? /nod/ | 6. Gau laak. |
| 7. Ngh tiuh gau ̀m̀hgau a? /nod/ | 7. Gau laak. |
| 8. Baat deui gau ̀m̀hgau a? /shake/ | 8. M̀hgau. Ngóh oi gáu deui. |
| 9. Gáu go gau ̀m̀hgau a? /shake/ | 9. M̀hgau. Ngóh oi sah̄p go. |

10. Conversation Drill

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| Ex: A: Nǐ dǐ yǐnjái dím
maaih a? | A. What do these cigarettes sell for? |
| B: Go yih ngàhnchín
bāau. Néih máaih
géidō bāau a? | B. \$1.20 per pack. How many packs do you want? |
| A: Yāt bāau gau laak. | A. One pack is enough. |
| 1. A. Nǐ dǐ jyùyhk? | 1. A. Nǐ dǐ jyùyhk dím
maaih a? |
| B. Ngh go sei ngàhnchín gàn. | B. Ngh go sei ngàhnchín gàn.
Néih máaih géidō gàn
a? |
| A. Yāt | A. Yāt gàn gau laak. |
| 2. A. Nǐ dǐ bējáu? | 2. A. Nǐ dǐ bējáu dím maaih a? |
| B. Go baat ngàhnchín jǐ. | B. Go baat ngàhnchín jǐ.
Néih máaih géidō jǐ a? |
| A. Luhk | A. Luhk jǐ gau laak. |
| 3. A. Nǐ dǐ fu? | 3. A. Nǐ dǐ fu dím maaih a? |
| B. Yahluhk go baat ngàhnchín
tiuh. | B. Yahluhk go baat ngàhnchín
tiuh. Néih máaih géidō
tiuh a? |
| A. Yāt | A. Yāt tiuh gau laak. |

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|--|---|
| 4. A. Ní dī bou | 4. A. Ní dī bou dīm maaih a? |
| B. Sāhpchāt mán máh | B. Sāhpchāt mán máh.
Néih máaih géidō máh a? |
| A. Sàam | A. Sàam máh gau laak. |
| 5. A. Ní dī tòhng | 5. A. Ní dī tòhng dīm maaih a? |
| B. Luhk hòuhjí bohng,... | B. Luhk hòuhjí bohng.
Néih máaih géidō bohng a? |
| A. Yāt | A. Yāt bohng gau laak. |
| 6. A. Ní dī maht | 6. A. Ní dī maht dīm maaih a? |
| B. Léuhng go bun ngàhnchín
deui | B. Léuhng go bun ngàhnchín
deui. Néih máaih géidō
deui a? |
| A. Léuhng | A. Léuhng deui gau laak. |

11. Combining Drill

Ex: T: Ní dī haih tòhng.
Béi sàam bohng
ngóh lā.

T: This is sugar.
Give me three pounds.

S: Béi sàam bohng ní
dī ngóh lā.

S: Give me three pounds of this.

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| 1. Ní dī haih pihnggwó.
Béi luhk go pihnggwó ngóh lā. | 1. Béi luhk go ní dī ngóh lā.
Give me six of these. |
| 2. Ní dī haih bou.
Béi léuhng máh bou ngóh lā. | 2. Béi léuhng máh ní dī ngóh
lā. |
| 3. Ní dī haih yùnbāt.
Béi sei jí yùnbāt ngóh lā. | 3. Béi sei jí ní dī ngóh lā. |
| 4. Ní dī haih syù.
Béi bún syù ngóh lā. | 4. Béi bún ní dī ngóh lā. |
| 5. Ní dī haih heisèui.
Béi sàam jí heisèui ngóh lā. | 5. Béi sàam jí ní dī ngóh lā. |
| 6. Ní dī haih yú.
Béi tìuh yú ngóh lā. | 6. Béi tìuh ní dī ngóh lā. |

12. Response Drill

Ex: T: Ní dī haih jē.

T: These are umbrellas.

S: M̀hgòì néih béi bá
ngóh lā!

S: Please give me one.

1. Ní dī haih bāt.

1. M̀hgòì néih béi jǐ ngóh lā!

2. Ní dī haih syù.

2. M̀hgòì néih béi bún ngóh lā!

3. Ní dī haih yùhnbat.

3. M̀hgòì néih béi jǐ ngóh lā!

4. Ní dī haih p̀hnggwó.

4. M̀hgòì néih béi go ngóh lā!

5. Ní dī haih b́ng.

5. M̀hgòì néih béi go ngóh lā!

13. Conversation Drill:

Ex: T: géi jek jǐu

a few bananas

S1: M̀hgòì béi géi jek
jǐu ngóh lā.

Please give me a few bananas.

S2: Béi géi jek mēyéh wá?

Give a few whats, did you say?

S1: Géi jek jǐu.

A few bananas.

1. géi go p̀hnggwó

1. S1: M̀hgòì béi géi go p̀hng-
gwó ngóh lā.

S2: Béi géi go mēyéh wá?

S1: Géi go p̀hnggwó.

2. géi t̀iuh t̄ai

2. S1: M̀hgòì béi géi t̀iuh t̄ai
ngóh lā.

S2: Béi géi t̀iuh mēyéh wá?

S1: Géi t̀iuh t̄ai.

3. géi go cháang

3. S1: M̀hgòì béi géi go cháang
ngóh lā.

S2: Béi géi go mēyéh wá?

S1: Géi go cháang.

4. géi jǐ yùhnjibāt

4. S1: M̀hgòì béi géi jǐ yùhn-
jibāt ngóh lā.

S2: Béi géi jǐ mēyéh wá?

S1: Géi jǐ yùhnjibāt.

5. géi bāu yǐn

5. S1: M̀hgòì béi géi bāu yǐn
ngóh lā.

S2: Béi géi bāu mēyéh wá?

S1: Géi bāu yǐn.

14. Question & Answer Drill: Teacher gives cue by pointing to objects, or pictures of them. Props required: apple, orange, ball point pen, etc.

Ex: T: (pencil)

S1: Ní dī haih mēyéh
laih ga?

S1: What's this?

S2: Yùhnbat. Gó dī
haih yùhnbat.

S2: A pencil. That's a pencil. or
Pencils. Those are pencils.

S1: Géidō jī nē? /4/
(holds up fingers)

S1: How many? /unit/

S2: Sei jī.

S2: 4.

1. (apple)

1. A. Ní dī haih mēyéh laih ga?

B. Píhnggwó. Gó dī haih
píhnggwó.

A. Géidō go nē? /3/

B. Sàam go.

2. (orange)

2. A. Ní dī haih mēyéh laih ga?

B. Cháang. Gó dī haih cháang.

A. Géidō go nē? /1/

B. Yāt go.

3. (ball point pen)

3. A. Ní dī haih mēyéh laih ga?

B. Yùhnjibāt. Gó dī haih
yùhnjibāt.

A. Géidō jī nē? /6/

B. Luhk jī.

4. (pack of cigarettes)

4. A. Ní dī haih mēyéh laih ga?

B. Yīnjái. Gó dī haih yīnjái.

A. Géidō bāau nē? /2/

B. Léuhng bāau.

5. (book)

5. A. Gó dī haih mēyéh laih ga?

B. Syù. Gó dī haih syù.

A. Géidō bún nē? /1/

B. Yāt bún.

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15. Substitution Drill: Teacher writes numbers on the blackboard to cue the students.

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S: Ní gihn sēutsāam
maaih sahpyih go
sei.

S: This shirt sells for \$12.40.

1. \$12.20

1. Ní gihn sēutsāam maaih
sahpyih go yih.

2. \$13.60

2. Ní gihn sēutsāam maaih
sahpsāam go luhk.

3. \$13.20

3. Ní gihn sēutsāam maaih
sahpsāam go yih.

4. \$13.50

4. Ní gihn sēutsāam maaih
sahpsāam go bun.

5. \$15.90

5. Ní gihn sēutsāam maaih
sahpǎngh go gáu.

a. Continue, with other numbers.

16. Expansion Drill

1. a. ngàuhnáaih.

a. milk

b. Dī ngàuhnáaih.

b. the milk, or some milk

c. Dī ngàuhnáaih go baat
ngahnchín jí.

c. The milk is \$1.80 a bottle.

d. Dī ngàuhnáaih yiu go baat
ngahnchín jí.

d. The milk costs \$1.80 a
bottle.

2. a. jīu

a. bananas

b. dī jīu.

b. the bananas or some bananas

c. dī jīu íngh hòuhjí gán.

c. the bananas are 50¢ a catty.

d. Dī jīu maaih íngh hòuhjí
gán.

d. The bananas sell for 50¢ a
catty.

e. Dī jīu haih m̀h̄h̄aih maaih
íng hòuhjí gán a?

e. Do the bananas sell for
50¢ a catty?

IV. CONVERSATIONS FOR LISTENING

(On tape. Listen to tape with book closed.)

V. SAY IT IN CANTONESE

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| <p>A. In a grocery store, the clerk asks:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What do you want to buy? 2. Is 5 pounds of sugar enough? 3. Whether you'd like to buy some fish. 4. How many packs (of cigarettes) do you want? | <p>B. And the customer answers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I want some beef, and also some pork and milk. 2. 5 pounds is not enough-- give me 10 pounds. 3. Yes, I'd like to buy one fish. 4. Two packs are enough. |
| <p>C. In a grocery store, the customer asks:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much does the beef sell for? 2. How much are these cigarettes? 3. Is this fish \$3.00 a catty? 4. What is this? 5. These bananas are 80¢ a catty, aren't they? 6. These apples are 30¢ each, aren't they? 7. How much is the sugar per pound? | <p>D: And the clerk answers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It's \$5.80 a catty. 2. They're \$1.20 a pack. 3. No, this is \$2.80 a catty-- those (pointing) are \$3.00 a catty. 4. That's pork--would you like some? 5. Yes, 80¢ a catty.--how many catties would you like? 6. No, the apples are 50¢ each-- the oranges are 30¢ each. 7. It's 75¢ a pound. |

Vocabulary Checklist for Lesson 7

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|--------------------|----------|---|
| 1. bǎau | m: | package, M. for cigarette pack |
| 2. bohng | m: | pound |
| 3. bou | n: | cloth |
| 4. bún | m: | M. for book |
| 5. -bun | nu: | half |
| 6. dǐ | m: | some, the |
| 7. gāi | n: | chicken |
| 8. gàn | m: | catty, unit of weight ca 1 1/3 lb |
| 9. gó dǐ | sp+m: | those (in reference to unit nouns); that (in reference to mass nouns) |
| 10. haih...laih ge | Ph: | is..(grammatical structure giving emphasis to enclosed noun) |
| 11. hòuh(jǐ) | m: | dime |
| 12. jek | m: | M. for chicken, shoe, sock, ship. |
| 13. jǐ | m: | M. for cigarette |
| 14. jyùyhk | n: | pork |
| 15. ...laih ge | see: | haih...laih ge |
| 16. maaih | v: | sell |
| 17. máh | m: | yard (in length) |
| 18. ngàhnchín | n/m: | money [silver-money] |
| 19. ngàuhyhk | n: | beef |
| 20. ní dǐ | sp+m: | these (in reference to unit nouns) this (in reference to mass nouns) |
| 21. ngoi | v: | var. of <u>oi</u> , want, want to have, want to possess |
| 22. oi | v: | want, want to have, want to possess |
| 23. syù | n: | book |
| 24. tòhng | n: | sugar |
| 25. yāt'yeuhng | nuM/adj: | same |
| 26. yǐnjǎi | n: | cigarette |
| 27. yú | n: | fish |

I. BASIC CONVERSATION

A. Buildup:

(Buying socks at a department store:)

Guhaak

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| dyún | short |
| dyún maht | socks |
| baahk- | white |
| baahk dyún maht | white socks |
| yáuh | have; there is/are |
| móuh | not have; there is/are not |
| yáuh móuh? | have/not have? do you have? |
| | is there? are there? |
| yáuh móuh maht? | do (you) have socks? |
| yáuh móuh baahk dyún maht | do you have white socks? |
| | <u>or</u> are there any white socks? |

Yáuh móuh baahk dyún maht
maaih a?

Do you have white socks for
sale?

Sauhfoyúhn

Yáuh.
jeuk
Haih m̀hahih néih jeuk ga?

Yes. [Have]
wear (clothes)
Are they for you? [ones for
you to wear?]

Guhaak

Haih.

That's right.

Sauhfoyúhn

houh
gái houh?
Jeuk gái houh a?

number; size
what size?
What size do you wear?

Guhaak

Gáu houh.

Number nine.

Sauhfoyúhn

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| yauh | also |

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yauh pèhng yauh leng
Ní dī yauh pèhng yauh leng.

jūngyi
jūng àh jūngyi a?
Néih jūng àh jūngyi a?

Guhaak

hóu
géi hóu
daaih
àhgau daaih
Géi hóu, daahn haih àhgau daaih.

-dī
daaihdī
daaihdī ge
Yáuh móuh daaihdī ge nē?

Sauhfoyhñ

-saai
maaihsaai laak.
Deui àh jyuh--daaihdī ge dōu
maaihsaai laak.
hāk-
hāksīk
hóu àh hóu?
Hāksīk, hóu àh hóu a?
Hāksīk dōu hóu leng ga.

Guhaak

Hóu aak.

Sauhfoyhñ

Ní dī sàam mán, ní dī sàam go
bun.
bīn-?
jūng

both cheap and pretty
These are both cheap and
pretty.

like; like to
do you like (it/them)?
Do you like them?

good, nice
quite nice, pretty nice
big
not big enough
They're quite nice, but they're
not big enough.
somewhat--, a little bit--
a little larger
larger one (or ones)
Do you have any little bit
larger ones?

completely
all sold out
I'm sorry, the larger ones are
all sold out.
black
black color
is (that) all right?
Would black be all right?
The black are also very pretty.

All right.

These are three dollars, and
these are three and a half.
which?
kind, type

Néih ngoi bín júng a?

Guhaak

sám go bun ge

Which ones do you want?

the three-fifty ones (or one)

Oi sám go bun ge lā.

I'd like the \$3.50 ones.

Sauhfoyúhn

dā

dozen

máaih bun dā

buy half a dozen

àh

sentence suffix adding force of 'I suppose' to sentence it attaches to.

Máaih bun dā àh.

You'll take a half a dozen, I suppose.

Guhaak

dò

much, many

Mhsái gam dò.

(I) don't need that many.

Sám deui gau laak.

Three pairs are enough.

B. Recapitulation:

Guhaak

Yáuh móuh baahk dyún maht
maaih a?

Do you have white socks for sale?

Sauhfoyúhn

Yáuh. Haih àh haih néih jeuk ga?

Yes. Are they for you?

Guhaak

Haih.

That's right.

Sauhfoyúhn

Jeuk géi houh a?

What size do you wear?

Guhaak

Gáu houh.

Number nine.

Sauhfoyúhn

Ní dī yauh pòhng yauh leng.

These are both cheap and

Néih júng àh júngyi a?

pretty. Do you like them?

Guhaak

Géi hóu, daah haih àh gau

They're quite nice, but they're

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| daaih. | not big enough. |
| Yáuh móuh daaihdí ge nē? | Do you have any larger ones? |
| | <u>Sauhfoyúhn</u> |
| Deuih̄jyuh--daaihdí ge | I'm sorry, the larger ones are |
| dōu maaihsai laak. | all sold out. |
| Hāaksík, hóu m̄hóu a? | Would black be all right? |
| Hāaksík dōu hóu leng ga. | The black are also very pretty. |
| | <u>Guhaak</u> |
| Hóu aak. | All right. |
| | <u>Sauhfoyúhn</u> |
| Ní dí sàam mán, ní dí sàam | These are three dollars, these |
| go bun. | are \$3.50. |
| Néih ngoi bín júng nē? | Which ones do you want? |
| | <u>Guhaak</u> |
| Oi sàam go bun ge lā. | I'd like the three-fifty ones, |
| | please. |
| | <u>Sauhfoyúhn</u> |
| Máaih bun dā àh. | Half a dozen, I suppose. |
| | <u>Guhaak</u> |
| Mh̄sái gam dò. Sàam deui gau | I don't need so many. Three |
| laak. | pairs are enough. |

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Pronunciation Practice:

1. yun as in dyún

yun is a two-part final composed of the high front rounded vowel yu [ü], plus the dental nasal consonant n. The yu is an open vowel before the nasal final, and being a rounded vowel, has a rounding effect on a consonant preceding it in the same syllable, as well as the consonant following it.

Listen and repeat:

- 短 1. dyún , dyún , dyún .
鉛筆 2. yúhnbat (5 times separately)
短鉛 3. dyún yúhn , yúhn dyún . 鉛短
鉛短 4. yúhn dyún , dyún yúhn . 短鉛

2. yu/yun contrasts

Listen and repeat: (Watch the teacher)

1. yú yú 魚, dyún dyún 筭.
2. dyún dyún, yú yú.
3. dyún yú, yú dyún.

3. euk in jeuk, (ng)āamjeuk

euk is a two-part final composed of the rounded mid front vowel eu plus the velar stop consonant k. In final position in a syllable, k is unreleased--[k̚]. Before k, the positioning for eu is the same as that for eu before ng--raised mid front rounded--[ø]. Lips are rounded for the vowel and also for consonants preceding and following it in a syllable.

Listen and repeat: (Watch the teacher)

- 著 1. jeuk jeuk jeuk ; jeuk, jeuk, jeuk.
- 啫著 2. āamjeuk āamjeuk.
3. ngāamjeuk ngāamjeuk.

4. euk/eung contrasts

Listen and repeat: (Note that tongue and lip position is the same for eu before k as it is for eu before ng.)

1. jeuk, jeuk, Jèung, Jèung.
2. jeuk Jèung, Jèung jeuk.
3. jeuk séung, jeuk léuhng,
4. jeuk chéuhng, jeuk yātyèuhng.

5. euk/eut contrasts

Listen and repeat: (Note that the tongue position for eu before the dental t is somewhat lower than its position before the velar k.)

1. jeuk jeuk, sēut sēut.
2. jeuk sām, sēutsām.
3. sēutsām, jeuk sām.

6. ek as in jek

ek is a two-part final composed of the mid front unrounded vowel e [E] plus the velar stop consonant k. In final position in a syllable, k is unreleased--[k̚]. The American counterpart of the

Cantonese ek is the eck in 'peck,' although in final position the American k is not necessarily unreleased--it may or may not be, with no significant difference.

Listen and repeat:

jek (5 times) 隻

7. eng as in leng, pèhng, béng, tèng

eng is a two-part final composed of the mid front unrounded vowel e [E] plus the velar nasal consonant ng. The e is like the e in the American 'bet.' It is an open vowel before the nasal final.

Listen and repeat, comparing English and Cantonese:

(Read across)

| English | Cantonese |
|---------|-----------|
| 1. bet | béng 餅 |
| 2. pet | pèhng 平 |
| 3. let | leng 靚 |
| 4. Tet | tèng 聽 |

8. ut as in fut, 'wide' (See Drill 3)

ut is a two-part final composed of the high back rounded vowel u plus the dental stop consonant t. The tongue position for t is like that for English words ending with t--the tip of the tongue stops the flow of air at the dental ridge behind the upper teeth. In final position the Cantonese t is unreleased--[t̚]. u before t is produced the same as was u finally and u before n--as a high back rounded vowel [u] with tongue position somewhat higher than for u before k and ng. Before t the u is relatively long and has a slight offglide to high central position--[u·ù] [u·ùt̚].

Listen and repeat:

滿 fut , fut , fut , fut , fut .

9. u/ut contrasts

u before t is similar to u as a one-part final; both are high back rounded vowels, but u before t has a slight offglide to high central position [u·ùt̚].

Listen and repeat:

- 禱 1. fu fu fu , fu fu fu .
 滿 2. fut fut fut , fut fut fut .

3. fu fut , fu fut , fu fut ,
fut fu , fut fu , fut fu .

10. ut/un contrasts

u before t is pronounced the same as u before n, rather long, and with a slight forward offglide before the final consonant--[u·úʔ], [u:úʔn].

Listen and repeat:

1. fut fut , bun bun .
2. fut bun , bun fut .
3. bun bun , fut fut .

11. ut/uk contrasts

Tongue position for u before k is slightly lower than that for u before t, and the vowel is relatively short before k and long before t--[U˘kʰ], [u:úʔtʰ].

Listen and repeat:

1. fut fut , luhk luhk .
2. ngâuhuhk yuhk, yuhk , fut fut .
3. fut yuhk , fut luhk , luhk yuhk fut
fut .

12. ak/aak contrasts

Listen and repeat:

1. dāk dāk 得 , hāak hāak 黑 .
2. dāk hāak , hāak dāk .
3. jaak jaak ('narrow') 窄 , jaak dāk .
4. hāak dāk , jaak dāk , baahk dāk .
5. hāak hāak , jaak jaak , baahk baahk ,
dāk dāk .

II. NOTES

1. The verb yáuh, 'have,' 'there is/are'

a. yáuh is irregular in that its negative is not 'm̀hyáuh' but móuh.

It patterns like other verbs in the affirmative, negative and choice questions:

Ex: aff: yáuh = have; there is
 neg: móuh = don't have; there isn't
 q: yáuh móuh ...? = do (you) have?; is there?

(See BC and Drills 1.1, 1.3, 8)

2. Adjectives

a. Adjectives are descriptive words. Words like daaih, 'big,' and dyún, 'short,' are adjectives.

b. From the grammatical point of view an adjective is a word that fits into certain positions in a sentence. A word which may be preceded by the following words and word groups is classed as an adjective in Cantonese:

hóu very
gái quite
m̀hahh hái gái not very
m̀hahh hái hóu not exceptionally

(See BC and Drills 4, 5)

c. A word which is an adjective in Cantonese may translate into another part of speech in English. For example, ngāamjeuk 'fits, fits well' is an adjective in Cantonese, because it patterns like an adjective, whereas the English equivalent expression 'fit' is a verb:

Ní gihn sēutsāam = This shirt fits well.
 hóu ngāamjeuk. [This shirt is very well-fitting.]

hóusihk 'good to eat,' 'tasty,' and hóuyám 'good to drink,' 'tasty,' are also adjectives, since they pattern like adjectives. They can be modified with the set of words, 'gái,' 'hóu,' etc. that modify adjectives.

1. Ní go p̀hnggwó hóu This apple is very tasty.
 hóusihk. (i.e., tastes good.)
 2. Dī bējáu hóu hóuyám. The beer is very tasty.
 (i.e., tastes good.)

(See Drill 2)

- d. Adjectives in Cantonese, unlike English, do not require the equivalent of the verb 'is' to serve as the predicate.

Compare:

| <u>Cantonese:</u> | | <u>English:</u> | |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <u>Subject</u> | <u>Predicate</u> | <u>Subject</u> | <u>Predicate</u> |
| | Adj. | | Verb + Adj. |
| Ní gihn | daaih. | This one | is big. |
| Ní dī | hóu leng. | Those | are very pretty. |

Since adjectives share this characteristic of verbs, and share also the characteristic of being able to be preceded directly by m̄h, 'not,' we consider adjectives in Cantonese to be a sub-category of verbs. Some writers call this category of word 'stative verb' rather than adjective.

- e. Adjectives modified and unmodified.

1. An adjective modified by gái 'quite' or hóu 'very' carries the force which an unmodified adjective does in English:

Ex: Ní gihn gái leng.

This one is pretty.

Ní gihn hóu leng.

2. An unmodified adjective indicates an implied comparison in a Cantonese sentence with a single adjective as predicate.

Ex: A: Néih wah bīn gihn leng a? Which one do you think is pretty?

B: Ní gihn leng. This one is pretty. (i.e. prettier than the other)

3. With two adjectives in the predicate, a yauh...yauh... construction is required, and in such a case, the unmodified adjective is the norm.

Ex: Ní go píhnggwó yauh péng yauh leng. This apple is both cheap and good.

(See BC and Drill 10)

4. The choice-type question follows the verbal pattern of V m̄hV, yielding Adj m̄hAdj.

Ex: Ní gihn gwai m̄hgwai a? Is this one expensive?

(See Drills 3, 11)

To say 'Is this one very expensive?' requires a haih m̄hah question:

Ex: Nī gihn haih m̄hah Is this one very expensive?
hōu gwai a?

f. Adj + ge combination = noun phrase (NP).

An adjective is frequently used to form a noun phrase by adding the noun-forming suffix ge.

Ex: 1. M̄hah daaih ge, haih 1. It's not the big one, it's
sai ge. the small one. or
They aren't the big ones,
they are the small ones.

2. yiu daaihdī ge. 2. Want a large one (or ones).

(See Drill 13)

Note that when an adjective combines with ge to form a noun construction, it is necessary to add haih or another verb to form a sentence.

3. dī as adj. suffix, 'a little,' 'Adj-er.'

In Cantonese Adj-dī has a comparative sense, but the English equivalents are translated variously, depending on context as:

'somewhat,' 'a little;' and also the comparative '-er.'

Ex: Ngōh go bīu faaidī.

[My watch is a bit faster (than
the right time).]
My watch is a little fast.

Nī gihn lāangsāam
daaihdī.

[This sweater is a little
larger (than the size I
need).]
This sweater is a little too
large.

Yáuh móuh saidī ge nē?

Do you have a smaller one?
(or smaller ones)

(See BC and Drills 13, 15)

4. Two syllable verbs and adjectives form the choice-type questions by using only the first syllable before the m̄h, and the whole word after:

V/Adj.

Choice question

jūngyi like

jūng m̄hjūngyi a?

(do you) like (it)?

ngāamjeuk well-fitting ngāam m̄hngāamjeuk a? (Does it) fit?

(See BC)

5. àh sentence suffix, adding force of 'I suppose' to sentence it attaches to. It makes the sentence a rhetorical question. The speaker indicates with the àh final that he knows the response to his sentence will be in agreement with what he says. The intonation has the sentence-final fall characteristic of statement sentences.

Ex: Máiuh bún dā àh. (You'll) buy a half dozen,
I suppose.

(See BC and Drill 9)

Compare the two following English sentences, of which the second has a connotation similar to the Cantonese àh sentences:

1. He's drinking tea, isn't he? (you're not sure)
2. He's drinking tea, isn't he. (you're sure he is)

6. Further use of sentence suffix nē?

A question sentence which continues a topic already being discussed often uses the sentence suffix nē?, with force of:

'...then?;' '...And...?'

Ex: Yáuh móuh daaihdi ge nē? Do you have any larger ones,
then? (Having been shown
smaller ones)

(See BC and Drill 16)

This nē? is the same final you encountered in Lesson 2 in the sentence composed of Noun + nē:

Sínsàang nē? 'And you, Sir?'

The use of nē in this lesson is new in that it is here a final in a sentence which is itself a question. This use of nē is apparently used more frequently by women than by men, and its frequent use by men is said to give an effeminate cast to their speech. Sentence suffix a can be substituted for nē in all cases in which nē is a sentence suffix to a sentence which is itself a question.

7. Noun modification structures.

a. Noun as modifier to a following noun head:

1. Nouns as modifiers directly precede the noun they modify:

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| Ex: Yínggwok hàaih | English shoes |
| Yahtbún bējáu | Japanese beer |
| bou hàaih | cloth shoes |
| píhnggwó pāi | apple pie |

2. When the noun head is already established, ge may substitute for the noun head in a follow sentence, keeping modification structures intact:

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| Ex: a. Ngoh yiu máaih jí | I want to buy a bottle of |
| Yahtbún bējáu. | Japanese beer [Japan beer]. |
| Yáuh móuh a? | Do you have any? |
| b. Móuh a. Máaih jí | No, we don't. How about |
| Méihgwok ge, hóu | getting an American one? |
| mhhóu a? | [America-one] |

(See Drill 8)

b. Adjectives as modifiers to a following noun head:

1. A one syllable adjective as modifier directly precedes the noun it modifies:

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| Ex: 1. Néih gihn sán | Your new shirt is pretty. |
| séutsāam hóu | |
| leng. | |
| 2. Ngoh m̀hjúngyi | I don't like to wear shorts. |
| jeuk dyún fu. | [short trousers] |

2. Adjectives that are pre-modified add ge when modifying a following noun:

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. ch̀euhng yùhnbat | long pencil |
| 2. hóu ch̀euhng ge yùhn- | very long pencil |
| bat | |
| 3. hóu gwai ge ch̀euhng | very expensive long pencil |
| yùhnbat | |

(See Drill 1.3)

III. DRILLS

1. Expansion Drill: Students repeat after the teacher.

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| + 1. a. <u>chèuhng</u> . | 1. a. <u>long</u> . |
| b. chéuhng fu. | b. slacks, trousers.
[long trousers] |
| c. yáuh tǐuh chéuhng fu. | c. Have a pair of slacks. |
| d. Yáuh tǐuh hāak chéuhng fu. | d. Have a pair of black
slacks. |
| e. Yáuh tǐuh hāak sīk ge
chéuhng fu. | e. Have a pair of black
coloured slacks. |
| + 2. a. <u>gwai</u> | 2. a. <u>expensive</u> . |
| + b. <u>géi</u> gwai | b. <u>rather</u> expensive,
<u>quite</u> expensive |
| + c. <u>m̄hhaih</u> géi gwai | c. <u>not very</u> expensive, <u>not</u>
expensive |
| d. Dī bou m̄hhaih géi gwai. | d. The cloth is not too
expensive. |
| e. Dī Yahtbún bou m̄hhaih
géi gwai. | e. The Japanese cloth is not
expensive. |
| 3. a. Jǐ yùhnbat̄. | 3. a. A (<u>or</u> The) pencil. |
| b. Yáuh jǐ yùhnbat̄. | b. Have a pencil. |
| c. Ngóh yáuh jǐ yùhnbat̄. | c. I have a pencil. |
| d. Ngóh yáuh jǐ chéuhng yùhnbat̄. | d. I have a long pencil. |
| e. Ngóh yáuh jǐ hóu gwai ge
chéuhng yùhnbat̄. | e. I have a very expensive
long pencil. |
| + 4. a. Gihn <u>lāangsāam</u> . | 4. a. The (<u>or</u> a) <u>sweater</u> . |
| + b. Gihn <u>sàn</u> lāangsāam. | b. The <u>new</u> sweater. |
| c. Ngóh gihn sà̄n lāangsāam. | c. My new sweater. |
| d. Ngóh gihn sà̄n lāangsāam
hóu gwai. | d. My new sweater is very
expensive. |
| e. Kéuih m̄hjidou ngóh gihn sà̄n
lāangsāam hóu gwai. | e. He does not know (that)
my new sweater is very
expensive. |
| + 5. a. <u>gauh</u> | 5. a. <u>old</u> |
| b. gauh bat̄ | b. old pen. |
| c. Jǐ gauh bat̄. | c. The old pen (or pencil). |
| d. Jǐ gauh yùhnjibat̄. | d. The old ball-point pen. |

2. Substitution Drill: Adjectives

- Ex: T: Nǐ dǐ géi daaih. /leng/ T: These are (or this (mass) is) quite big. /pretty/
S: Nǐ dǐ géi leng. S: These are very pretty. or This (mass) is very pretty.
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| 1. Nǐ dǐ géi gwai. /pèhng/ | 1. Nǐ dǐ géi pèhng. |
| + 2. /sai/ (small) | 2. Nǐ dǐ géi sai. These are (or This (mass) is) quite small. |
| 3. /daaih/ | 3. Nǐ dǐ géi daaih. |
| + 4. /hóuyám/ (tasty, good to drink.) | 4. Nǐ dǐ géi hóuyám. These are (or This is) very tasty. - very good to drink. |
| + 5. /hóusihk/ (tasty, good to eat.) | 5. Nǐ dǐ géi hóusihk. These are (or This is) very tasty. - very good to eat. |
| + 6. /ngāamjeuk (or āamjeuk) (well fitting, fits properly) | 6. Nǐ dǐ géi ngāamjeuk. These fit well. |

3. Expansion Drill: Fluency practice.

- Ex: 1. T: Leng mhleng a? Is it pretty?
+ S: Néih wah leng mhleng a? Do you think it's pretty?
(say, think)
2. T: Hóu mhhóusihk a? Is it tasty?
S: Néih wah hóu mhhóusihk a? Do you think it's tasty?
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| 1. Ngāam mngāamjeuk a? | 1. Néih wah ngāam mngāam jeuk a? |
| 2. Gwai mhgwai a? | 2. Néih wah gwai mhgwai a? |
| 3. Pèhng mhpèhng a? | 3. Néih wah pèhng mhpèhng a? |
| 4. Sai mhsai a? | 4. Néih wah sai mhsai a? |
| 5. Daaih mhdaaih a? | 5. Néih wah daaih mhdaaih a? |
| 6. Hóu mhhóuyám a? | 6. Néih wah hóu mhhóuyám a? |
| 7. Hóu mhhóusihk a? | 7. Néih wah hóu mhhóusihk a? |
| 8. Leng mhleng a? | 8. Néih wah leng mhleng a? |

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| 9. Gauh m̀ngauh a? | 9. Néih wah gauh m̀ngauh a? |
| + 10. <u>Fut</u> m̀hfut a? (<u>wide</u>) | 10. Néih wah fut m̀hfut a? |
| + 11. <u>Jaak</u> m̀hjaak a? (<u>narrow</u>) | 11. Néih wah jaak m̀hjaak a? |
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4. Substitution Drill: Pre-modifiers of Adjectives

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| Ex: T: Gó t̀iuh fu géi p̀hng. /hóu/ | Those slacks are quite cheap.
/very/ |
| S: Gó t̀iuh fu hóu p̀hng. | Those slacks are very cheap. |
| 1. Gó t̀iuh fu géi p̀hng. /hóu/ | 1. Gó t̀iuh fu hóu p̀hng. |
| 2. Gó t̀iuh fu hóu gwai.
/m̀hhaih géi/ | 2. Gó t̀iuh fu m̀hhaih géi gwai.
Those slacks aren't very expensive. |
| 3. Gó t̀iuh fu m̀hhaih géi gwai.
/géi/ | 3. Gó t̀iuh fu géi gwai. |
| 4. Gó t̀iuh fu géi p̀hng. /m̀h/ | 4. Gó t̀iuh fu m̀h p̀hng. |
| + 5. Gó t̀iuh fu m̀h p̀hng.
/m̀hhaih hóu/ (<u>not very</u>) | 5. Gó t̀iuh fu m̀hhaih hóu p̀hng. |
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5. Substitution Drill: Mixed: Nouns and Adjectives

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| Ex: 1. T: Gó t̀iuh yú géi p̀hng. /hóu/ | That fish is pretty cheap.
/very/ |
| S: Gó t̀iuh yú hóu p̀hng. | That fish is very cheap. |
| 2. T: Gó t̀iuh yú hóu p̀hng. /go bíu/ | That fish is very cheap.
/watch/ |
| S: Gó go bíu hóu p̀hng. | That watch is very cheap. |
| 1. Kéuih deui maht hóu leng.
/m̀hhaih géi/ | 1. Kéuih deui maht m̀hhaih géi leng. |
| 2. /t̀iuh dyún fu/ | 2. Kéuih t̀iuh dyún fu m̀hhaih géi leng. |
| 3. /hóu gwai/ | 3. Kéuih t̀iuh dyún fu hóu gwai. |
| 4. /ní dī yīnjái/ | 4. Ní dī yīnjái hóu gwai. |
| 5. /hóu hóusihk/ | 5. Ní dī yīnjái hóu hóusihk. |
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6. Substitution Drill: Adjectives as predicates

Ex: T: Nĭ gihn lāangsāam hóu leng. /hóu jaak/
T: This sweater is pretty.

S: Nĭ gihn lāangsāam hóu jaak.
S: This sweater is narrow.

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| 1. Nĭ gihn lāangsāam hóu jaak.
hóu ngāamjeuk. | 1. Nĭ gihn lāangsāam hóu
ngāamjeuk. |
| 2. Hóu gwai. | 2. Nĭ gihn lāangsāam hóu gwai. |
| 3. Gwaidĭ. | 3. Nĭ gihn lāangsāam gwaidĭ. |
| 4. Sai sèsiu. | 4. Nĭ gihn lāangsāam sai sèsiu. |
| 5. Daaihdi. | 5. Nĭ gihn lāangsāam daaihdi. |
| 6. Hóu pèhng. | 6. Nĭ gihn lāangsāam hóu pèhng. |
| 7. Mhahh géi gwai. | 7. Nĭ gihn lāangsāam mhahh
géi gwai. |
| 8. Mhahh hóu leng.
Not very pretty. | 8. Nĭ gihn lāangsāam mhahh
hóu leng. |
| 9. Hóu jaak. | 9. Nĭ gihn lāangsāam hóu jaak. |

7. Substitution Drill: Repeat the first sentence, then substitute as directed.

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| 1. Kéuih m̀h̀j̀ung̀yi jeuk dyún fu.
She doesn't like to wear
shorts. | 1. Kéuih m̀h̀j̀ung̀yi jeuk dyún fu. |
| + 2. /ch̀èuhng̀sāam/(cheongsaam) | 2. Kéuih m̀h̀j̀ung̀yi jeuk ch̀èuhng̀-
sāam.
She doesn't like to wear
cheongsaams. |
| 3. /dyún maht/(socks) | 3. Kéuih m̀h̀j̀ung̀yi jeuk dyún
maht. |
| 4. /ch̀èuhng̀ maht/(stockings) | 4. Kéuih m̀h̀j̀ung̀yi jeuk ch̀èuhng̀
maht. |
| 5. /lāangsāam/ | 5. Kéuih m̀h̀j̀ung̀yi jeuk lāang-
sāam. |
| 6. /ch̀èuhng̀ fu/(long pants) | 6. Kéuih m̀h̀j̀ung̀yi jeuk ch̀èuhng̀
fu. |

Comment: A cheongsaam is the style of dress worn by Chinese women, with a high collar and the skirt slit at the sides.

8. Response Drill

Ex: T: Yáuh móuh cháang
maaih a?
/píhnggwó/

T: Are there oranges for sale
[to sell] (here)? or
(Do you) have oranges for
sale? /apples?

S: Deuih̄hjyuh, maaih-
saai laak. Píhng-
gwó hóu m̄h̄hóu a?

S: Sorry, they're all sold out.
Would apples be OK?

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| <p>1. Yáuh móuh Yínggwok hàaih maaih
+ a? /Méihgwok <u>ge</u>/
Do you have English shoes
for sale? /American ones/
(<u>ge</u> as noun substitute)</p> <p>2. Yáuh móuh Méihgwok yīnjái
maaih a? /Yínggwok <u>ge</u>/</p> <p>3. Yáuh móuh jyùyhk maaih a?
/ngàuhyuhk/</p> | <p>1. Deuih̄hjyuh, maaihsaai laak.
Méihgwok ge hóu m̄h̄hóu a?
I'm sorry, they're all
sold out. Would American
ones be all right?</p> <p>2. Deuih̄hjyuh, maaihsaai laak.
Yínggwok ge hóu m̄h̄hóu a?</p> <p>3. Deuih̄hjyuh, maaihsaai laak.
Ngàuhyuhk hóu m̄h̄hóu a?</p> |
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Comment: ge can substitute for a noun in a follow sentence.
The structure modifier + ge substitutes for
modifier + Noun. See #1 and #2 above.

9. Response Drill

Ex: 1. T: Néih yáuh móuh
sahp m̄n a?
/nod/

1. T: Do you have ten dollars?

S: Yáuh. Néih yiu
àh!

S: Yes I do. You want it, huh.

2. T: Néih yáuh móuh
sahp m̄n a?
/shake/

2. T: Do you have \$10?

S: Móuh a. Deui-
h̄hjyuh laak.

S: No I don't, I'm sorry.

1. Néih yáuh móuh tòhng a?
/shake/
2. Néih yáuh móuh yīnjái a?
/shake/
3. Néih yáuh móuh jē a? /shake/
4. Néih yáuh móuh go bun ngàhn-
chín a? /nod/
5. Néih yáuh móuh yih sah p m̄n
a? /shake/

1. Móuh a. Deuih̄hjyuh laak.
2. Móuh a. Deuih̄hjyuh laak.
3. Móuh a. Deuih̄hjyuh laak.
4. Yáuh. Néih yiu àh.
5. Móuh a. Deuih̄hjyuh laak.

6. Néih yáuh móuh léuhng go bun ngàhnhín a? /nod/ 6. Yáuh. Néih yiu àh!
7. Néih yáuh móuh yāt dā bējáu a? /nod/ 7. Yáuh. Néih yiu àh!

Comment: Móuh a. and Móuh laak. compared as follow sentences to a yáuh móuh? question:

Móuh a. indicates simple negative 'Don't have any.'

Móuh laak. indicates that you used to have some, but you don't have any any more.

10. Expansion Drill

- Ex: T: Nǐ go pǐhnggwó hóu pèhng. /hóusihk/ T: This apple is cheap. /delicious/
 S: Nǐ go pǐhnggwó yauh pèhng yauh hóusihk. S: This apple is both cheap and delicious.
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|---|---|
| 1. Nǐ go cháang hóu gwai. /mhhóusihk/ | 1. Nǐ go cháang yauh gwai yauh mhhóusihk. |
| 2. Nǐ go bǐu hóu pèhng. /jéun/ | 2. Nǐ dǐ bǐu yauh pèhng yáuh jéun. |
| 3. Gó dǐ bēng hóu sai. /gwai/ | 3. Gó dǐ bēng yauh sai yauh gwai. |
| 4. Kéuih gihn sēutsāam hóu chéuhng. /daaih/ | 4. Kéuih gihn sēutsāam yauh chéuhng yauh daaih. |
| 5. Nǐ tǐuh kwàhn hóu fut. /daaih/ | 5. Nǐ tǐuh kwàhn yauh fut yauh daaih. |
| 6. Nǐ júng bāt hóu pèhng. /leng/ | 6. Nǐ júng bāt yauh pèhng yauh leng. |

11. Transformation Drill

- Ex: T: Kéuih gihn yúhlāu hóu leng. T: Her raincoat is pretty.
 S: Kéuih gihn yúhlāu leng mhleng a? S: Is her raincoat pretty?
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| 1. Kéuih gó tǐuh fu hóu ngāam-jeuk. Those trousers of his fit very well. | 1. Kéuih gó tǐuh fu ngāam mhnghāamjeuk a? |
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| 2. Sahp mán m̀hgwai. | 2. Sahp mán gwai m̀hgwai a? |
| 3. Ní dī maht hóu p̀hng. | 3. Ní dī maht p̀hng m̀hp̀hng a? |
| 4. Hāak sīk ge m̀hahí géi leng. | 4. Hāak sīk ge leng m̀hleng a? |
| 5. Gó dī jyùyhk gei hóusihk. | 5. Gó dī jyùyhk hóu m̀hóu
sihk a? |
| 6. Gó t̄uh saidī. | 6. Gó t̄uh sai m̀hsai a? |
| 7. Ní gihn baahk s̄eutsāam daaih dī. | 7. Ní gihn baahk s̄eutsāam daaih
m̀hdaaih a? |
| 8. Kéuih gihn sām hóu leng. | 8. Kéuih gihn sām leng m̀hleng
a? |
| 9. Kéuih gó deui hàaih hóu jaak. | 9. Kéuih gó deui hàaih jaak
m̀hjaak a? |

12. Transformation Drill: Transform the cue sentence into a wá? question sentence, following the pattern of the example.

Ex: T: Kéuih sing Wòhng.

His name is Wong.

S: Kéuih sing m̄yéh wá?

You said his name was what?

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| 1. Wòhng Sàang séung máaih
t̄uh fu. | 1. Wòhng Sàang séung máaih
m̄yéh wá? |
| 2. Léih Siujé j̀ngyi ngóh. | 2. Léih Siujé j̀ngyi bíngó wá? |
| 3. Kéuih máaih ní gihn.
She wants this one. | 3. Kéuih máaih bíng gihn wá?
which one does she want? |
| 4. Kéuih séung oi gó t̄uh.
He wants to have that one. | 4. Kéuih séung oi bíng t̄uh wá?
Which one does he want? |
| 5. Kéuih sihk béng. | 5. Kéuih sihk m̄yéh wá? |
| 6. Kéuih jeuk gáu houh. | 6. Kéuih jeuk géidō houh wá? |
| 7. Yíngā daahp yāt. | 7. Yíngā daahp géi wá? |
| 8. Yíngā sām díng bun. | 8. Yíngā géidíngj̀ng wá? |
| 9. Kéuih máaih sei deui. | 9. Kéuih máaih géidō deui wá? |
| 10. Kéuih yáuh sah p mán. | 10. Kéuih yáuh géidō chíng wá? |

13. Expansion Drill

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| Ex: T: Ní gihn yúhlāu
saidí. | This raincoat is a bit small. |
| S: Ní gihn yúhlāu saidí,
yauh móuh daaihdi
ge nē? | This raincoat is a bit small;
do you have any larger ones? |
| 1. Ní dī yú gwaidí. | 1. Ní dī yú gwaidí, yáuh móuh
pèhngdī ge nē? |
| 2. Ní tìuh fu daaihdi. | 2. Ní tìuh fu daaihdi, yáuh
móuh saidí ge nē? |
| 3. Ní gihn lāangsāam chéuhngdī. | 3. Ní gihn lāangsāam chéuhngdī,
yáuh móuh dyúndī ge nē? |
| + 4. Ní gihn <u>dáisāam</u> saidí.
(underwear) | 4. Ní gihn <u>dáisāam</u> saidí, yáuh
móuh daaihdi ge nē? |
| 5. Ní tìuh fu jaak dī. | 5. Ní tìuh fu jaak dī, yáuh
móuh fut dī ge nē? |

14. Response Drill

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| Ex: T: Néih oi bīn gihn
seutsāam nē?
/baahk sīk/ | Which shirt do you want?
/white color/ |
| S: Ngóh oi baahk sīk
gó gihn. | I want that (<u>or</u> the) white one. |
| 1. Néih oi bīn deui maht nē?
/hāak sīk/ | 1. Ngóh oi hāak sīk gó deui. |
| 2. Néih oi bīn bá jē nē? /daaih-
di/ | 2. Ngóh oi daaihdi gó bá. |
| 3. Néih oi bīn tìuh fu nē?
/chéuhngdī/ | 3. Ngóh oi chéuhngdī gó tìuh. |
| 4. Néih oi bīn bāau yīnjái nē?
/saidí/ | 4. Ngóh oi saidí gó bāau. |
| 5. Néih oi bīn jek gāi nē?
/gwaidí/ | 5. Ngóh oi gwaidí gó jek. |

15. Alteration Drill

- Ex: T: Ngóh ngoi gihn daaihdī ge. I want a larger one.
 S: Béi gihn daaihdī ge ngóh lā! Give me a larger one.
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| 1. Ngóh ngoi tuih futdī ge. | 1. Béi tuih futdī ge ngóh lā! |
| 2. Ngóh ngoi deui jaakdī ge. | 2. Béi deui jaakdī ge ngóh lā! |
| 3. Ngóh ngoi bá lengdī ge. | 3. Béi bá lengdī ge ngóh lā! |
| 4. Ngóh ngoi jǐ saidī ge. | 4. Béi jǐ saidī ge ngóh lā! |
| 5. Ngóh ngoi go pèhngdī ge. | 5. Béi go pèhngdī ge ngóh lā! |
| 6. Ngóh ngoi géi gihn saidī ge. | 6. Béi géi gihn saidī ge ngóh lā! |
| 7. Ngóh ngoi géi tuih chéuhngdī ge. | 7. Béi géi tuih chéuhngdī ge ngóh lā! |
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16. Response Drill

- Ex: T: Ngóh séung máaih léuhng tuih tāai. T: I want to buy two ties.
 S: Máaih bǐn léuhng tuih nē? S: Which two do you want?
- | | |
|--|-------------------------|
| 1. Ngóh séung máaih tuih tāai. | 1. Máaih bǐn tuih nē? |
| 2. Ngóh séung máaih dī yùhnbat. | 2. Máaih bǐn dī nē? |
| 3. Ngóh séung máaih dī bou. | 3. Máaih bǐn dī nē? |
| 4. Ngóh séung oi sàam deui dyún maht.
I want to get three pairs of socks. | 4. Oi bǐn sàam deui nē? |
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IV. CONVERSATIONS FOR LISTENING

(On tape. Listen to tape with book closed.)

V. SAY IT IN CANTONESE

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| <p>A. In a store, the customer says:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. These shoes are pretty-- do you have (are there?) size eight for sale? 2. I don't like the black ones-- are there white ones (do you have white ones)? 3. This sweater is a little too wide--I want a smaller one. 4. I'll take a dozen of these socks. 5. This sweater is pretty, but it doesn't fit--do you have larger one? 6. These shoes are a bit expensive, do you have any cheaper ones? 7. How much do these shorts cost? 8. This one (sweater) is pretty and fits well, but it's a bit expensive--\$30, OK? | <p>B. And the clerk responds:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I'm sorry, size eight is all sold out. 2. Yes, what size do you want? 3. This one is narrower--try it. 4. Fine, what size do you wear? 5. Yes. 6. Yes, those are cheaper--do you like them? 7. This one is \$15.00 and that one is \$15.50--which one do you want? 8. OK. |
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Vocabulary Checklist for Lesson 8

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| 1. āamjeuk | adj: | fits well, well-fitting |
| 2. àh | ss: | sen. suf. with force of 'I suppose' |
| 3. baahk | adj: | white |
| 4. bīn? | QW: | which? |
| 5. ch̀uhng | adj: | long (in length) |
| 6. ch̀uhngsāam | n: | cheongsam |
| 7. dā | m: | dozen |
| 8. daaih | adj: | large |
| 9. daaihdī | Ph: | a little larger |
| 10. dāisāam | n: | underwear |
| 11. -dī | adj.s: | attaches to adjectives to mean 'a little <u>Adj</u> ; somewhat <u>adj</u> ; <u>Adj</u> --er. |

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| 12. dò | bf: | much, many |
| 13. dyún | adj: | short |
| 14. fut | adj: | wide |
| 15. gauh | adj: | old (not new) |
| 16. -ge | bf: | one(s) = (noun substitute) |
| 17. géi | adv: | rather, quite |
| 18. gwai | adj: | expensive |
| 19. hāak | adj: | black |
| 20. hóu | adv: | very |
| 21. hóu | adj: | good |
| 22. Hóu m̀h hóu a? | Ph: | OK? Is (that) all right? |
| 23. houh | m: | number |
| 24. hóusihk | adj: | good to eat; tasty |
| 25. hóuyám | adj: | good to drink; tasty |
| 26. jaak | adj: | narrow |
| 27. jeuk | v: | wear; put on (clothes) |
| 28. júng | m: | type |
| 29. j̀ngyi | auxV/v: | like, prefer; like to |
| 30. lāangsāam | n: | sweater |
| 31. leng | adj: | pretty; good-looking; good, nice (for foods) |
| 32. Máaihsaai laak | Ph: | All sold out. |
| 33. m̀h haih géi | adv: | not very..., not.... |
| 34. m̀h haih hóu | adv: | not very |
| 35. móuh | v: | not have, there isn't (aren't) |
| 36. ngāamjeuk | adj: | well fitting (for clothes), fits well (var. of <u>āamjeuk</u>) |
| 37. p̀hng | adj: | cheap |
| 38. -saai | Vsuf: | completely |
| 39. sai | adj: | small |
| 40. s̀n | adj: | new |
| 41. s̀k | (bf)n: | color |
| 42. wah | v: | say, opine |
| 43. yáuh | v: | have, there is (are) |

I. BASIC CONVERSATION

A. Buildup:

gùngyáhn

servant

Gùngyáhn

Wéi.

Hello.

wán

look for, search

Wán bínwái a?

Who are you calling?

Jèung Sàang

dihnwá

telephone

tèng

listen, hear

tèng dihnwá

talk [listen] on the

telephone

giu

instruct, order, tell

giu kéuh tèng dihnwá

ask her to come to the

phone

Mhòì néih giu Léih Táai

Please ask Mrs. Lee to come to

tèng dihnwá.

the phone.

Gùngyáhn

Wán bínwái wá? Ngóh tèng

Who did you say you were looking

m̀hchíngchó.

for? I didn't hear.

daaihsēngdí

louder voice

Mhòì daaihsēngdí lā.

Please speak louder.

Jèung Sàang

Léih Taaitáai.

Mrs. Lee.

Gùngyáhn

heui gāai

go out [go street]

jó

Verb suffix, indicating

fulfillment of an

expectation.

heuijó gāai

has gone out, went out

Kéuih heuijó gāai bo.

She's gone out.

Gwaising wán kéuih a?

Who is calling please?

Jèung Sàang

Sing Jèung ge.

My name is Cheung.

fàanlāih

come back, return

géisih (géisi)

Kéuih géisih fàanlaih a?

Gungyahn

sahpyih dim

-lèhng-

Waahkjé sahpyih dim lèhng lā.

sikh aan or sikh ngaan

yi

Kéuih yiu fàanlaih sikh ngaan

gé.

sih

yáuh sih

Yáuh mēyéh sih a?

Jèung Sàang

dá dihnwá

dá dihnwá béi ngòh

giu kéuih dá dihnwá béi

ngòh

àhngòì néih giu kéuih dá

dihnwá béi Jèung Sàang lā.

Gám, kéuih fàanlaih, àhngòì

néih giu kéuih dá dihnwá

béi Jèung Sàang lā.

Gungyahn

néih ge dihnwá

géidō houh?

néih ge dihnwá géidō houh a?

Kéuih jí àhjí néih ge dihnwá

géidō houh a?

when?

When will she be back?

12 o'clock

-and some odd. Added to a
number phrase.

Probably a little after 12.

eat the midday meal

going to, intend to

She's going to come home for
lunch.

business, affair, matter

have something to attend

to; have errand, business

What is it you want? (i.e.,
What matter are you calling
about?)

make a phone call, to
telephone.

telephone me

tell her to phone me

please ask her to phone

Mr. Cheung.

Well, when she comes home,

please ask her to call Mr.

Cheung.

your telephone

what number?

what is your telephone

number?

Does she know your telephone
number?

Jèung Sàang

Kéuh àhjí ga.

She doesn't know.

Ngóh ge dihnwá haih chāt
baat ...

My telephone number is 7 8 ...

Gúngyáhn

ló

fetch, go get

dáng ngóh

let me; wait while I ...

dáng ngóh ló jí bāt sin

let me get a pen first.

Dáng ngóh ló jí bāt sin lā.

Let me get a pen first ...

(She returns with a pen:)

Gúngyáhn

Wéi, géidō houh wá?

Hello, what number did you say?

Jèung Sàang

líng

zero

Chāt baat lukh líng ngh gáu.

786059

Gúngyáhn

Chāt baat lukh líng ngh gáu.

786059

wah kéuh jí

tell her

ngóh wah kéuh jí

I'll tell her

Hóu, kéuh fàanlāih, ngóh wah

All right--when she comes back,

kéuh jí lā.

I'll tell her.

Jèung Sàang

Hóu, àhgoi.

Fine; thanks.

B. Recapitulation:Gúngyáhn

Wéi. Wán bíwái wá?

Hello. Who are you calling?

Jèung SàangÀhgoi nēih giu Leih Táai tēng
dihwá.Please ask Mrs. Lee to come
to the phone.GúngyáhnWán bíwái wá? Ngóh tēng
àhchinghé. Àhgoi daaihsēng-
dí lā.Who did you say you
wanted? I couldn't hear.
Please speak louder.

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|--|--------------------|---|
| | <u>Jèung Sàang</u> | |
| Léih Taaitái. | | Mrs. Lee. |
| | <u>Gúngyáhn</u> | |
| Kéuih heuijó gāai bo.
Gwaising wán kéuih a? | | She's gone out. Who is calling please? |
| | <u>Jèung Sàang</u> | |
| Sing Jèung ge. Kéuih géisih fàanlāih a? | | My name is Cheung. When will she be back? |
| | <u>Gúngyáhn</u> | |
| Waahkjé sahpyih dīm lèhng lā.
Kéuih yiu fàanlāih sihk aan gé. Yáuh mēyéh sih a? | | Probably a little after 12.
She's going to come home for lunch. What is it you want? |
| | <u>Jèung Sàang</u> | |
| Gám, kéuih fàanlāih, m̀hgòì néih giu kéuih dá dihnwá bēi Jèung Sàang lā. | | Well, (when) she comes home, please ask her to call Mr. Cheung. |
| | <u>Gúngyáhn</u> | |
| Kéuih jí m̀hjí néih ge dihnwá géidō houh a? | | Does she know your telephone number? |
| | <u>Jèung Sàang</u> | |
| Kéuih m̀hjí ga. Ngóh ge dihnwá haih chāt baat ... | | She doesn't know. My telephone number is 7 8 ... |
| | <u>Gúngyáhn</u> | |
| Dāng ngóh ló jí bāt sìn lā.
(She returns with a pen:) | | Let me get a pen first. |
| | <u>Gúngyáhn</u> | |
| Wéi, géidō houh wá? | | Hello, what number did you say? |
| | <u>Jèung Sàang</u> | |
| Chāt baat lukh líhng ñgh gáu. | | 786059 |
| | <u>Gúngyáhn</u> | |
| Chāt baat lukh líhng ñgh gáu.
Hóu, kéuih fàanlāih, ngóh wah kéuih jí lā. | | 786059
All right--when she comes back, I'll tell her. |

Jēung Sàang

Hóu, m̀hgoi.

Fine; thanks.

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Pronunciation Practice:

- 1.
- i
- as in
- si
- ,
- chi
- ,
- ji
- ,
- dí
- ,
- ní
- ,
- sih
- ,
- sih
- ,
- hòuhji

i as syllable final is a high front unrounded vowel--[i].

Listen and repeat:

1. ní ní .
2. si si .
3. sih sih .
4. síh síh .
5. jí jí .

- 2.
- ik
- as in
- sík
- ,
- sihk

ik is a two-part final composed of the high front unrounded vowel i plus the velar stop consonant k. Before k the tongue position for i approaches higher-mid front unrounded [e], tenser and lower than the American i in "sick,"--[I], closer to the French é in été, 'summer.' The tongue position of k following the front vowel is more forward than that of k following the back vowels u, o, and a -- [Ik⁷].

Listen and repeat:

1. sík sík sík . 識
2. sihk sihk sihk . 食

- 3.
- i/ik
- contrasts

Note that in addition to the difference in tongue position for i as a final and before k as described, there is also a length difference. i before k is shorter than i as final--[i[~]k] or [e[~]k], and [i:].

Listen and repeat:

1. sih sih , sihk sihk .
2. sih síhk , síhk sih .

- 4.
- ing
- as in
- lihng
- ,
- sing
- ,
- píhnggwó
- ,
- chingchó

ing is a two-part final composed of the high front unrounded vowel i and the velar nasal ng. The tongue position for i before ng is similar to that of i before k--lowered from high front position. The vowel is open before the nasal final.

Listen and repeat:

1. sing sing 姓, lihng lihng 零, ching ching 清.
2. ching sing lihng . 清姓零
3. lihng lihng 零, pihng pihng 蘋.

5. ing/eng contrasts

Listen and repeat:

1. lihng lihng 零, pèhng pèhng 平.
2. pihng pihng pihnggwó . 蘋蘋蘋果
3. pihng pèhng 蘋平, pihng pèhng .
4. leng sing 靚姓, sing leng 姓靚.

6. ing/ik contrasts

Listen and repeat:

1. sīk sīk 識, sing sing 姓.
2. sīhk sīhk 食, sing sing .

7. eu finals

A. eut, eun, and eui

Listen and repeat:

1. chēut, sēut 出 恤
2. deui, heui 對 去
3. jēun, jēun 準 準

B. eung and euk

Listen and repeat:

1. Jèung chēuhng 張 長
2. séung, léuhng 想 兩
3. jeuk, jeuk 著 著

8. s as in sing, sīhk, si, sé, sei, séung, sàang, sahp, séui.

s is an initial consonant in Cantonese. Like the American s (as in 'see'), the Cantonese s is voiceless. In terms of air flow the American and Cantonese s sounds are the same--both are spirants, that is to say, the air is forced through a narrow passage under friction, producing a hissing sound. The tongue position for the Cantonese s differs from that of the American s. The friction points for the Cantonese sound are the blade of the tongue (that part just back from the tip) and the dental ridge. The flat surface of the blade of the tongue comes close to the dental ridge (the tip of the tongue is at

rest, approximately near the base of the upper teeth) and air is forced through the passage thus provided. For the American s, the friction points are the tip of the tongue, not the blade, and the dental ridge. For the American ʒ the grooved tip of the tongue approaches the dental ridge and air is forced through this passageway. For the Cantonese sound the lips are rounded before a rounded vowel and spread before an unrounded one.

1. Compare American and Cantonese s sounds:

| <u>American</u> | <u>Cantonese</u> |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. see see see | si si si |
| 2. sing sing sing | sing sing sing |
| 3. set set set | sé sé sé |
| 4. say say say | sei sei sei |
| 5. son son son | sàn sàn sàn |
| 6. soot soot soot | sēut sēut sēut |

2. Listen and repeat:

1. si , si , si .
2. sih , sih , sih .
3. sé , sé , sé .
4. sing , sing , sing .
5. sēut , sēut , sēut .

9. s/j/ch compared.

There are some similarities of tongue positioning among these sounds. To make s the blade of the tongue approaches close to the dental ridge at the point where the tongue touches the ridge to make the j and ch sounds. The flat surface of the blade is the friction point for all three sounds.

Listen and repeat:

1. jí 至 , chí 次 , sī 識 .
2. jīng 正 , chīng 清 , sīng 姓 .
3. jē 姐 , chē 車 , sé 塞 .
4. jái 仔 , chàih 齋 , sai 細 .

II. NOTES

1. bo = sentence suffix expressing definiteness, conviction.

Ex: Kéuih chēutjó gāai laak. She's gone out. (change from former condition)

Kéuih chēutjó gāai bo. She's gone out, that's definite.

(See BC)

2. -jó verb suffix indicating accomplishment of intended action.

This will be treated in detail in later lessons. At present learn it in the set phrases you will be apt to need to say and comprehend over the telephone:

Ex: Kéuih fàanjó gùng. He's gone to work.
[return-jó work]

Kéuih heuijó gāai. She's gone out (from her own house). [go-jó street]

Kéuih fàanjó ngūkkéi. He's gone home.
[return-jó home]

(See BC and Drills 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)

3. ge translated as possessive.

ge is suffixed to personal nouns and pronouns to show ownership, 'belonging to,' referred to in grammatical terms as the possessive. ge operates as possessive in noun phrases both in head and modifier structures:

a. In head structures:

ge combines with a preceding personal noun (or pronoun) to form the head of a noun phrase.

- Ex: 1. Gó dī syù haih Léih Those book(s) is/are
Gó bún That
Siujé ge. Miss Lee's.
2. Nī dī haih ngóh ge. These are mine.
Nī bún This one is
3. Léih Siujé ge haih Miss Lee's is a new one.
sán ge. are ones.
4. Ngóh ge haih gauh ge. Mine are old ones.
is an one.

In a head structure ge cannot be omitted from the N-ge combination.

(See Drills 10, 11)

b. In modification structures:

ge combines with personal nouns (and pronouns) to form a possessive modifier to a following noun head.

- Ex: 1. Ngóh ge dihnwá haih My telephone number is....
 ...houh.
2. Kéuihdeih ge néuih- Their girlfriends have gone
 páhngyáuh fàanjó home.
 ngúkkéi laak.
3. Ngóh m̄hjúngyi Léih I don't like Miss Lee's new
 Síujé ge sán sweater.
 laangsaam.

(See BC)

4. ge/Measure overlap.

ge may replace the measure in a modification structure.

- Ex: 1. Ngón go néui m̄hhái My daughter is not here.
 douh.
2. Ngóh dī néui m̄hhái My daughters are not here.
 douh.
3. Ngóh ge néui m̄hhái My daughter(s) is (are) not
 douh. here.

5. Possessive modification without ge or Measure.

A few nouns accept modification by personal nouns and pronouns directly. Páhngyáuh, (ng)úkkéi, and gùngyàhn are the only nouns of this type we have studied so far.

- Ex: Ngóh páhngyáuh My friend/friends
 Léih Síujé (ng)úkkéi Miss Lee's home

But even for these nouns, ge must be used with bīnggo ge, whose? to differentiate from bīn go, which (M)?

- Ex: Bīn go páhngyáuh? Which friend?
 Bīnggo ge páhngyáuh? Whose friend?

Compare:

- bīnggo ge páhngyáuh? whose friend?
bīn go páhngyáuh? which friend?
Léih Táai gaau bīnggo Whose friend does Mrs. Lee
ge páhngyáuh? teach?
Léih Táai gaau bīn go Which friend does Mrs. Lee
páhngyáuh? teach?

The nouns that accept direct modification by personal noun/

pronoun will be treated as exceptions and noted as such. As a rule of thumb, such nouns must be of more than one syllable.

6. yiú..V..; séung..V.. differentiated.

yiú..V.. = definitely intend to ..V..

séung..V.. = plan to ..V.. (but maybe it won't happen)

In English yiú can be translated as 'going to' if the sentence is one of future reference. Yiú contrasts with séung in such sentences in that with séung the implication is that it's iffy whether or not the action expressed by the following verb will actually take place, but with yiú the person has definitely made up his mind to do the action.

Ex: 1. Kéuih wah ngóh jǐ She told me she was planning
 kéuih séung faan- to come home for lunch.
 làih síhk aan.

2. Kéuih wah ngóh jǐ She told me she was coming
 kéuih yiú faanlâih home for lunch.
 síhk aan.

7. séung..V.. and júngyi..V.. differentiated.

séung = would like to ..V..; think I'll ..V..

júngyi = like (as a general statement)

Ex: Ngóh séung yám dǐ chàh. I'd like some tea.

Ngóh séung síhk go I'd like an apple.
 pǐhnggwó.

Ngóh hóu júngyi yám chàh. I like to drink tea.
 I like tea.

The differentiation of meaning between júngyi and séung breaks down with a mēyéh question, where the júngyi pattern is used as a polite way to ask what the addressee wishes. (The júngyi mēyéh? question may also mean: What do you like?)

Ex: Néih séung yám dǐ What would you like to drink?
 mēyéh a?

Néih júngyi yám dǐ What would you like to drink?
 mēyéh a?

(See Drill 12)

8. Omission of yāt in certain 'one o'clock' phrases.

The numeral yāt is ordinarily omitted in the spoken language before the time measure dīm, 'o'clock,' when dīm is followed by gēi, lèhng or bun.

- Ex: 1. dīm gēi jūng = sometime after one o'clock
 2. dīm lèhng (jūng) = a little after one o'clock
 3. dīm bun = half past one

(See Drill 7)

In all other phrases concerning one o'clock, yāt cannot be omitted.

9. Omission of go jih in a time phrase.

go jih is frequently omitted in the spoken language as the final element in a time phrase.

- Ex: sàam dīm yāt = 3:05
sàam dīm sàm = 3:15
sàam dīm sei = 3:20

Note in these abbreviated forms that the numeral following dīm is in construction with an unspoken go jih, not with go gwāt. Thus sàm dīm sàm is 3:15, not 3:45. X:30 is never stated as X dīm luhk, but as X dīm bún.

(See Drill 7)

Although infrequent, X dīm yih rather than (-) X dīm léuhng is the abbreviated form for X dīm léuhng go jih.

III. DRILLS

1. Substitution Drill: Repeat the first sentence, then substitute as directed.

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| 1. M̀ngòì néih giu Léih Táai
tèng dihnwá lā.
Please call Mrs. Lee to the
telephone. | 1. M̀ngòì néih giu Léih Táai
tèng dihnwá lā. |
| 2. Hòh Táai | 2. M̀ngòì néih giu Hòh Táai
tèng dihnwá lā. |
| 3. Hòh Siujé | 3. M̀ngòì néih giu Hòh Siujé
tèng dihnwá lā. |
| 4. Jèung Sàang | 4. M̀ngòì néih giu Jèung Sàang
tèng dihnwá lā. |
| 5. Chàhn Táai | 5. M̀ngòì néih giu Chàhn Táai
tèng dihnwá lā. |

2. Expansion Drill

Ex: T: Jèung Sàang,
tèng dihnwá.

S: M̀ngòì néih giu
Jèung Sàang
tèng dihnwá.

T: Mr. Cheung, telephone!

S: Please ask Mr. Cheung to come
to the phone.

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| 1. Chàhn Sàang, tèng dihnwá. | 1. M̀ngòì néih giu Chàhn Sàang
tèng dihnwá. |
| 2. Léih Táai, tèng dihnwá. | 2. M̀ngòì néih giu Léih Táai
tèng dihnwá. |
| 3. Hòh Siujé, tèng dihnwá. | 3. M̀ngòì néih giu Hòh Siujé
tèng dihnwá. |
| 4. Wòhng Sàang, tèng dihnwá. | 4. M̀ngòì néih giu Wòhng Sàang
tèng dihnwá. |
| 5. Làuh Táai, tèng dihnwá. | 5. M̀ngòì néih giu Làuh Táai
tèng dihnwá. |

3. Expansion Drill: telephone talk; listen and repeat:

+ 1. cho

mistake, make a mistake

+ cho sin (line, thread)

wrong line

+ Daap cho sin

Wrong number! [connected the
wrong line]

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| 2. <u>dáng</u> | wait |
| + <u>dáng (yāt)jahn</u> (var: (yāt)jǎn) | <u>wait awhile</u> |
| M̀h̀gòì néih dáng yātjahn. | Just a moment, please.
[Please wait awhile] |
| M̀h̀gòì néih dáng yātjahn lā. | Just a moment, please! |
| + 3. <u>fàan</u> | <u>go [return] to place you
habitually go to.</u> |
| + <u>fàan gùng</u> | <u>go [return] to work</u> |
| fàanjó gùng | has gone [<u>or</u> went] to work |
| Kéuih fàanjó gùng. | (S)He's gone to work. |
| Kéuih fàanjó gùng bo. | I am sorry, but he's gone to
work. |
| + 4. <u>chēut gāai</u> | <u>go out [out (to) street]</u> |
| chēutjó gāai | has gone [<u>or</u> went] out |
| Kéuih chēutjó gāai. | (S)He's gone out. |
| Kéuih chēutjó gāai bo. | I'm sorry, but she's gone out. |
| + 5. <u>fàan (ng)ūkkéi</u> | <u>go [return] home</u> |
| fàanjó (ng)ūkkéi | has gone [<u>or</u> went] home |
| Kéuih fàanjó (ng)ūkkéi | (S)He's gone home. |
| Kéuih fàanjó (ng)ūkkéi bo. | I'm sorry, but he's gone home. |
| + 6. <u>fàan hohk</u> | <u>go [return] to school</u> |
| fàanjó hohk | gone to school, left for school |
| Kéuih fàanjó hohk la. | He's gone to school. |
| + 7. <u>heui gāai</u> | <u>go out [go (to) street]</u> |
| heuijó gāai | has gone (<u>or</u> went) out |
| Kéuih heuijó gāai. | (S)He's gone out. |
| Kéuih heuijó gāai bo. | I'm sorry, but he's gone out. |
| + 8. <u>joi dálàih</u> | <u>call back (on the phone)</u> |
| dángjahn joi dálàih | call back later |
| Dángjahn joi dálàih lā. | Call back later. |
- a. Repeat the final sentence of each of the above problem sentences as a Listen and Repeat drill, students repeating after the teacher.
- b. Repeat, teacher giving the English of the final sentences, students called on individually to give Cantonese equivalents.

4. Conversation Drill: Carry on the suggested conversations following the pattern of the example.

Ex: 1. T: Néih wán mēyéh a? /jǐ yùhn-bāt/
T: What are you looking for?
/a pencil/

S: Ngóh wán jǐ yùhn-bāt.
S: I'm looking for a pencil.

2. T: Néih wán bīngō a? /Chàhn Sàang/
T: Who are you looking for?
/Mr. Chan/

S: Ngóh wán Chàhn Sàang.
S: I'm looking for Mr. Chan.

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| 1. Néih wán mēyéh a? /bàau yǐnjái/ | 1. Ngóh wán bàau yǐnjái. |
| 2. Néih wán mēyéh a? /bá jē/ | 2. Ngóh wán bá jē. |
| 3. Néih wán bīngō a? /Wòhng Táai/ | 3. Ngóh wán Wòhng Táai. |
| 4. Néih wán bīngō a? /Làuh Siujé/ | 4. Ngóh wán Làuh Siujé. |
| 5. Néih wán mēyéh a? /jǐ yùhnjǐ-bāt/ | 5. Ngóh wán jǐ yùhnjǐbāt. |
| 6. Néih wán bīngō a? /Jèung Sàang/ | 6. Ngóh wán Jèung Sàang. |

a. Repeat as Conversation Drill, thus:

1. T: /yùhnbāt/
S1: Néih wán mēyéh a?
S2: Ngóh wán jǐ yùhnbāt.
2. T: /Chàhn Sàang/
S1: Néih wán bīngō a?
S2: Ngóh wán Chàhn Sàang.

5. Conversation Drill

Ex: A: M̀hgoi néih giu Wòhng Sàang t̀ng dihnwá lā.
A: Please ask Mr. Wong to come to the phone.

B: Kéuih ch̀eutjò gāai bo. Gwaising wán kéuih a?
B: I'm sorry but he's gone out. Who is calling please?

A: Sing Jèung ge.
A: My name is Cheung.

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| 1. A.Hòh Táai | 1. A. M̀hgoi néih giu Hòh Táai t̀ng dihnwá lā. |
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| B. | B. Kéuih chēutjǎo gāai bo.
Gwaising wán kéuih a? |
| A. Léih | A. Sing Léih ge. |
| 2. A. Jèung Sàang | 2. A. M̀ngòì néih giu Jèung
Sàang t̀ng dihwā lā. |
| B. | B. Kéuih chēutjǎo gāai bo.
Gwaising wán kéuih a? |
| A. Máh | A. Sing Máh ge. |
| 3. A. Chàhn Siujé | 3. A. M̀ngòì néih giu Chàhn
Siujé t̀ng dihwā lā. |
| B. | B. Kéuih chēutjǎo gāai bo.
Gwaising wán kéuih a? |
| A. Wòhng | A. Sing Wòhng ge. |

a. Continue, using actual names of students.

Comment: B̀inwái?, who? (polite) may be substituted for Gwaising thus:

Gwaising wán kéuih a?

B̀inwái wán kéuih a?

Who is calling her?

6. Translation & Conversation Drill

Ex: S1: M̀ngòì néih giu
Léih Sàang t̀ng
dihwā lā.

S1: Please ask Mr. Lee to come to
the phone.

S2: Kéuih heuijǎo gāai
bo.

S2: I'm sorry, but he's gone out.

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| 1. A. | 1. A. M̀ngòì néih giu Léih
Sàang t̀ng dihwā lā. |
| T. Wrong number! | B. Daap cho sin. |
| B. | 2. A. M̀ngòì néih giu Léih
Sàang t̀ng dihwā lā. |
| 2. A. | B. M̀ngòì néih dǎng yātján
lā. |
| T. Just a moment, please. | 3. A. M̀ngòì néih giu Léih
Sàang t̀ng dihwā lā. |
| B. | |
| 3. A. | |

- T. He's gone to work.
B.
4. A.
T. He's gone out.
B.
5. A.
T. He's gone home.
B.
6. A.
T. He's gone to school.
B.
- B. Kéuih fàanjó gùng bo.
4. A. M̀ngòì néih giu Léih
Sàang t̀ng dihnwá lā.
B. Kéuih chēutj́ gāai bo.
or
Kéuih heuij́ gāai bo.
5. A. M̀ngòì néih giu Léih
Sàang t̀ng dihnwá lā.
B. Kéuih fàanjó ngūkkéi bo.
6. A. M̀ngòì néih giu Léih
Sàang t̀ng dihnwá lā.
B. Kéuih fàanjó hohk bo.

7. Expansion Drill:

- Ex: T: chāt dím T: 7 o'clock.
S: Yíngā chāt dím S: It's about 7 o'clock.
+ S: Yíngā chāt dím
 gamseuhnghá lā.
 (approximately)
T: Ní t̄iuh dyúnfu sah̄p T: These shorts are \$10.
 mān.
S: Ní t̄iuh dyúnfu sah̄p S: These shorts are about \$10.
 mān gamseuhnghá lā.
- + 1. dím bun. 1. Yíngā dím bun gamseuhnghá lā.
 1:30 (time expression) It's about 1:30.
2. luhk dím sàam 2. Yíngā luhk dím sàam
 six-fifteen gamseuhnghá lā.
 (short for luhk dim (short for luhk dim
 sàamgojih) sàamgojih)
3. Ní gihn ch̀euhngsāam 3. Ní gihn ch̀euhng sàam yah́ng
 yah́ng mān. mān gamseuhnghá lā.
4. Ní t̄iuh ch̀euhngfu sah̄pluhk 4. Ní t̄iuh ch̀euhngfu sah̄pluhk
 mān. mān gamseuhnghá lā.
5. Ní gihn lāang sāam sà'ahsei man. 5. Ní gihn lāang sāam sà'ahsei
 man gamseuhnghá lā.

Comments: a. gamseuhnghá attaches to the end of a number expression, to make it an approximate number.

8. Expansion Drill

Ex: T: Léih Táai wah ní gihn sahp mán. T: Mrs. Lee says this one is ten dollars.

S: Léih Táai wah ngóh jí ní gihn sahp mán S: Mrs. Lee told me this one is ten dollars.

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| 1. Léih Sàang wah kéuih sahp dím fàanlaih. | 1. Léih Sàang wah ngóh jí kéuih sahp dím fàanlaih. |
| 2. Kéuih wah gó go yahn haih sing Wòhng ge. | 2. Kéuih wah ngóh jí gó go yahn haih sing Wòhng ge. |
| 3. Chahn Táai wah kéuih hohk Gwóngdùngwá. | 3. Chahn Táai wah ngóh jí kéuih hohk Gwóngdùngwá. |
| 4. Hòh Siujé wah kéuih go bíu hóu pèhng. | 4. Hòh Siujé wah ngóh jí kéuih go bíu hóu pèhng. |
| 5. Kéuih wah kéuih sahp yih dím yiu jáu laak. | 5. Kéuih wah ngóh jí kéuih sahp yih dím yiu jáu laak. |

Comment: wah (Person jí), 'tell someone', is interchangeable with góng (Person) têng, góng (Person) jí, and wah (Person) têng.

Learn to recognize the alternate ways when you hear them.

9. Expansion Drill

Ex: T: Kéuih sihk faahn. T: He is eating dinner.

S: Giu kéuih sihk faahn lā! S: Tell him to come to dinner!
(i.e. Dinner is on the table-come eat.)

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| 1. Léih Táai, têng dihnwá.
Telephone for you, Mrs. Lee. | 1. Giu Léih Táai têng dihnwá lā!
Tell Mrs. Lee to come to the phone. |
| 2. Kéuih yingā fàanlaih.
He's coming back now. | 2. Giu kéuih yingā fàanlaih lā!
Tell him to come back right now. |
| 3. Kéuih dáng jahn joi dá laih. | 3. Giu kéuih dáng jahn joi dá laih lā! |

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| He'll call back in a little while. | Tell him to call back in a little while. |
| 4. Kéuih léuhng dím làih wán ngóh.
She's coming to see me [lit: look for me] at two o'clock.
+ (<u>heui wán yáhn</u> = go see someone) | 4. Giu kéuih léuhng dím làih wán ngóh là!
Tell her to come see me at 2 o'clock. |
| 5. Kéuih gaau ngóh góng Gwóng-dùngwá. | 5. Giu kéuih gaau ngóh góng Gwóngdùngwá là! |

10. Response Drill

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| Ex: T: NĪ bún syù haih bĭngō ga? /ngóh/ | T: Whose book is this? /I/ |
| + S: Haih ngóh ge.
(ge = possessive marker) | S: It's mine. |
| 1. Gó bá jē haih bĭngō ga? /ngóh gúngyáhn/ | 1. Haih ngóh gúngyáhn ge. |
| 2. NĪ dī bāt haih bĭngō ga? /Léih Siujé/ | 2. Haih Léih Siujé ge. |
| 3. Gó dī maht haih bĭngō ga? /Wòhng Sàang/ | 3. Haih Wòhng Sàang ge. |
| 4. NĪ léuhng jí bējáu haih bĭngō ga? /ngóh pàhngyáuh/ | 4. Haih ngóh pàhngyáuh ge. |
| 5. Gó sàam go pĭhnggwó haih bĭngō ga? /gó go Yĭnggwokyáhn/ | 5. Haih gó go Yĭnggwokyáhn ge. |

11. Response Drill

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| Ex: T: Bĭn jí yùhnjībāt haih néih ga? /hāak sĭk/ | T: Which ball point pen is yours? |
| S: Hāaksĭk gó jí. | S: That (or the) black one. |
| 1. Bĭn gihn sēutsāam haih néih pàhngyáuh ga? /chèuhngdī/ | 1. Chèuhngdī gó gihn. |
| 2. Bĭn bá jē haih néih ga? /daaihđī/ | 2. Daaihđī gó bá. |
| 3. Bĭn bún syù haih néih ga? /saidī/ | 3. Saidī gó bún. |
| 4. Bĭn gihn lāangsāam haih néih ga? /sa'ahsei houh/ | 4. Sa'ahsei houh gó gihn. |

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| 5. Bīn deui hàaih haih néih ga?
/baat houh/ | 5. Baat houh gó deui. |
| 6. Bīn tīuh fu haih néih ga?
/dyún/ | 6. Dyún gó tīuh. |
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12. Substitution Drill: Repeat the first sentence, then substitute as directed.

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| 1. Ngóh hóu jùngyi yám bējáu.
I like to drink beer. =
I like beer. | 1. Ngóh hóu jùngyi yám bējáu. |
| 2. /kéuih/ | 2. Kéuih hóu jùngyi yám bējáu.
He likes to drink beer. |
| 3. /séung/ | 3. Kéuih séung yám bējáu.
He'd like some beer. |
| 4. /mēyéh/ | 4. Kéuih séung yám mēyéh a?
What would he like to
drink? |
| 5. /jùngyi/ | 5. Kéuih jùngyi yám mēyéh a?
What does he like ...?
or (Polite)
What does he want ...? |
| 6. /gafē/ | 6. Kéuih jùngyi yám gafē.
He likes coffee. |
| 7. /h̄jùngyi/ | 7. Kéuih h̄jùngyi yám gafē.
He does not like coffee. |
| 8. /h̄séung/ | 8. Kéuih h̄séung yám gafē.
He does not want any
coffee. |
| 9. /séung h̄séung/ | 9. Kéuih séung h̄séung yám gafē
a?
Would he like some coffee? |
| 10. /hóu séung/ | 10. Kéuih hóu séung yám gafē.
He'd like very much to
have some coffee. |
| 11. /hóu jùngyi/ | 11. Kéuih hóu jùngyi yám gafē.
He likes coffee. |
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IV. CONVERSATIONS FOR LISTENING

(On tape. Listen to tape with book closed.)

V. SAY IT IN CANTONESE

A. On the telephone, you say:

1. Hello, who are you calling?
2. Mr. Chang is out--may I take a message [lit: What is your business?]
3. What did you say your name was? Please speak louder.
4. Mrs. Ma has gone to work.
5. May I speak to Mr. Lee?
6. Please ask Miss Ho to come to the phone.
7. My phone number is _____.
8. Hello, what number did you say?
9. When is Mr. Lau coming home?
10. When he comes back I'll tell him.

B. And the other person responds:

1. Please ask Mr. Chang to come to the phone.
2. My name is Wong. Please ask Mr. Chang to call me when he gets back.
3. My name is _____.
My phone number is _____.
4. Will she be home for lunch?
5. He's gone home.
6. You have the wrong number.
7. Just a minute, let me get a pen.
8. _____.
9. I don't know. Do you have a message?
10. Thank you.

Vocabulary Checklist for Lesson 9

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| 1. aan (var: ngaan) | bf: noon, midday |
| 2. chēut gāai | VO: go out (from one's own house) |
| 3. cho | n/v: mistake, make a mistake |
| 4. Daaíhsèngdī | Ph: Speak louder! |
| 5. dǎng yātjǎn
(also dǎng yātjahn) | Ph: wait awhile |
| 6. Daap cho sin! | Ph: Wrong number! [caught-mistake-line] |
| 7. dá | v: hit |
| 8. dihnwá | VO: make a telephone call |
| 9. dǎng | v: wait |
| 10. dǎng <u>Person Verb</u> | v: allow, let <u>Person do something</u> ; wait while <u>Person does something</u> . |
| 11. dihnwá | n: telephone |
| 12. díng bun | TW: 1:30 o'clock |

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| 13. fàan | v: | return (to/from a place you habitually go to) |
| 14. fàan gùng | VO: | go [return] to work |
| 15. fàan hohk | VO: | to to school |
| 16. fàanlâih | v: | come back, return (here) |
| 17. fàan (ng)ūkkéi | VO: | go [return] home |
| 18. gamseuhnghá | Ph: | approximately |
| 19. ge | bf: | mark of the possessive. joins with preceding personal noun (or pronoun) to form possessive. |
| 20. géidō houh? | Ph: | what number? |
| 21. géisi? <u>or</u> géisih? | QW: | when? |
| 22. giu | v: | instruct, tell, order, call |
| 23. góng <u>Person</u> jí | Ph: | tell someone |
| 24. góng <u>Person</u> têng | Ph: | tell someone |
| 25. gungyàhn | n: | servant, laborer |
| 26. heui gāai | VO: | go out (from one's own house) |
| 27. -jó | Vsuf: | verb suf. indicating accomplishment of the action |
| 28. joi dâlâih | Ph: | call back (on the phone) |
| 29. lèhng | nu: | 'and a little bit' in a number phrase |
| 30. líhng | nu: | zero |
| 31. ló | v: | fetch, to go get (something) |
| 32. ngaan | bf: | noon, midday |
| 33. ngūkkéi <u>or</u> ūkkéi | PW: | home |
| 34. sih | v: | business, affair, matter |
| 35. sihk (ng)aan | VO: | eat lunch |
| 36. sìn | adv/ss: | first |
| 37. sin | n: | line, thread |
| 38. têng | v: | hear, listen to |
| 39. têng dihnwá | VO: | talk [listen] on the telephone |
| 40. ūkkéi <u>or</u> ngūkkéi | PW: | home |
| 41. wah ngoh jí | Ph: | tell me |
| 42. wah yàhn têng | Ph: | tell someone |
| 43. wah yàhn jí | Ph: | tell someone |
| 44. wán | v: | look for, search |
| 45. wán yàhn | VO: | look someone up |

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46. heui/làih wán yàhn Ph: come/go see someone
47. Wéi! ex: Hello! (Telephone greeting)
48. (Yáuh) mēyéh sih a? Ph: What is it you want? (i.e., (on the phone)
May I take a message?)
49. yáuh sih VO: have something to attend to; have errand,
business
50. yiu auxV: going to, intend to

I. BASIC CONVERSATION

A. Buildup:

yàuhhaak

tourist

Yàuhhaak

bīndouh?

where?

hái

location verb, variously
translated. 'is located.'

hái bīndouh a?

where is (it)?

jáudim

hotel

Máhnwáh Jáudim

Mandarin Hotel

Máhnwáh Jáudim hái bīndouh a?

Where is the Mandarin Hotel?

Chéng mahn ...?

May I ask ...? polite form
used in asking questions,
equivalent to English:
Could you please tell
me ...?

Chéng mahn, Máhnwáh Jáudim

Could you please tell me where
the Mandarin Hotel is?

hái bīndouh a?

Búndeihyáhn

búndeihyáhn

a native, person belonging
to a place by ancestry
and upbringing.

-bihn

side

gó bihn

over there, on that side

hái gó bihn

(it) is over there

Nē!

there! an exclamation
accompanying pointing out
something to somebody.

Nē!-hái gó bihn.

There!--over there.

Yàuhhaak

táidóu

see [look successfully =
see]

táihndóu

look, but don't see; don't
see.

Deuihàjyuh, ngòh táiìhdóu.

Gó bihn bíndouh a?

Búndeihyáhn

deuimihh

máhtàuh

máhtàuh deuimihh

Tínsíng Máhtàuh

Hái Tínsíng Máhtàuh deuimihh.

Excuse me, I don't see it. Over there where?

opposite, facing

pier, wharf

opposite the pier

Star Ferry Pier

It's opposite the Star Ferry Pier.

Yáuhhaak

gūngsí

yáuh móuh gūngsí a?

níjógán, (var: jógán)

Níjógán yáuh móuh gūngsí a?

department store

is there a department store?

hereabouts, close by

Is there a department store near here?

Búndeihyáhn

Yáuh.

gàan

Nē - gó bihn yáuh gàan.

ngáhnhòhng

gó gàan ngáhnhòhng

gaaklèih

Hái gó gàan ngáhnhòhng gaaklèih.

Yes, there is.

measure for buildings

There's one over there.

bank

that bank

next to, adjacent

Next to the bank.

Yáuhhaak

A! Tái dóu laak! Mhgoi.

Oh, I see it! Thanks.

B. Recapitulation:

Yáuhhaak

Chéng mahn, Mánwáh Jáudin

hái bíndouh a?

Could you please tell me where the Mandarin Hotel is?

Búndeihyáhn

Nē!--hái gó bihn.

There!--over there.

Yáuhhaak

Deuihàjyuh, ngòh táiìhdóu.

Gó bihn bíndouh a?

Excuse me, I don't see it.

Over there where?

Búndeihyáhn

Hái Tíngsīng Máhtàuh deumihh.

It's opposite the Star Ferry
Pier.Yáuhhaak

Níjógán yáuh móuh gūngsī a?

Is there a department store
near here?Búndeihyáhn

Yáuh. Nē - gó bihn yáuh gàan.

Yes, there is. There's one
over there. It's next to
the bank.Hái gó gàan ngànhòhng gaak-
lèih.Yáuhhaak

A! Táidóu laak! Mhgoi.

Oh, I see it! Thanks.

II. NOTES

A. Culture Notes: Restaurants:

In this lesson we introduce two of the many names for different types of restaurants: chāansāt, and chàhlàuh. Chāansāt is the generic term for a restaurant serving Western food. (Western in contrast to Chinese, that is.) chàhlàuh is the word for Cantonese teahouse, mentioned in the notes for Lesson 5. In the teahouse you select what you want to eat from trays of hot snacks that are circulated up and down the aisles of the restaurant by vendor-girls. You don't have to order, just point. Very convenient for beginning language students. Of other names for restaurants, chāantēng refers to restaurants serving Western food. (chāansāt is the generic term, chāantēng is more elegant, used more frequently in restaurant names. Ex: Méih Sām Chāantēng haih gàan chāansāt. 'Maxim's Restaurant is a restaurant serving Western food.)

Restaurants serving Chinese food are called jáugā, jáulàuh, faahndim, choigwún, and faahngwún.

B. Structure Notes

1. Placewords.

Placeword is a name given to expressions which can, as the final element in the sentence, follow the location verb hái. Placewords can occupy the positions of subject, object, and modifier.

b. as a placeword:

Wòhng Sàang hái
chàhlàuh.

Mr. Wong is at the tea-
house.

(See Drill 2)

4. Nouns and pronouns which are not placewords (cannot follow hái as final element in sentence) form place-word phrases by suffixing a locative or the boundword -douh 'place.'

Ex: Bún syù hái ngòh
(ní)douh.

The book is (here) by me.

Bún syù hái Léih
Sàang douh.

The book is at Mr. Lee's.

Bún syù hái tóih
(gó)douh.

The book is (there) on
the table.

2. -douh, -syu = placeword formants

-douh 'place,' is a boundform, left-bound to the verb hái, or to one of the specifiers ní/gó/bín, or to a noun or pronoun to form a place phrase.

Ex: 1. Wòhng Táai hái m̀hái
douh a?

Is Mrs. Wong at home? or
here? or there? [i.e.,
at the place where the
listener is]

Hái douh.

(She) is here.

M̀hái douh.

She's not here.

2. Kéuih hái nídouh.

She's at this place.

3. Kéuih hái ngòh douh.

She's at my place. (here
by me.)

-syu, 'place,' is another boundword of place, which can be substituted for -douh everywhere. In Hong Kong -douh seems favored by most speakers, but -syu is occasionally heard also.

3. hái = location verb, requiring placeword object.

a. hái occurs: (1) as the only verb in the sentence, and

(2) as one verb in a series of verbal expressions.

(1) as the only verb in the sentence:

aff: Kéuih hái Méihgwok.

He's in America.

neg: Kéuih m̀hái Méihgwok.

He isn't in America.

q: Kéuih hái m̀hái
Méihgwok a?

Is he in America?

(See BC and Drills 1, 2, 3, 4)

(2) as one verb in a series of verbal expressions:

- aff: Kéuih hái ùkkéi dǎng ngòh. She's waiting (or waited) for me at home.
- neg: Kéuih mhhái ùkkéi dǎng ngòh. She's not waiting (or didn't wait) for me at home.
- q: Kéuih haih mhhaih hái ùkkéi dǎng néih a? Is she waiting (or did she wait) for you at home?

(See Drill 9)

b. Translation of hái into English

When hái is the only verb in the sentence, it translates into English as the appropriate tense and person of the verb 'be,' with in/on/at/ added as necessary, according to the requirements of English grammar.

- Ex: 1. Kéuih hái méingwok. He is/was in America.
2. Kéuih hái ùkkéi. He is/was (at) home.
3. Kéuih hái séjihlauh. He is/was at the office.
4. Kéuih hái gódouh. He is/was there.

When hái is one verb in a series of verbs, it translates into English as a preposition-- 'at,' 'on,' or 'in.'

- Ex: Kéuih hái Méingwok dǎng ngòh. He waited/is waiting for me in America.

4. Placeword yáuh Noun sentence type.

The Placeword yáuh Noun sentence is a form of SVO sentence, with yáuh as 'there is,' 'there are,' 'there exists.'

- Ex: aff: 1. Gaaklèih yáuh (gàan) ngàhnhòhng. Next door there is a bank.
- neg: 2. Gaaklèih móuh ngàhnhòhng. There's no bank next door.
- q: 3. Gaaklèih yáuh móuh ngàhnhòhng a? Is there a bank next door?

(See BC and Drills 11, 12, 13)

5. Pivotal constructions: PW yáuh SVO

The PW yáuh N sentence can be expanded to PW yáuh SVO, with the S of the SVO standing as the object of the first verb (yáuh) and the subject of the verb which follows it. Such a construction, in which the object of V_1 is the subject of V_2 , we call a pivotal construction.

- Ex: Gaaklèih yáuh yàhn sík faahn. Next door there are people (or there is someone) eating dinner.

(See Drill 14)

6. -dóu = verb suffix, indicating successful accomplishment of action of the verb.

a. Verbs which take the suffix -dóu include the following:

| <u>Verb</u> | | <u>V-dóu</u> | |
|-------------|------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| tái | look | táidóu | see [look successfully] |
| wán | search, look for | wándóu | find [search successfully] |
| máaih | buy | máaihóu | buy [i.e. after overcoming obstacles] |

b. Illustrative examples:

A. Tái mhtáidóu gó gään ngàhnòhng a?

A: Do you see that bank?

B. Táidóu.

B: Yes, I see it.

C. Táimhdóu.

C: No, I don't see it.

A. Nē, hái gó gään jáudim gaaklèih.

A: There--next to the hotel.

C. A, yihgā táidóu laak.

C: Oh, now I see it.

c. Verb forms of V-dóu:

aff: táidóu

neg: táimhdóu (or mhtáidóu)

q: tái mhtáidóu? (or tái mhtáidākóu?)

Of the negative forms V-mhdóu is more common, though mhtáidóu also is said. Both question forms are common.

(See BC and Drill 13)

III. DRILLS

1. Expansion Drill: Students point nearby for nīdough, away for gódough.

Ex: T: /Ngóh/Néih/Kéuih/ T: I, you, he.
 + S: Ngóh hái nīdough. S: I'm here;
 + Néih hái gódough. you're there;
 Kéuih hái bīndough a? where's she?

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|---|---|
| 1. /ngóhdeih/néihdeih/kéuihdeih/ | 1. Ngóhdeih hái nīdough;
néihdeih hái gódough;
kéuihdeih hái bīndough a? |
| 2. /Chàhn Sàang/Chàhn Táai/Chàhn Siujé/ | 2. Chàhn Sàang hái nīdough;
Chàhn Táai hái gódough;
Chàhn Siujé hái bīndough a? |
| 3. /tíuh fu/gíhn sēutsāam/
deui hàaih/ | 3. Tíuh fu hái nīdough;
gíhn sēutsāam hái gódough;
deui hàaih hái bīndough a? |
| 4. /jǐ yùhnbat/jǐ yùhnjibat/
bún syù/ | 4. Jǐ yùhnbat hái nīdough;
jǐ yùhnjibat hái gódough;
bún syù hái bīndough a? |
| 5. /dǐ pihnggwó/dǐ cháang/dǐ jǐu/ | 5. Dǐ pihnggwó hái nīdough;
dǐ cháang hái gódough;
dǐ jǐu hái bīndough a? |

2. Conversation Drill: Carry on the suggested conversations following the pattern of the example.

- Ex: T: /jáudim/ hotel
 S1: Kéuih hái bīndough a? Where is (or was) he? /hotel/
 S2: Kéuih hái jáudim. He is (or was) at the hotel.
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|---|---|
| 1. /ngànhhòhng/ | 1. S1: Kéuih hái bīndough a?
S2: Kéuih hái ngànhhòhng. |
| + 2. /chāansāt/
(Western restaurant) | 2. S1: Kéuih hái bīndough a?
S2: Kéuih hái chāansāt. |
| + 3. /chàhlàuh/
(teahouse) | 3. S1: Kéuih hái bīndough a?
S2: Kéuih hái chàhlàuh. |
| 4. /jáudim/ | 4. S1: Kéuih hái bīndough a?
S2: Kéuih hái jáudim. |
| + 5. /séjihlàuh/
(office) | 5. S1: Kéuih hái bīndough a?
S2: Kéuih hái séjihlàuh. |

6. /gūngsǐ/
6. S1: Kéuih hái bīndouh a?
S2: Kéuih hái gūngsǐ.
- + 7. /tòuhsyùgwún/
(library)
7. S1: Kéuih hái bīndouh a?
S2: Kéuih hái tòuhsyùgwún.

3. Expansion Drill:

- Ex: T: Chàhn Táai m̀hái ngukkéi, /chāansāt/
S: Chàhn Táai m̀hái ngukkéi, hái chāansāt.
- T: Mrs. Chan is not at home.
S: Mrs. Chan is not at home, she's at the restaurant.
1. Kéuih m̀hái tòuhsyùgwún. /gūngsǐ/
He's not at the library. /department store/
1. Kéuih m̀hái tòuhsyùgwún, hái gūngsǐ.
He's not at the library, he's at the department store.
2. Léih Sàang m̀hái gūngsǐ. /jáudim/
2. Léih Sàang m̀hái gūngsǐ, hái jáudim.
3. Léih Siujé m̀hái chāansāt. /séjihlauh/
3. Léih Siujé m̀hái chāansāt, hái séjihlauh.
4. Chàhn Sàang m̀hái séjihlauh. /chaansāt/
4. Chàhn Sàang m̀hái séjihlauh, hái chāansāt.
- + 5. M̀hnhwàh Jáudim m̀hái Daaih Douh Jùng. /Tínsing M̀hntauh deuimihh/
The Mandarin Hotel is not on Queen's Road Central. /opposite the Star Ferry/
5. M̀hnhwàh Jáudim m̀hái Daaih Douh Jùng, hái Tínsing M̀hntauh deuimihh.
- + 6. Go chē jaahm m̀hái deuimihh. /ní bihn/
The bus stop is not across the street. /this side/
6. Go chē jaahm m̀hái deuimihh, hái ní bihn.
The car stop is not across the street, it's on this side.
- + 7. Méihgwok Ngànhhòhng m̀hái ní bihn. /deuimihh/
The Bank of America is not on this side.
7. Méihgwok Ngànhhòhng m̀hái ní bihn, hái deuimihh.
The Bank of America is not on this side, it's in front.
- + 8. Kéuih gàn ngūk m̀hái Hèunggóng ní bihn. /Gauluhng gó bihn/
His house is not here on the Hong Kong side. /there on the Kowloon side/
8. K'uih gàn ngūk m̀hái Hèunggóng ní bihn, hái Gauluhng gó bihn.

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| 9. Hèunggóng chāansāt m̀hái gó bihn. /ní bihn/ | 9. Hèunggóng chāansāt m̀hái góbihn, hái ní bihn. |
| 10. T̀insing M̀hàntàuh m̀hái gaaklèih. /deuimih/ | 10. T̀insing M̀hàntàuh m̀hái gaaklèih, hái deuimih. |
| + 11. Méihgwok Jáudim m̀hái (ní) jógán. (J̀ungwàahn/)
The <u>American Hotel</u> is not hereabouts. / <u>Central District</u> / | 11. Méihgwok Jáudim m̀hái (ní) jógán, hái J̀ungwàahn. |
| 12. Gó g̀aan g̀ungsi m̀hái ní jógán. /Daaih Douh J̀ung/ | 12. Gó g̀aan g̀ungsi m̀hái ní jógán, hái Daaih Douh J̀ung. |

Comments: (1) Méihgwok Jáudim, 'American Hotel' is the Hong Kong Hilton, also called 'Hèiyihdeuhn Jáudim'

(2) (ng)̀uk 'house,' is not the one you live in. ng̀ukkéi, 'home,' 'house one lives in'

4. Alteration Drill

Ex: T: Wòhng S̀aang hái m̀hái ùkkéi a?

T: Is Mr. Wong at home?

S: Wòhng S̀aang haih m̀hah hái ùkkéi a?

S: Is Mr. Wong at home?

1. Kéuih hái m̀hái séjihlauh a?

1. Kéuih haih m̀hah hái séjihlauh a?

2. Ch̀ahn Siujé bá jē hái m̀hái ǹidouh a?
Is Miss Chan's umbrella here?

2. Ch̀ahn Siujé bá jē haih m̀hah hái ǹidouh a?

3. Hòh Táai gihh l̀aangsám hái m̀hái néih ùkkéi a?
Is Mrs. Ho's sweater at your house?

3. Hòh Táai gihh l̀aangsám haih m̀hah hái néih ùkkéi a?

Comment: a location question of the choice type may be either hái m̀hái Placeword? or haih m̀hah hái Placeword?

5. Substitution Drill: Repeat first sentence, then substitute as directed.

1. Méihgwok Jáudim hái b̀indouh a?
Where is the American Hotel?

1. Méihgwok Jáudim hái b̀indouh a?

2. /M̀ahnwàh Jáudim/

2. M̀ahnwàh Jáudim hái b̀indouh a?

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| 3. /Méihgwok Ngànhòhng/ | 3. Méihgwok Ngànhòhng hái bīndouh a? |
| 4. /Daaih Douh Jùng/ | 4. Daaih Douh Jùng hái bīndouh a? |
| 5. /Néih ge séjihlauh/ | 5. Néih ge séjihlauh hái bīndouh a? |
| + 6. /Dākfuoh Douh Jùng/
<u>Des Voeux Road Central</u> | 6. Dākfuoh Douh Jùng hái bīndouh a? |
| 7. /Tīnsīng Máhtàuh/ | 7. Tīnsīng Máhtàuh hái bīndouh a? |
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6. Expansion Drill

Ex: T: Làuh Siujé hái nīdouh. T: Miss Lau is (or was) here.

S: Wòhng Siujé wah ngóh jí Làuh Siujé hái nīdouh. S: Miss Wong told me Miss Lau was here.

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| 1. Làuh Siujé hái gódouh. | 1. Wòhng Siujé wah ngóh jí Làuh Siujé hái gódouh. |
| 2. Làuh Siujé hái nī bihn. | 2. Wòhng Siujé wah ngóh jí Làuh Siujé hái nī bihn. |
| 3. Làuh Siujé hái gó bihn. | 3. Wòhng Siujé wah ngóh jí Làuh Siujé hái gó bihn. |
| 4. Làuh Siujé hái deumihhn. | 4. Wòhng Siujé wah ngóh jí Làuh Siujé hái deumihhn. |
| 5. Làuh Siujé hái gaaklèih. | 5. Wòhng Siujé wah ngóh jí Làuh Siujé hái gaaklèih. |
| 6. Làuh Siujé hái nījógán. | 6. Wòhng Siujé wah ngóh jí Làuh Siujé hái nījógán. |
| + 7. Làuh Siujé hái <u>mùnhháu</u> .
Miss Làuh is at the door.
(doorway) | 7. Wòhng Siujé wah ngóh jí Làuh Siujé hái mùnhháu. |
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7. Expansion Drill

Ex: T: Gàan ngànhòhng hái deumihhn.
/chē jaahm/

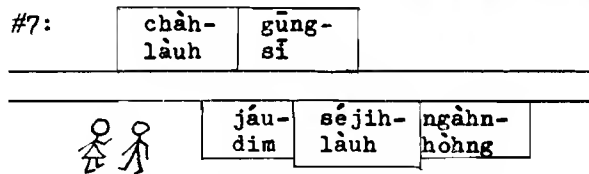
T: The bank is on the opposite side. /bus stop/

S: Gàan ngànhòhng hái chē jaahm deumihhn.

S: The bank is opposite the bus stop.

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| 1. Gàan gūngsī hái deuimihn.
/jǎudim/ | 1. Gàan gūngsī hái jáudim
deuimihn. |
| 2. Gàan jáudim hái deuimihn.
/gūngsī/ | 2. Gàan jáudim hái gūngsī
deuimihn. |
| 3. Gàan ngànhòhng hái nī jógán.
/chē jaahm/
The bank is near here. | 3. Gàan ngànhòhng hái chē
jaahm nī jógán.
The bank is near the bus
stop, here. |
| 4. Go chē jaahm hái nījógán.
/ngànhòhng/
The bus stop is nearby. /bank/ | 4. Go chē jaahm hái ngànhòhng
nī jógán.
The bus stop is near the
bank. |
| 5. Gàan gūngsī hái gaaklèih.
/chāansāt/
The department store is next
door. /restaurant/ | 5. Gàan gūngsī hái chāansāt
gaaklèih.
The department store is
next the restaurant. |
| 6. Gàan chāansāt hái gaaklèih.
/tòusyùgwún/ | 6. Gàan chāansāt hái tòusyùgwún
gaaklèih. |
| 7. Ngóh ge séjihlauh hái nībihn.
/jǎudim/
My office is on this side
of the street. /hotel/ | 7. Ngóh ge séjihlauh hái jáudim
nī bihn.
My office is this side
of the street, on the side
where the hotel is. |

Comment on #7:



Ngóh ge séjihlauh hái jáudim nī bihn. Ngóh, séjihlauh, and jáudim are all on the same side of the street. Above, in referring to the dept. store, speaker would say: Gūngsī hái chàhlauh gó bihn. The dept. store is on that side (away from me) where the teahouse is.

8. Response Drill

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| Ex: T: Méihgwok Jáudim
hái bindouh a?
/Daaih Douh Jùng/ | T: Where's the Hilton Hotel? |
| S: Méihgwok Jáudim hái
Daaih Douh Jùng. | S: The Hilton Hotel is on Queen's
Road Central. |

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| 1. Néih ge séjihlauh hái bīndouh a?
a? /Dākfuuh Douh Jùng/ | 1. Ngóh ge séjihlauh hái Dākfuuh
Douh Jùng. |
| 2. Méihgwok Jáudim hái bīndouh a?
/Daaih Douh Jùng/ | 2. Méihgwok Jáudim hái Daaih
Douh Jùng. |
| 3. Daaih Douh Jùng hái bīndouh a?
/Hèunggóng nǐ bihn/
on the Hongkong side | 3. Daaih Douh Jùng hái
Hèunggóng nǐ bihn. |
| + 4. Mǎnhwàh Jáudim hái bīnbihn a?
/deuimihn/ (<u>which side?</u>) | 4. Mǎnhwàh Jáudim hái deuimihn. |
| 5. Tǐnsǐng Mǎhtàuh hái bīndouh a?
/gó bihn/ | 5. Tǐnsǐng Mǎhtàuh hái gó bihn. |
| 6. Go chē jaahm hái bīndouh a?
/ngànhhòhng deuimihn/ | 6. Go chē jaahm hái ngànhhòhng
deuimihn. |
| 7. Tòuhsyùgwún hái bīndouh a?
/gaaklèih/ | 7. Tòuhsyùgwún hái gaaklèih. |

Comment: People in Hongkong identify places as being 'on the Hongkong side' or 'on the Kowloon side'. Kowloon and Hongkong are on opposite sides of the Hongkong Harbour. Hèunggóng nǐ bihn 'on the Hongkong side' [Hongkong this side] is said from the standpoint of a person who is on the Hongkong side. To him the Kowloon side would be Gáulùhng gó bihn 'on the Kowloon side' [Kowloon that side].

9. Combining Drill

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| Ex: T: Kéuih hái Méihgwok
Jáudim.
Kéuih dǎng ngóh. | T: He is (<u>or was</u>) at the American
Hotel.
He is (<u>or was</u>) waiting
(<u>or He waited</u>) for me. |
| S: Kéuih hái Méihgwok
Jáudim dǎng ngóh. | S: He is (<u>or was</u>) waiting, (<u>or</u>
He waited) for me at the
American Hotel. |
| 1. Kéuih hái mǔnhháu.
Kéuih dǎng pǎhngyáuh. | 1. Kéuih hái mǔnhháu dǎng
pǎhngyáuh. |
| 2. Kéuih hái Tǐnsǐng Mǎhtàuh.
Kéuih dǎng pǎhngyáuh. | 2. Kéuih hái Tǐnsǐng Mǎhtàuh
dǎng pǎhngyáuh. |
| 3. Jèung Sàang hái Yahtbún.
Jàung Sàang gaau Yahtmǎhn. | 3. Jèung Sàang hái Yahtbún
gaau Yahtmǎhn. |
| 4. Ngóh hái Hèunggóng.
Ngóh hohk Gwóngdùngwá. | 4. Ngóh hái Hèunggóng hohk
Gwóngdùngwá. |
| + 5. Kéuih hái Méihgwok Ngànhhòhng.
Kéuih <u>lò chin</u> .
He <u>withdraws</u> money. | 5. Kéuih hái Méihgwok Ngành-
hòhng <u>lò chin</u> .
He's at the Bank of
America withdrawing money. |

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| <p>6. Chèuhn Táai hái chē jaahn.
+ Chèuhn Táai dáng chē.
Mrs. Cheun is waiting for
the bus. [<u>vehicle</u>]</p> <p>7. Wòhng Siujé hái Jùnggwok
Chàhlàuh.
Wòhng Siujé sihk faahn.</p> | <p>6. Chèuhn Táai hái chē jaahn
dáng chē.</p> <p>7. Wòhng Siujé hái Jùnggwok
Chàhlàuh sihk faahn.</p> |
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10. Expansion Drill

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| <p>Ex: T: Néih bá jē hái
gódouh. /Làuh
Táai/
S: Néih bá jē hái Làuh
Táai gódouh.</p> <p>1. Jí yùhnbat hái nídouh. /ngòh/
2. Gihn yúhlāu hái gódouh.
/Wòhng Táai/
3. Ngòh bāau yīnjái hái nídouh.
/Léih Sàng/
4. Tíuh kwàhn hái nídouh. /ngòh/
5. Gihn sām hái gódouh. /kéuh/</p> | <p>T: Your umbrella is over there.
/Mrs. Lau/
S: Your umbrella is there by Mrs.
Lau.</p> <p>1. Jí yùhnbat hái ngòh nídouh.
2. Gihn yúhlāu hái Wòhng Táai
gódouh.
3. Ngòh bāau yīnjái hái Léih
Sàng nídouh.
4. Tíuh kwàhn hái ngòh nídouh.
5. Gihn sām hái kéuh gódouh.</p> |
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Comment: Nouns and pronouns which do not in themselves have any reference to place, can function in placeword expressions when joined to a following locative.

11. Conversation Exercise

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| <p>Ex: A: Nídouh jógán yáuh
móuh chaansat a?
B: Yáuh. Deuimihn yáuh
gàan.</p> <p>1. A.?
B. Yáuh. Gó bihn</p> <p>2. A.?
B. Yáuh. Gaaklèih</p> <p>3. A.?</p> | <p>A: Is there a western restaurant
around here?
B: Yes. There's one across the
street.</p> <p>1. A. Nídouh jógán yáuh móuh
chaansat a?
B. Yáuh. Gó bihn yáuh gàn.</p> <p>2. A. Nídouh jógán yáuh móuh
chaansat a?
B. Yáuh. Gaaklèih yáuh gàn.</p> <p>3. A. Nídouh jógán yáuh móuh
chaansat a?</p> |
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| B. Yáuh. Dāk Fuh Douh Jùng ... | B. Yáuh. Dāk Fuh Douh Jùng yáuh gàan. |
| 4. A.? | 4. A. Nídouh jógán yáuh móuh chāansāt a? |
| B. Yáuh. Daaih Douh Jùng ... | B. Yáuh. Daaih Douh Jùng yáuh gàan. |
| 5. A.? | 5. A. Nídouh jógán yáuh móuh chāansāt a? |
| B. Yáuh. Ngànhòhng gaaklèih. | B. Yáuh. Ngànhòhng gaaklèih yáuh gàan. |
| 6. A.? | 6. A. Nídouh jógán yáuh móuh chāansāt a? |
| B. Yáuh. Gó gàan gūngsī deumihh ... | B. Yáuh. Gó gàan gūngsī deumihh yáuh gàan. |

12. Substitution Drill: Repeat the first sentence then substitute as directed.

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| 1. Chéng mahn, nídouh jógán yáuh móuh gūngsī a?
Could you please tell me,
is there a department store
around here? | 1. Nídouh jógán yáuh móuh gūngsī a? |
| 2. /chē jaahm/ | 2. Chéng mahn, ní jógán yáuh móuh chē jaahm a? |
| 3. /jáudim/ | 3. Chéng mahn, nídouh jógán yáuh móuh jáudim a? |
| 4. /chāansāt/ | 4. Chéng mahn, ní jógán yáuh móuh chāansāt a? |
| 5. /ngànhòhng/ | 5. Chéng mahn, nídouh jógán yáuh móuh ngànhòhng a? |

13. Conversation Drill

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| Ex: T: /deumihh/ | T: opposite |
| + S1: Néih <u>tái mhtáidóu</u>
deumihh yáuh
mēyéh a? | S1: <u>Can you see</u> what there is
opposite us? |
| T: /jáudim/ | T: hotel |
| S2: Deumihh yáuh gàan
jáudim. | S2: Opposite us there's a hotel. <u>or</u>
There's a hotel across the
street. |

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| 1./gaaklèih/
/gūngsī/ | 1. A. Néih tái m̄htáidóu gaak-
lèih yáuh mēyéh a?
B. Gaaklèih yáuh gāan
gūngsī. |
| 2./gódouh/
/chāansāt/ | 2. A. Néih tái m̄htáidóu gódouh
yáuh mēyéh a?
B. Gódouh yáuh gāan chāansāt. |
| 3./deuimihn/
/chē jaahm/ | 3. A. Néih tái m̄htáidóu deu-
mihn yáuh mēyéh a?
B. Deuimihn yáuh go chē
jaahm. |
| 4./gaaklèih/
/ngānhhòhng/ | 4. A. Néih tái m̄htáidóu gaak-
lèih yáuh mēyéh a?
B. Gaaklèih yáuh gāan
ngānhhòhng. |
| 6./ní bihn/
/jáudim/ | 5. A. Néih tái m̄htáidóu níbihn
yáuh mēyéh a?
B. Ní bihn yáuh gāan jáudim. |

14. Alteration Drill

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| Ex: T: Gó go yáhn dá dihn-
wá. /gódouh/ | T: That man is making a phone
call/there/ |
| S: Gódouh yáuh go
yáhn dá dihnwá. | S: Over there there's a man
making a phone call. |
| 1. Gó go yáhn wán néih.
/mùnhháu gódouh/ | 1. Mùnhháu gódouh yáuh go yáhn
wán néih.
There's a man at the door
looking for you. |
| 2. Gó wái sīnsàang dāng chē.
/chē jaahm gódouh/ | 2. Chē jaahm gódouh yáuh wái
sīnsàang dāng chē. |
| 3. Gó go Yínggwokyáhn síhk chāan.
/chāansāt gódouh/ | 3. Chāansāt gódouh yáuh go
Yínggwokyáhn síhk chāan. |
| + 4. Gó go Méihgwokyáhn tái syù.
/séjihlāuh gódouh/ ([<u>read-</u>
<u>book</u>], <u>read</u>)
That American is reading. | 4. Séjihlāuh gódouh yáuh go
Méihgwokyáhn tái syù. |
| 5. Gó go yáhn maaih cháang.
/mùnhháu/ | 5. Mùnhháu yáuh go yáhn maaih
cháang. |
| 6. Gó go yáhn dá dihnwá.
/gó bihn/ | 6. Gó bihn yáuh go yáhn dá
dihnwá. |

Comment: Note that in the left hand column sentences above, of the structure: Noun Phrase Verb Phrase, the nouns are
 gó go yáhn = that person.

In the right hand column sentences, of the structure: Placeword yáuh Noun Phrase Verb Phrase, the nouns are un-specific:

go yáhn = 'a person'.

This is characteristic of the Placeword yáuh structure.

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| Compare: (1) Gó go yáhn hái gó bihn
dá dihnwá. | That man is making a
phone call over there. |
| (2) Gó bihn yáuh go yáhn dá
dihnwá. | Over there, there's some-
one making a phone call. |

IV. CONVERSATIONS FOR LISTENING

(On tape. Refer to wordlist below as you listen.)

Unfamiliar terms, in order of occurrence:

- 1) yātján = dāngyātjahn = 'in a little while'
 - 2) wán mhdóu = can't find it, search but not successful
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V. SAY IT IN CANTONESE

A. You ask a pedestrian:

1. Could you please tell me
where the Star Ferry is?
2. Could you please tell me
where the Hilton Hotel is?
3. Is there a car stop around
here?
4. Where is the Bank of America?

B. And he responds:

1. There! (pointing) It's
over there.
2. There! It's across the
street.
3. Yes, there's one opposite
the library.
4. The Bank of America is in
Central District.

C. You ask a friend:

1. Where is your umbrella?
2. Where is your office?
3. Can you make out (see
successfully) what that is
across the street?

D. And he replies:

1. It's here.
2. It's on Des Voeux Road
Central.
3. Across the street there's
a tea-house.

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| 4. Who is over there waiting for you? | 4. It's my wife. |
| 5. Where is Mr. Wong's office? | 5. It's next to my office. |
| 6. Is Mr. Wong in his office now? | 6. No, he's at home. |
| 7. There's a man over there making a phone call-- do you know him? | 7. Yes, he's my student. |

Vocabulary Checklist for Lesson 10

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|----------------------|---|
| 1. bīnbihn? | PW: which side? |
| 2. -bihn | bf: side |
| 3. bīndouh? | QW: where? |
| 4. būndeihyàhn | n: a native of the place under discussion |
| 5. chāansāt | n/PW: western style restaurant |
| 6. chàhlàuh | n/PW: Cantonese style tea-house |
| 7. chē | n: vehicle: car, bus, or tram |
| 8. chē jaahm | n/PW: car stop (bus or tram stop) |
| 9. chéng mahn | Ph: 'May I ask...?' |
| 10. Daaiah Douh Jùng | PW: Queen's Road Central |
| 11. Daǎfuh Douh Jùng | PW: Des Veoux Road Central |
| 12. deuimihh | PW: opposite side |
| 13. -dóu | vs: verb suffix indicating successful accomplishment of the action of the verb. |
| 14. gàan | m: M. for buildings |
| 15. gaaklèih | PW: next door |
| 16. gódouh | PW: there |
| 17. gó bihn | PW: over there, on that side |
| 18. gūngsǐ | n/PW: department store; office (of a commercial company) |
| 19. hái | v: location verb, translated as: is in/at/on |
| 20. Hèunggóng | PW: Hong Kong |
| 21. jaahm | n: station, stop (as train station, bus stop) |
| 22. jáudim | n/PW: hotel |
| 23. jógán | PW: nearby, hereabouts |
| 24. Jùngwàahn | PW: Central District |

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| 25. ló chín | VO: | withdraw money (from bank) |
| 26. máhtàuh | n/PW: | pier |
| 27. Mǎhnwàh Jǎudim | PW: | Mandarin Hotel |
| 28. mahn | v: | ask |
| 29. Méihgwok Jǎudim | PW: | 'American Hotel,' (in HK, the Hong Kong Hilton) |
| 30. Méihgwok Ngàhnhòhng | PW: | Bank of America |
| 31. mùnhháu | n/PW: | doorway |
| 32. Nē! | ex: | 'There!' an exclamation used when pointing out something to someone |
| 33. nībihn | PW: | this side |
| 34. nīdoh | PW: | here |
| 35. nījógán | PW: | closeby, hereabouts |
| 36. ngàhnhòhng | n/PW: | bank |
| 37. ngūk (or ūk) | n/PW: | house |
| 38. séjihlàuh | n/PW: | office |
| 39. táimhdóu | VP: | can't see |
| 40. táidóu | VP: | see [look successfully] |
| 41. tái mǎhtáidóu? | VP: | can [you] see? |
| 42. tái syù | VO: | read (a book) |
| 43. Tǐnsǐng Mǎhtàuh | PW: | Star Ferry Pier |
| 44. tòuhsyùgwún | n/PW: | library |
| 45. ūk (var: ngūk) | n/PW: | house |
| 46. yǎhnhaak | n: | tourist |

BASIC CONVERSATION

A. Buildup:

(A brother and sister are sharing a taxi to work)

saiwúí

younger sister

Saiwúí

̀nhgeidāk

forgot, forget

daai

carry, take or bring along

̀nhgeidāk daai ch́n

forgot to bring money

tím

sentence suffix, indicating
taken by surprise

Ngóh ̀nhgeidāk daai ch́n

I forgot to bring my money!

tím!

Aiya! Ngóh ̀nhgeidāk daai ch́n

Aiya! I forgot to bring my
money!

tím!

elder brother

agō

Agō

̀nhgányiu--ngóh yáuh.

Never mind--I have (some).

(He hands \$3.00 to the driver)

jáaufàan

give back change (give
change--return)

jáaufàan sàam hòuh

give back 30¢ change

dāk laak

that will be all right

Jáaufàan sàam hòuh dāk laak.

Give me 30¢ change, that'll
be OK.

sígēi

driver, cab driver,
chauffeurSígēi

móuhdāk

not have available

Ngóh móuhdāk jáau.

I don't have any change.

[don't have (money) avail-
able to give change]

sàan ngán

small coins

Néih yáuh móuh sàan ngán a?

Do you have any small coins?

Agō

Yáuh, yáuh.

Yes, I have.

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| ̀hgingjǒ | lose/lost (something),
'nowhere to be seen' |
| Yí! | exclamation of distress |
| Yí! ̀hgingjǒ gé? | Eh? Disappeared? |
| A--hái douh. | Oh--they're here. |
| nâh! | here! |
| Nâh, nǐdouh chāt hòuhjǐ. | Here, here's 70¢. |
| (The two get out of the taxi) | |
| <u>Agō</u> | |
| yuhng | use |
| Néih yiu chǐn yuhng. | You'll need some money to use. |
| je | lend |
| -jyuh | temporarily, for a short
time |
| jejyuh béi néih | lend to you |
| Ngóh nǐdouh jejyuh béi néih | I'll lend you some (of what I
have) here. |
| sǐn lā. | |
| Yiu géidō a? | How much do you need? |
| <u>Saimúí</u> | |
| Sahp mǎn gau laak. | Ten dollars will be enough. |
| <u>Agō</u> | |
| baak | hundred |
| baak mǎn | hundred dollars |
| jǐ | paper. here, paper money,
i.e. \$ bill |
| baak mǎn jǐ | hundred dollar bill |
| jèung | measure for bank notes |
| jèung yāt baak mǎn jǐ | a one-hundred-dollar bill |
| dāk | have only, only have |
| ja | jē + a = ja |
| Ngóh dāk jèung yāt baak mǎn | I only have a hundred dollar |
| jǐ ja. | bill. |
| cheunghòí | break (a large note for
ones of smaller de-
nomination) |

Dáng ngòh cheunghòì bēi nēih
lā.

I'll get it changed and give
you (the money).

(They stop in at a bank to change the \$100
bill. The elder brother addresses a teller:)

Agō

cheunghoi jèung yāt baak mǎn jí
túhng ngòh
Ńhghòì nēih túhng ngòh cheunghòì
jèung yāt baak mǎn jí lā.

split a hundred dollar bill
for me, on my behalf
Would you please change a
hundred dollar bill for me.

Síujé

dāk
Dāk. Sǎhp jèung sǎhp mǎn jí
hóu mǎhóu a?

OK, sure
Sure. Are 10 ten's OK?

Agō

Hóu aak.

Fine.

B. Recapitulation:

Saimúì

Aiya! Ngòh mǎhgeidāk daai chin
tí!
Ńhghányiu--ngòh yáuh.

Aiya! I forgot to bring my
money!
Never mind--I have some.

(He hands \$3.00 to the driver)

Jáaufaan sǎam hòuh dāk laak.

Give me 30¢ change, that'll
be OK.

Sígēi

Ngòh móuhdāk jáau. Nēih yáuh
móuh sǎan ngán a?

I don't have any change. Do
you have any small coins?

Agō

Yáuh, yáuh. Yí! Ńhghinjó gé?
A--háì douh. Nǎh, nǎidouh
chāt hòuhjí.

Yes, I have. Eh? Disappeared?
Oh, they're here. Here,
here's 70¢.

(They get out of the taxi)

Agō

Nēih yiu chin yuhng. Ngòh nǎidouh
jeiyuh bēi nēih sǎn lā. Yiu

You'll need some money to use.
I'll lend you some. How much

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| géidō a? | | do you need? |
| | <u>Saimúí</u> | |
| Sahp mán gau laak. | | Ten dollars will be enough. |
| | <u>Agō</u> | |
| Ngóh dāk jèung yāt baak mán
jí ja. Dáng ngóh cheunghòí
béi néih lā. | | I only have a hundred dollar
bill. I'll get it changed
and give you (the money). |
| (They stop in at a bank to change the \$100
bill. The elder brother addresses a teller:) | | |
| | <u>Agō</u> | |
| Mhngòí néih túng ngóh cheunghòí
jèung yāt baak mán jí lā. | | Would you please change a
hundred dollar bill for me. |
| | <u>Síujé</u> | |
| Dāk. Sahp jèung sah p mán jí
hóu mhhóu a? | | Sure. Are ten 10's OK? |
| | <u>Agō</u> | |
| Hóu aak. | | Fine. |

II. NOTES

1. sín, 'first,'

sín, 'first,' attaches to the end of a clause sentence, or a minor sentence consisting of a timeword, with the implication that something else is to follow.

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| Ex: 1. Dáng ngóh ló jí bāt
sín lā. | 1. Let me get a pencil first--
(and then I can write
down the number.) |
| 2. Ngóh nídouh jejjuh
béi néih sín lā. | 2. I'll lend you (some money)
first--(and then you can
get through the day.) |
| 3. A: Dāk meih a?
B: Meih--dángjahn sín
lā. | 3. A: Ready yet?
B: Not yet--wait a minute
first--(then I'll be
ready.) |

(See BC)

Students of Mandarin will recall that the Mandarin equivalent of sín, syān, occupies a different sentence position. In Mandarin syān comes before the verb, rather than coming at the end of the clause.

Ex: Dèng wǒ syān ná (yì) jǐ bǐ lái. Let me first get a pen.

6. -dò and -siu phrases of indefinite amounts

- a. -dò 'large amount' and -siu 'small amount' combine with preceding hóu- and others to form phrases of indefinite amounts.

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| Ex: 1. hóudò | a lot, many, much |
| 2. géidò | quite a lot |
| 3. móuhgéidò | not very much |
| 4. hóusíu | very little, very few |
| 5. sèsíu | a little |
| 6. síusíu | just a little, just a few |

- b. These -dò/-siu phrases can be used as modifier to a following nominal construction or as head in a nominal construction.

Ex:

as modifier:

Ngóh yáuh hóudò chín. I have a lot of money.

as head:

Kéuih dōu yáuh hóudò. He has a lot too.

- c. sèsíu and síusíu modify mass nouns only, directly preceding the noun. As head structures they are used only in connection with mass nouns.

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| Ex: 1. Béi sèsíu tòhng ngóh lā. | Please give me a little sugar. |
| 2. Béi síusíu tòhng ngóh lā. | Please give me just a tiny bit of sugar. |
| 3. Sèsíu hóu lā. | A little bit is fine.
(Someone asked how much sugar you want in your coffee.) |
| 4. Síusíu hóu lā. | Just a tiny bit is fine. |

- d. The following -dò/-siu phrases can modify individual and mass nouns directly:

| <u>-dò/-siu</u> | <u>Ind/Mass Noun</u> | |
|-----------------|------------------------------|--|
| 1. hóudò | } sēutsāam
tòhng
....? | 1. many shirts; much sugar |
| 2. géidò | | 2. quite a few shirts; quite a bit of sugar |
| 3. móuhgéidò | | 3. not many shirts; not much |
| 4. (QW) géidō | | 4. how many shirts?; how ^{sugar} much |
| 5. hóusíu | | 5. very few shirts; ^{sugar} very little sugar |

(See Drills 11, 12)

e. The following can precede a Measure (+ Noun):

| -dò | M | N | |
|------------------|------|----------|--|
| hóudò | gihn | sēutsāam | many [M] shirts |
| móuhgéidò | " | " | not many [M] shirts |
| géidò (& géidō?) | " | " | quite a few [M] shirts
(how many [M] shirts?) |

7. cheung and cheunghòì 'to change money into smaller denomination'

These both form VO phrases with a following money phrase.

cheung = change into (what you want) (followed by denomination wanted)

cheunghòì = change, i.e., break (a big bill) (followed by denomination held.)

Ex: cheung sah p mǎn jí = change into \$10 bills

cheunghòì jèung sah p mǎn jí = break a \$10 bill

8. Sentence suffix gé

gé represents sentence suffix ge, 'that's the way it is'

plus rising intonation for uncertainty and doubt.

Ex: Yí-mhginjó gé? Eh? (They're) lost?

(See BC)

III. DRILLS

1. Alteration Drill

Ex: 1. T: Nī go haih cháang T: This is an orange.
laih ge.

S: Nàh--nīdoh yáuh S: Here--here's an orange.
go cháang.

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| 1. Nī dī haih ngàuhyuhk laih ge. | 1. Nàh--nīdoh yáuh dī ngàuh-yuhk. |
| 2. Nī jǐ haih heiséui laih ge. | 2. Nàh--nīdoh yáuh jǐ heiséui. |
| 3. Nī dī haih tòhng laih ge. | 3. Nàh--nīdoh yáuh dī tòhng. |
| 4. Nī go haih pihnggwó laih ge. | 4. Nàh--nīdoh yáuh go pihnggwó. |
| 5. Nī jèung haih sah p mǎn jǐ laih ge. | 5. Nàh--nīdoh yáuh jèung sah p mǎn jǐ. |
| + 6. Nī go haih ñgh hòuhjǐ <u>ngán</u> laih ge. (<u>ngán</u> = coin) | 6. Nàh--nīdoh yáuh go ñgh hòuhjǐ ngán. |
| 7. Nī go haih yāt mǎn ngán laih ge. | 7. Nàh--nīdoh yáuh go yāt mǎn ngán. |
- a. Repeat, in reverse, teacher cueing with yáuh sentences, students responding with haih sentences.

2. Substitution Drill

Ex: T: Béi ñgh hòuhjǐ ngóh. /jáaufaan/

T: Give me 50¢. /give back change/

S: Jáaufaan ñgh hòuhjǐ ngóh.

S: Give me back 50¢ change.

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| 1. Béi sah p mǎn ngóh. /je/
Give me ten dollars. | 1. Je sah p mǎn ngóh.
Lend me ten dollars. |
| 2. Béi jǐ bāt ngóh. /ló/
Give me a pen. | 2. Ló jǐ bāt ngóh.
Bring me a pen(cil). |
| 3. Béi gihn sēutsāam ngóh. /máaih/
Buy me a shirt. | 3. Máaih gihn sēutsāam ngóh.
Buy me a shirt. (Buy a shirt to give me.) |
| 4. Béi go dihnwá ngóh. /dá/
Give me a phone call.
(also: Give me a phone.) | 4. Dá go dihnwá ngóh. |
| + 5. Béi jèung sah p mǎn jǐ ngóh. /wuhn/
Give me a ten-dollar bill.
<u>/Change (into)/</u> | 5. Wuhn jèung sah p mǎn jǐ ngóh.
Change (this) into a ten-dollar bill for me. (The speaker is holding small |

change and bills that he wants converted into a larger bill.)

Comment: wuhn 'exchange,' 'change (into)' in reference to money, is usually used when you have small denominations that you want to change for larger. When you have a large bill you want to break into smaller denominations you use the verb cheunghòì 'break (a bill into smaller denominations)', 'change.' (See BC). wuhn also means to exchange one currency for another, as exchange HK money for US money.

a. Repeat the above drill as expansion drill thus:

T: Jáaufàan ñgh hòuhjǐ ngòh.
Give me back 50¢ change.

S: Ñghòì néih jáaufàan ñgh hòuhjǐ ngòh lā.
Please give me back 50¢ change.

3. Substitution Drill

Ex: T: Ñngāamjeuk bo.

It doesn't fit, that's for sure.

S: Ñngāamjeuk tím!

It doesn't fit, shucks!
(tím here carries the implication that you are disappointed. I like it, but it doesn't fit - shucks.)

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| 1. Maaihsaai bo. | 1. Maaihsaai tím! |
| + 2. Ñhái douh bo. ((He's) not here.) | 2. Ñhái douh tím! (douh=place) |
| 3. Chēutjǒ gāai bo. | 3. Chēutjǒ gāai tím! |
| 4. Ñgau chin bo. | 4. Ñgau chin tím! |
| 5. Tèng mhdóu bo.
I can't hear it. | 5. Tèng mhdóu tím! |
| 6. Wán mhdóu bo.
(I) can't find (it). | 6. Wán mhdóu tím! |
| 7. Dámhdóu bo.
I can't reach him by phone.
<u>or</u>
He can't be reached by phone.
(ambiguous as to whether he has no phone or his phone is busy.) | 7. Dámhdóu tím! |
| 8. Ñgeidāk bo.
(I) forgot. | 8. Ñgeidāk tím! |

- a. Reverse roles, teacher cueing with sentences in right hand column, students responding with those at the left.

4. Expansion Drill

Ex: T: Yāt baak mǎn jí. T: This is a \$100 bill.

S: M̀ngòì néih cheunghòì j̀eung yāt baak mǎn jí ngòh lā!
S: Please break this \$100 bill for me.

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| 1. /ng̀h hòuhjí ngán/ | 1. M̀ngòì néih cheunghòì go ng̀h hòuhjí ngán ngòh lā! |
| 2. /yāt mǎn ngán/ | 2. M̀ngòì néih cheunghòì go yāt mǎn ngán ngòh lā! |
| 3. /sahp mǎn jí/ | 3. M̀ngòì néih cheunghòì j̀eung sah p mǎn jí ngòh lā! |
| 4. /ng̀h mǎn jí/ | 4. M̀ngòì néih cheunghòì j̀eung ng̀h mǎn jí ngòh lā! |
| 5. /ng̀h baak mǎn jí/ | 5. M̀ngòì néih cheunghòì j̀eung ng̀h baak mǎn jí ngòh lā! |
| 6. /yāt baak mǎn jí/ | 6. M̀ngòì néih cheunghòì j̀eung yāt baak mǎn jí ngòh lā! |

- a. Repeat, teacher writing visual cues (\$100, 50¢, etc.) on the blackboard, students responding cheunghòì sentence.

T: Write: \$100

S: M̀ngòì néih cheunghòì j̀eung yāt baak mǎn jí ngòh lā!

5. Expansion Drill

Ex: T: Kéuih yámsaai dī heisèui. T: He drank up all the soft drinks.

S: Kéuih yámsaai dī heisèui. Gám, ngòh móuhdāk yám tìim. S: He drank up all the soft drinks. So I don't have any [available to drink], blast it!

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| 1. Kéuih yuhngsaai dī chín.
He used up all the money. | 1. Kéuih yuhngsaai dī chín.
Gám, ngòh móuhdāk yuhng tìim. |
| 2. Kéuih sihksaai dī faahn. | 2. Kéuih sihksaai dī faahn.
Gám, ngòh móuhdāk sihk tìim. |

3. Kéuih lósaai dī chīn.

4. Kéuih yámsaai dī gafē.

3. Kéuih lósaai dī chīn.

Gám, ngòh móuhdāk ló tīm.

4. Kéuih yámsaai dī gafē.

Gám, ngòh móuhdāk yám tīm.

6. Expansion Drill

Ex: 1. T: Yínggwok yáuh
Yahtbún bējáu
maaih. /nod/
Méihgwok/

S: Méihgwok dōu
yáuhdāk maaih.

2. T: Yínggwok yáuh
Yahtbún bējáu
maaih. /shake/
Méihgwok/

S: Yínggwok yáuh
Yahtbún bējáu
maaih, daahn-
hah Méihgwok
móuhdāk maaih.

T: In England there is Japanese
beer for sale. /nod/America/

S: In America also they have it
for sale. [America also have-
can-sell.]

T: England has Japanese beer for
sale. /shake/America/

S: England has Japanese beer for
sale but in America they
don't have it for sale.
[America not have-can-sell.]

1. Ngòh yáuh chīn yuhng.
/nod/ngòh pàhngyáuh/

2. Kéuih yáuh cháh yám.
/shake/ngòh/

3. Chāansāt yáuh cháh yám.
/nod/chàhlàuh/

4. Kéuih yáuh yúhlāu jeuk.
/shake/Léih Sàang/

5. Hèunggóng yáuh Jùngmàhn syù
maaih. /nod/Yahtbún/

1. Ngòh yáuh chīn yuhng, ngòh
pàhngyáuh dōu yáuhdāk
yuhng.

2. Kéuih yáuh cháh yám, daahn-
hah ngòh móuhdāk yám.

3. Chāansāt yáuh cháh yám,
chàhlàuh dōu yáuhdāk yám.

4. Kéuih yáuh yúhlāu jeuk,
daahn-hah Léih Sàang móuh-
dāk jeuk.

5. Hèunggóng yáuh Jùngmàhn syù
maaih, Yahtbún dōu yáuh-
dāk maaih.

7. Follow Drill

Ex: T: Ngóh séung hohk
Gwóngdùngwá.

T: I'm thinking of studying
Cantonese.

S: Bīndouh yáuhdāk
hohk a?

S: Where can one study (it)?
[Where have-can-study?]

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| 1. Ngóh séung hohk Gwokýuh. | 1. Bīndouh yáuhdāk hohk a? |
| 2. Ngóh yiu dá dihnwá. | 2. Bīndouh yáuhdāk dá a? |
| 3. Ngóh séung sihk faahn. | 3. Bīndouh yáuhdāk sihk a? |
| 4. Ngóh séung yám gafē. | 4. Bīndouh yáuhdāk yám a? |
| 5. Ngóh séung máaih lāngsāam.
/maaih/ | 5. Bīndouh yáuhdāk maaih a? |
| 6. Ngóh séung máaih chē. /maaih/ | 6. Bīndouh yáuhdāk maaih a? |

8. Alteration Drill

Ex: T: Gó júng chē, bīn-
douh yáuhdāk
maaih a?
/Hèunggóng/

T: That kind of car--where is it
available for sale?
/Hongkong/

S: Gó júng chē, Hèung-
góng yáuh móuhdāk
maaih a?

S: That kind of car--is it for
sale in Hongkong? or
Can you buy that kind of car
in Hongkong?

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| 1. Ní júng bíu, bīndouh yáuhdāk
maaih a? /Yahtbún/ | 1. Ní júng bíu, Yahtbún yáuh
móuhdāk maaih a? |
| 2. Ní júng pihnggwó, bīndouh
yáuhdāk maaih a? /Júnggwok/ | 2. Ní júng pihnggwó, Júnggwok
yáuh móuhdāk maaih a? |
| 3. Ní júng gafē, bīndouh yáuhdāk
yám a? /chaansāt/ | 3. Ní júng gafē, chāansāt
yáuh móuhdāk yám a? |
| 4. Ní júng béng, bīndouh yáuhdāk
sihk a? /Mahnwàh Jáudim/ | 4. Ní júng béng, Mahnwàh Jáudim
yáuh móuhdāk sihk a? |
| 5. Ní júng bāt, bīndouh yáuhdāk
maaih a? /Hèunggóng/ | 5. Ní júng bāt, Hèunggóng yáuh
móuhdāk maaih a? |

9. Expansion Drill

Ex: T: Jáaufaan ngh hòuhjǐ T: Give me back 50¢
 béi ngóh lā.

S: Jáaufaan ngh hòuhjǐ S: It'll be OK to give me back 50¢.
 béi ngóh dāk laak. (You can keep the rest)
 [Give me back 50¢, then it
 will be OK.]

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| 1. M̀ngòì néih wah kéuih jǐ ngóh
m̀hfàanlāih sihk faahn lā. | 1. M̀ngòì néih wah kéuih jǐ ngóh
m̀hfàanlāih sihk faahn
dāk laak. (i.e. you don't
need to do anything fur-
ther) |
| 2. M̀ngòì néih giu kéuih hái chē
jaahm dāng ngóh lā. | 2. Giu kéuih hái chē jaahm
dāng ngóh dāk laak.
(i.e. doesn't need to come
all the way to the house) |
| 3. Giu kéuih hái jógán máaih lā. | 3. Giu kéuih hái jógán máaih
dāk laak. (i.e. doesn't
have to go to town) |
| 4. Daai yih baak mán lā. | 4. Daai yih baak mán dāk laak. |
| 5. Jejyuh baak lèhng mán béi
ngóh lā. | 5. Jejyuh baak lèhng mán béi
ngóh dāk laak. |
| 6. Béi sáanjǐ ngóh lā. | 6. Béi sáanjǐ ngóh dāk laak. |
| 7. Ló béi kéuih lā. | 7. Ló béi kéuih dāk laak. |
| 8. Yuhng yùhnbat sé lā. | 8. Yuhng yùhnbat sé dāk laak. |

10. Response Drill

Ex: 1. T: Néih gau m̀ngau chín máaih bējǎu a? /nod/

S: Gau. Ngóh ngāamngāam gau chín máaih.

2. T: Néih gau m̀ngau chín máaih hàaih a? /shake/

S: M̀ngau. Ngóh m̀ngau chín máaih.

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| 1. Néih gau m̀ngau chín máaih
yùhnbat a? /nod/ | 1. Gau. Ngóh ngāamngāam gau
chín máaih. |
| 2. Néih gau m̀ngau chín máaih
pihnggwó a? /shake/ | 2. M̀ngau. Ngóh m̀ngau chín
máaih. |
| 3. Néih gau m̀ngau chín máaih
yǐnjǎi a? /nod/ | 3. Gau. Ngóh ngāamngāam gau
chín máaih. |
| 4. Néih gau m̀ngau chín máaih
cháang a? /nod/ | 4. Gau. Ngóh ngāamngāam gau
chín máaih. |

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| 5. Néih gau m̀hgau chin máaih
sēutsāam a? /shake/ | 5. M̀hgau. Ngóh m̀hgau chin máaih. |
| 6. Néih gau m̀hgau chin máaih
háaih a? /shake/ | 6. M̀hgau. Ngóh m̀hgau chin máaih. |

11. Expansion & Substitution Drill

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| + Ex: 1. T: Ngóh dāk hóusiu
chin. /hóudò/
(very little) | T: I have very little money.
/a lot/ |
| S: Ngóh dāk hóusiu
chin, daahnhaih
kéuih yáuh
hóudò. | S: I have very little money, but
he has a lot. |
| 2. T: Kéuih yáuh hóudò
chin. /hóusiu
ja/ | T: He has a lot money. /very
little/ |
| S: Kéuih yáuh hóudò
chin, daahnhaih
ngóh dāk hóusiu
ja. | S: He has a lot of money, but I
have very little. |
| + 1. Kéuih yáuh hóudò chin.
/móuhgéidò ja/
/not much/ | 1. Kéuih yáuh hóudò chin,
daahnhaih ngóh móuhgéidò
ja.
He has a lot of money,
but I don't have much. |
| + 2. Ngóh móuhgéidò chin.
/géidò ga/
/quite a lot/ | 2. Ngóh móuhgéidò chin, daahn-
haih kéuih yáuh géidò ga.
I don't have much money,
but he has quite a lot. |
| 3. Kéuih yáuh géidò chin.
/sèsiu ja/ | 3. Kéuih yáuh géidò chin, daahn-
haih ngóh dāk sèsiu ja. |
| 4. Ngóh yáuh sèsiu chin.
/hóudò ga/
/much, a lot/
I have a little money. | 4. Ngóh yáuh sèsiu chin, daahn-
haih kéuih yáuh hóudò ga.
I have a little money,
but he has a lot. |
| 5. Kéuih yáuh hóudò chin.
/hóusiu ja/ | 5. Kéuih yáuh hóudò chin, daahn-
haih ngóh dāk hóusiu ja. |
| 6. Ngóh yáuh hóusiu chin.
/géidò/ | 6. Ngóh yáuh hóusiu chin, daahn-
haih kéuih yáuh géidò ga. |

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| 7. Kéuih yáuh géidò chín.
/sèsiu ja/
/just a little/ | 7. Kéuih yáuh géidò chín, daahn-
hahh ngòh dāk sèsiu ja. |
| 8. Ngòh yáuh sèsiu chín.
/hòudò ga/ | 8. Ngòh yáuh sèsiu chín, daahn-
hahh kéuih yáuh hòudò ga. |
| 9. Kéuih yáuh géidò pàhngyáuh.
/móuhgéidò ja/
/not many/ | 9. Kéuih yáuh géidò pàhngyáuh,
daahnahh ngòh dāk móuh-
géidò ja.
He has quite a few friends,
but I have not many. |
| 10. Ngòh móuhgéidò pàhngyáuh.
/hòudò/
/many, a lot/ | 10. Ngòh móuhgéidò pàhngyáuh,
daahnahh kéuih yáuh hòudò. |
| 11. Kéuih yáuh hòudò pàhngyáuh.
/hóusiu ja/
/just a few/ | 11. Kéuih yáuh hòudò pàhngyáuh,
daahnahh ngòh dāk hóusiu
ja. |

Comment: 1) ja (pronounced [jə]) is a fusion of jē and a, and implies 'not much,' 'merely.'

2) ga is a fusion of final ge, indicating matter-of-fact statement, and final a, the sentence softener. Here ga is pronounced [gə].

12. Substitution Drill

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| Ex: T: Kéuih sihk hòudò
ngàuhyuhk ga.
/géidò ga/ | T: He eats a lot of beef.
/quite a lot/ |
| S: Kéuih sihk géidò
ngàuhyuhk ga. | S: He eats quite a lot of beef. |
| 1. Kéuih sihk géidò ngàuhyuhk
ga. /faahn/ | 1. Kéuih sihk géidò faahn ga. |
| 2. Kéuih sihk géidò faahn.
/jyùyuhk ga/ | 2. Kéuih sihk géidò jyùyuhk. |
| 3. Kéuih sihk géidò jyùyuhk ga.
/yám chàh/ | 3. Kéuih yám géidò chàh. |
| 4. Kéuih yám géidò chàh.
/hóusiu ge ja/ | 4. Kéuih yám hóusiu chàh ge ja. |
| 5. Kéuih yám hóusiu chàh ge ja.
/bējáu/ | 5. Kéuih yám hóusiu bējáu. |
| 6. Kéuih yám hóusiu bējáu.
/ngàuhnáaih/ | 6. Kéuih yám hóusiu ngàuhnáaih. |
| 7. Kéuih yám hóusiu ngàuhnáaih
ge ja. /sihk faahn/ | 7. Kéuih sihk hóusiu faahn ge
ja. |

8. Kéuih sihk hóusiu faahn ge ja. /móuhgèidò/
8. Kéuih sihk móuhgèidò faahn.
9. Kéuih sihk móuhgèidò faahn ge ja. /ló chin/
9. Kéuih ló móuhgèidò chin ge ja.

13. Substitution Drill:

Ex: T: Yí, ngóh jī bāt
m̀hginjò gé.
/yùhnbāt/

S: Yí, ngóh jī yùhnbāt m̀hginjò gé.

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| 1. Yí, ngóh go bīu m̀hginjò gé.
/sàam/ | 1. Yí, ngóh gihn sàam m̀hginjò gé. |
| 2. /dáifu/ | 2. Yí, ngóh tiuh dáifu m̀hginjò gé. |
| 3. /kwàhn/ | 3. Yí, ngóh tiuh kwàhn m̀hginjò gé. |
| 4. /jē/ | 4. Yí, ngóh bá jē m̀hginjò gé. |
| + 5. /fu ngáhngéng/
(M. + <u>eyeglasses</u>) | 5. Yí, ngóh fu ngáhngéng m̀hginjò gé. |
| + 6. /go ngáhngéngdóí/
(<u>eyeglass case</u>) | 6. Yí, ngóh go ngáhngéngdóí m̀hginjò gé. |
| + 7. /go sáudóí/
(<u>woman's handbag</u>) | 7. Yí, ngóh go sáudóí m̀hginjò gé. |
| 8. /gihn dáisāam/ | 8. Yí, ngóh gihn dáisāam m̀hginjò gé. |

14. Money Drill: For class practice: teacher writes on the blackboard.

Ex: T: 2 50¢

S: Béi léuhng go ñgh
hóuhjī ngán ngóh
lā!

T: 2 50¢ coins

S: Please give me 2 50¢ [5 dime]
coins.

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| 1. 10 | <input type="text" value="\$ 10"/> | 1. Béi sah̄p jèung sah̄p m̄n jī
ngóh lā! |
| 2. 1 | <input type="text" value="\$ 10"/> | 2. Béi jèung sah̄p m̄n jī ngóh
lā! |
| 3. 1 | <input type="text" value="\$ 100"/> | 3. Béi jèung yāt baak m̄n jī
ngóh lā! |
| 4. 5 | <input type="text" value="\$ 10"/> | 4. Béi ñgh jèung sah̄p m̄n jī
ngóh lā! |

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| 5. | 2 | \$ 500 | 5. Bēi léuhng jèung ngh baak mān jí ngòh là! |
| 6. | 5 | 50¢ | 6. Bēi ngh go ngh hòuhjī ngán ngòh là! |
| 7. | 3 | 10¢ | 7. Bēi sàam go yāt hòuhjī ngán ngòh là! |
| 8. | 10 | \$1.00 | 8. Bēi sahp go yāt mān ngán ngòh là! |
| 9. | 2 | 50¢ | 9. Bēi léuhng go ngh hòuhjī ngán ngòh là! |
| 10. | 10 | 10¢ | 10. Bēi sahp go yāt hòuhjī ngán ngòh là! |

Comment: jí 'bill', and ngán 'coin', can be omitted from the sentences above without changing meaning or emphasis.

15. Money Exchange Drill: For class practice. Teacher writes on blackboard, or holds up actual or pretend money.

Ex: T: 10 \$ 10 → 1 \$ 100





S1: Nídouh yáuh sahp jèung sahp mān (jí).

S1: Here's ten \$10 bills.

S2: M̀ngòì néih wuhn jèung yāt baak mān (jí) ngòh là!

S2: Please change into a \$100 bill for me. [give me.]

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| 1. | 5 | \$1.00 | → 1 | \$ 5.00 | 1. A. Nídouh yáuh ngh go yāt mān (ngán).
M̀ngòì néih wuhn jèung ngh mān (jí) ngòh là! |
| 2. | 10 | \$1.00 | → 1 | \$ 10 | 2. A. Nídouh yáuh sahp go yāt mān (ngán).
M̀ngòì néih wuhn jèung sahp mān (jí) ngòh là! |
| 3. | 5 | \$ 100 | → 1 | \$ 500 | 3. A. Nídouh yáuh ngh jèung yāt baak mān (jí).
M̀ngòì néih wuhn jèung ngh baak mān (jí) ngòh là! |
| 4. | 2 | \$ 5.00 | → 1 | \$ 10 | 4. A. Nídouh yáuh léuhng jèung ngh mān (jí).
M̀ngòì néih wuhn jèung sahp mān (jí) ngòh là! |

5. 10  → 1  5. A. Nīdoh yáuh sah̄p go yāt hòuhjī (ngán).
M̀h̀gòì néih wuhn go yāt mán (ngán) ngòh lā!
6. 2  → 1  6. A. Nīdoh yáuh léuhng go ngh hòuhjī (ngán).
M̀h̀gòì néih wuhn go yāt mán (ngán) ngòh lā!

16. Money Change Drill: Teacher draws on board, or holds up real or pretend money.

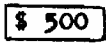

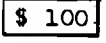

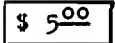

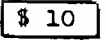

Ex: T: 1 \$ 10 10 \$ 1⁰⁰

S1: Nīdoh yáuh jèung sah̄p mán (jī).

S1: Here's a \$10 bill.

+ S2: M̀h̀gòì néih cheung sah̄p go yāt mán (ngán) (béi) ngòh lā!

S2: Please change (this) for me into 10 on-dollar coins.

1. 1  → 5  1. A. Nīdoh yáuh jèung ngh baak mán jī.
B. M̀h̀gòì néih cheung ngh jèung yāt baak mán jī ngòh lā!
2. 1  → 10  2. A. Nīdoh yáuh jèung yāt baak mán jī.
B. M̀h̀gòì néih cheung sah̄p jèung sah̄p mán jī ngòh lā!
3. 1  → 10  3. A. Nīdoh yáuh jèung ngh mán jī.
B. M̀h̀gòì néih cheung sah̄p go ngh hòuhjī ngán ngòh lā!
4. 1  → 10  4. A. Nīdoh yáuh jèung sah̄p mán jī.
B. M̀h̀gòì néih cheung sah̄p go yāt mán ngán ngòh lā!

Comment: cheung 'change money into smaller denomination'
(followed by denomination desired)

17. Number Drill I: Classroom practice.

A. Teacher writes examples on board, calls them out, students listen.

Example:

| | |
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| 1. 10 | 1. sah̄p |
| 2. 100 | 2. yāt baak |
| + 3. 1000 | 3. yāt chīn (chīn = thousand) |
| 4. 20 | 4. yihsah̄p |
| 5. 200 | 5. yih baak |
| 6. 2000 | 6. yih chīn |

B. Teacher says number in Cantonese, students write it down. Teacher then writes figure on board. At end of section, teacher points to numbers on board at random, students say them.

| | | |
|---------|---------|----------|
| 1. 40 | 6. 700 | 11. 900 |
| 2. 80 | 7. 6000 | 12. 3000 |
| 3. 800 | 8. 500 | 13. 600 |
| 4. 9000 | 9. 4000 | 14. 5000 |
| 5. 300 | 10. 30 | 15. 100 |

(answers)

| | | |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. seisah̄p | 6. chāt baak | 11. gáu baak |
| 2. baatsah̄p | 7. luhk chīn | 12. sàam chīn |
| 3. baat baak | 8. ŋgh baak | 13. luhk baak |
| 4. gáu chīn | 9. sei chīn | 14. ŋgh chīn |
| 5. saam baak | 10. sàamsah̄p | 15. yāt baak |

18. Number Drill II: Numbers with final zeroes.

A: Teacher writes example numbers on board, calls them out. Students listen.

Example:

| | |
|---------|---|
| 1. 11 | = sah̄pyāt |
| 2. 110 | = baak yāt <u>or</u> yāt baak yātsah̄p |
| 3. 1100 | = chīn yāt <u>or</u> yāt chīn yāt baak |
| 4. 21 | = yihsah̄pyāt <u>or</u> yah̄yāt |
| 5. 210 | = yih baak yāt <u>or</u> yih baak yāt sah̄p |

6. 2100 = yih chīn yāt or yih chīn yāt baak

Comment: In numbers with a final zero (or zeroes), the Cantonese favor not calling the measure of the last number, It is of course predictable from the Measure preceding.

B. Teacher says number, students write it down (without looking at book). Teacher then writes figure on board. At end of section, teacher points to numbers on board at random, students say the numbers.

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|---------|---------|----------|
| 1. 340 | 9. 880 | 17. 38 |
| 2. 680 | 10. 480 | 18. 280 |
| 3. 7500 | 11. 170 | 19. 85 |
| 4. 9900 | 12. 990 | 20. 140 |
| 5. 440 | 13. 52 | 21. 14 |
| 6. 78 | 14. 540 | 22. 1400 |
| 7. 190 | 15. 180 | 23. 5900 |
| 8. 830 | 16. 710 | 24. 460 |

19. Number Drill III: Numbers with internal zeroes.

A. Teacher writes the numbers on the board and calls them out, pointing to them as he does so. Students listen.

Example:

| | |
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| 1. 1 | = yāt |
| 2. 101 | = yāt baak līhng yāt |
| 3. 1,001 | = yāt chīn līhng yāt |
| 4. 1,010 | = yāt chīn līhng yātsahp |
| 5. 4 | = sei |
| 6. 404 | = sei baak līhng sei |
| 7. 4,004 | = sei chīn līhng sei |
| 8. 4,040 | = sei chīn līhng seisahp |

Comment: In saying a number, Cantonese marks the presence of an internal zero (or zeroes) by līhng.

B. Teacher says number, students write it down; teacher then writes figure on blackboard. At end of section, teacher points to numbers on board at random, students say them.

| | | |
|---------|---------|---------|
| 1. 1018 | 3. 1101 | 5. 8008 |
| 2. 1029 | 4. 808 | 6. 8080 |

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| 7. 209 | 12. 5008 | 17. 3303 |
| 8. 2029 | 13. 6708 | 18. 5804 |
| 9. 2008 | 14. 9009 | 19. 701 |
| 10. 2202 | 15. 307 | 20. 7406 |
| 11. 508 | 16. 708 | 21. 805 |
| | | 22. 908 |

IV. CONVERSATIONS FOR LISTENING

(On tape. Refer to the wordlist below as you listen to the tape.)

Unfamiliar terms, in order of occurrence:

- 1) oi = here: to have in your possession
- 2) gǎmyaht = today
- 3) yātján = dǎngyātjahn = 'in a little while'

V. SAY IT IN CANTONESE

A. You say to the person sitting next to you:

1. I forgot to bring money!
2. Do you have enough money to buy beer?
3. I don't have enough money to buy a dozen bottles.
4. What the...? I can't find my glasses.
5. Please break this \$10 bill for me.
6. How much is US\$10 in Hong Kong dollars?
7. How much is HK\$100.00 in American money?
8. Does Hong Kong have that kind of car for sale?
9. You can't buy English beer in Japan--can you buy Japanese beer in England?

B. And he responds:

1. I'll lend you some--how much do you need?
2. I have just enough to buy six bottles, but I'd like to buy a dozen.
3. You want some money, huh?-- I'll lend you \$20, OK?
4. They're here by me.
5. OK. One five and five ones, is that all right?
6. About \$60.00.
7. About \$16.60.
8. Sure, you can buy them in H.K. (Hongkong-available-sell)
9. I don't know, probably so.

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| 10. I have very few sweaters,
but my younger sister has
a lot. | 10. Not so! You have quite a
lot too! |
| 11. Keep the change! (Don't need
to give back.) | 11. Thanks. |

Vocabulary Checklist for Lesson 11

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. agō | n: elder brother |
| 2. baak | nu: hundred |
| 3. cheung | v: change money into smaller denomination |
| 4. cheunghòì | v: split, break up large banknote or coin to exchange
for ones of lesser denomination. |
| 5. chīn | nu: thousand |
| 6. daai | v: carry |
| 7. daai...heui | v: take...along |
| 8. daai...laih | v: bring...along |
| 9. dāk | v: all right, OK, will do |
| 10. -dāk- | bf: in yáuhdāk .V. = available, can |
| 11. dāk... | v: only have ... |
| 12. fu | m: M. for eyeglasses |
| 13. géidò | Ph: quite a lot |
| 14. hái douh | Ph: (he, she, it, etc.) is here; is at (this) place |
| 15. hóudò | Ph: a lot |
| 16. hóusíu | Ph: very little |
| 17. jáau | v: give change |
| 18. jáaufaan | v: give back change |
| 19. je | v: lend, borrow |
| 20. jejyuh | v: lend or borrow temporarily |
| 21. jèung | m: M. for banknotes |
| 22. jí | n: banknote; paper |
| 23. -jyuh | Vsuf: temporarily, for a short time |
| 24. m̀hgeidāk | VP: forget (not remember) |
| 25. m̀hginjò | VP: lose, lost; 'nowhere to be seen' |
| 26. móuhdāk .V. | VP: not have available for .V-ing |
| 27. móuhgéidò | Ph: not much, not many |

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| 28. Nàh! | ex: | Here! |
| 29. ngáhngéng | n: | eyeglasses |
| 30. ngáhngéngdóí | n: | eyeglasses case |
| 31. ngán | n: | coin |
| 32. sáanngán | n: | small coins |
| 33. saimúí | n: | younger sister |
| 34. sáudóí | n: | (woman's) handbag |
| 35. sīgēí | n: | taxi driver |
| 36. tīm | ss: | sen. suf. indicating speaker has been taken by surprise. |
| 37. tūhng | coV: | on behalf of, for |
| 38. wuhn | v: | in ref. to money, change small denomination for larger one (followed by denomination desired); exchange one currency for another. |
| 39. yáuhdāk | VP: | have available to .V., have available for .V-ing. |
| 40. Yí! | ex: | exclamation of distress: 'Oh-oh!' |
| 41. yuhng | v: | use; spend (money) |

I. BASIC CONVERSATION

A. Buildup:

(Two friends meet at the bus stop)

Chàhn Táai

heui

heui bíndouh a?

A, Wòhng Táai, heui bíndouh a?

Wòhng Táai

Ngóh heui ngànhòhng ló chín.

Néih nē?

Chàhn Táai

hohkhaauh

Ngóh heui hohkhaauh.

Wòhng Táai

Heui gódouh yáuh mēyéh sih a?

Chàhn Táai

néui

ngóh gó néui

jip

heui jip ngóh go néui

Ngóh heui jip ngóh go néui.

Kéuih yihgā hái hohkhaauh dāng

ngóh.

māhmā

ngóh māhmā

taam

taam ngóh māhmā

daai kéuih

Ngóh daai kéuih heui taam

ngóh māhmā.

Wòhng Táai

jyuh

Néih māhmā hái bíndouh jyuh a?

go

where are you going?

Ah, Mrs. Wong, where are you going?

I'm going to the bank to get some money. And you?

school

I'm going to school.

What is it you're going there to do?

daughter

my daughter

meet, fetch, pick up (a person)

go to get my daughter

I'm going to get my daughter.

She's at school now waiting for me.

mother

my mother

visit

visit my mother

take/bring him along

I'm taking her to visit my mother.

live

Where does your mother live?

Chàhn Táai

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| <p>Gáulúhng
Kéuih hái Gáulúhng jyuh.
(Mrs. Wong looks down the street and sees a bus coming)</p> | <p>Kowloon
She lives in Kowloon.</p> |
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Wòhng Táai

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| <p>lâih
ga chē
A, yáuh ga chē lâih laak. Haih
m̀h̄h̄aih baat houh a?
tái m̀h̄ch̀ingchó
Ngóh tái m̀h̄ch̀ingchó.</p> | <p>come
a car
Oh, there's a bus [car] coming.
Is it a Number 8?
not see clearly
I can't see clearly.</p> |
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Chàhn Táai

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| <p>M̀h̄h̄aih baat houh, haih sàam
houh.
hauhbihn
Hauhbihn yáuh ga baat houh.</p> | <p>It's not a Number 8, it's a
Number 3.
in back, behind
There's a Number 8 behind it.</p> |
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Wòhng Táai

| | |
|--|---|
| <p>móuh cho
A, móuh cho--
sàam houh hauhbihn
gàn̄jyuh
Sàam houh hauhbihn gàn̄jyuh
yáuh ga baat hauh.</p> | <p>right! correct! [not have
mistake]
Ah, that's right--
behind the Number 3
follow
Behind the Number 3, following
there is a Number 8.</p> |
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B. Recapitulation:Chàhn Táai

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| <p>A, Wòhng Táai, heui b̄indouh a?</p> | <p>Ah, Mrs. Wong, where are you
going?</p> |
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Wòhng Táai

| | |
|---|--|
| <p>Ngóh heui ngàhn̄hòhng ló ch̄in.
Nóih nē?</p> | <p>I'm going to the bank to get
some money. And you?</p> |
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Chàhn Táai

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <p>Ngóh heui hohkhaauh.</p> | <p>I'm going to school.</p> |
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Wòhng Táai

Heui gódouh yáuh méyéh sih a?

What is it you're going there for?

Cháhn Táai

Ngóh heui jip ngóh go néui.

I'm going to get my daughter.

Kéuih yingā hái hohkhaauh

She's at school now waiting

dāng ngóh. Ngóh daai kéuih

for me. I'm taking her to

heui taam ngóh mǎhmā.

visit my mother.

Wòhng Táai

Néih mǎhmā hái bīndouh jyuh a?

Where does your mother live?

Cháhn Táai

Kéuih hái Gáulúhng jyuh.

She lives in Kowloon.

Wòhng Táai

A, yáuh ga chē làih laak. Haih

Oh, there's a bus coming. Is

mǎhah baat houh a? Ngóh tái

it a Number 8? I can't see

mǎhchíngché.

clearly.

Cháhn Táai

Mǎhah baat houh, haih sǎam

It's not a Number 8, it's a

houh. Hauhbíhn yáuh ga baat

Number 3. There's a Number

houh.

8 behind it.

Wòhng Táai

A, móuh cho--

At, that's right--

Sǎam houh hauhbíhn gǎnjyuh yáuh

Behind the Number 3,

ga baat houh.

following there's a Number 8.

II. NOTES

A. Culture Notes

1. Greetings.

In Lesson 4 we touched on the matter of differences in the way Americans and Cantonese greet each other. One very common form of greeting between Cantonese who run into each other on the street is Heui bīndouh a? or Heui bīn a? 'Where are you going?' This isn't being nosy, it's just a greeting form, just as in English 'How are you?' is a greeting form and doesn't call for a

detailed description of your health. To answer Heui b'indouh a?, you say where you're going, or, if you don't want to tell, simply say Chēut gāai or Heui gāai 'I'm going out' (said as you emerge from your house) or Chēutlāih hàahngáh 'I've come out for a walk' (if you're already out).

Other greetings are Fàan gùng a? (Going to work?' Chēut gāai a? 'You're out?' Fàan hohk a? 'Going to school?' You can respond to all of these by nodding you head, saying an A of assent, and greeting the person by name: A, Hòh Táai!

Around noontime or dinnertime if two acquaintances meet, a common greeting form is Sihk faahn meih a? 'Have you eaten yet?' Responses are: Meih a, néih nē? 'Not yet, and you?' and Sihkjó laak, 'I've eaten.'

2. Counting system of numbering the floors of a building.

The Chinese system of numbering floors of a building is the same as the American system, but different from the British system. The floor above the ground floor is called yih láu [two-storey] in Cantonese, 'the second floor' in American English, and 'the first floor' in British English.

The British system of numbering floors is used in Hong Kong when one speaks English. This, of course, means referring to the floor above the ground floor as the first floor, the floor two storeys up as the second floor, and so on.

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| Ex: Ngóh jyuh hái sàam | I live on the second floor. |
| láu. | (British counting system) |
| | I live on the third floor. |
| | (American counting system) |

(See Drill 2.8)

B. Structure Notes

1. Sentence type: Subordinate clause-primary clause sentence.

In Cantonese sentences, subordinate clauses precede the primary clause.

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| Ex: Kéuih fàanlāih, m̀ngòl | When she comes back, please t̀ll |
| néih giu kéuih dá | her to phone Mrs. Cheung. |
| dihnwá béi Jèung | |
| Táai lā. | |

The order is fixed. This contrasts with the situation in the English counterpart, in which subordinate-primary clauses are reversible:

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|-----|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Ex: | <u>Subordinate</u> | <u>Primary</u> |
| | When she comes home | please tell her to call Mrs. Cheung. |
| or | <u>Primary</u> | <u>Subordinate</u> |
| | Please tell her to call Mrs. Cheung | when she comes home. |

2. Sentence type: Multi-verb sentence.

The term multi-verb sentence refers to single-clause sentences containing a series of verb phrases. Whereas English typically expands a single clause sentence by retaining one principle verb and adding on such adjuncts as prepositional phrases (with me), participles (waiting for me), infinitive phrases (to fetch his girlfriend), adverbial nouns of place (home), Chinese typically expands a simple sentence into a series of verbal expressions, so that an expanded single clause sentence in Chinese has the shape: S + V(O) + V(O) (+ V(O)).

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|--|--|
| Ex: 1. Kéuih hái hohkhaauh
dáng ngóh. | He's at school waiting for me [at-school+await-me] |
| 2. Kéuih je chínn béi
ngóh. | He lent me money.
[lend-money+give-me] |
| 3. Mngóh néih gàn ngóh
laih. | Please come with me. Please follow me. [follow-me+come] |
| 4. Kéuih heui ngàhn-
hòhng lô chínn. | He's going to the bank to get some money. [go-bank+get-money] |
| 5. Kéuih sung ngóh fàan
ngúkkéi. | He took me home. [deliver-me+return-home] |
| 6. Kéuih séung maaih
gihn séutsāam. | He wants to buy a shirt.
[wish+buy-shirt] |
| 7. Kéuih heui tái hei. | He went to see a movie. [go+see-movie] |
| 8. Kéuih heui Gáuluhng
jip néuihpáhngyáuh. | He's going to Kowloon to fetch his girlfriend. |
| 9. Kéuih jip kéuih go
jái heui Gáuluhng
tái hei. | He's fetching his son to take him to Kowloon to see a movie.
[fetch-son+go-Kowloon+see-movie] |

3. Auxiliary verbs.

Auxiliary verbs cannot serve as the only verb in a sentence, but require another verb as their object. The negative and question forms attach to the auxiliary verb.

Ex: séung = be of a mind to..., want to..., think (I'll)...

aff: Ngóh séung síhk I think I'll eat dinner.
faahn.

neg: Ngóh m̀hséung síhk I don't think I'll eat.
faahn.

q: Séung m̀hséung síhk Do you want to have dinner?
faahn a?

4. Co-verbs.

There is a category of verb in Cantonese which cannot serve as the only verb in a sentence, and which takes a noun as its object. This category is given the name co-verb (companion verb). A co-verb phrase precedes the verb it is companion to. Co-verbs ordinarily translate into English as prepositions, and the co-verb and its object as a prepositional phrase; but in Cantonese co-verbs are verbs, since they can occur in the three basic verb forms: affirmative, negative, and choice question.

Ex: Co-V + Noun object + Verb

aff: Gàn sínsàang góng. Repeat after the teacher.
[Follow-teacher speak.]

neg: M̀hgàn sínsàang góng. Don't repeat after the
teacher.

q: Gàn m̀hgàn sínsàang góng (Should we) repeat
a? after the teacher?

(See Drills 11, 12)

5. Verb sequence: Aux V + Co-V + V

Auxiliary verb precedes Co-Verb phrase in a sentence in which both occur:

Ex: Ngóh séung gàn kéuih I think I'll follow him.
heui.

6. t̀hng 'with' (Co-V) compared with t̀hng 'and' (Cj)

t̀hng 'with' and t̀hng 'and' both stand between two nouns (N t̀hng N), but since otherwise they pattern differently in a sentence, they are classed as different parts of speech.

tùhng 'with' may take negative and question forms as well as the affirmative, and may be preceded by an auxiliary verb. It is therefore a verb. But as it cannot stand as the only verb in a sentence, and requires another verb following its noun object, it is classed as a Co-Verb.

Ex: Ngóh mhséung tùhng Léih Táai heui. I don't want to go with Mrs. Lee.

tùhng, 'and' does not take the negative and question forms, therefore it cannot be called a verb. It cannot be preceded by an auxiliary verb. It joins two nouns which then act as a compound unit in subject or object position. tùhng, 'and' is classed as a conjunction.

Ex: Léih Táai tùhng ngóh heui. Mám Sàang tùhng Mám Táai m̄heui. Mrs. Lee and I are going. Mr. and Mrs. Ma aren't going.

Làuh Sàang tùhng Làuh Taaitáai mhséung heui. Mr. and Mrs. Lau don't wish to go.

Ngóh mhsík Làuh Siujé tùhng kéuih māmā. I don't know Miss Lau and her mother.

(See Drills 12.5 and 6)

7. gànjyuh, gàn, 'to follow'

These two are alike in meaning, but different in use. gànjyuh is a full verb, can serve as the only verb in a sentence. gàn is a co-verb, cannot serve as the only verb in a sentence. It is limited to multi-verb sentences in which it precedes another verb. phrase.

Ex: M̀ngòì néih gàn ngóh làih. Please follow me.

M̀ngòì néih gànjyuh ngóh làih. Please follow me.

Gànjyuh gó ga chē! Follow that car!

(-) Gàn gó ga chē! (doesn't occur)

Gàn (jyuh) gó ga chē heui! Follow that car!

In the Basic Conversation of this lesson gánjyuh is used as the subject of a clause, the clause itself being predicate in the larger topic: comment sentence:

Subject (topic) Predicate (Comment)

Subject Predicate

Sàam houh hauhbihn gánjyuh yáuh ga baat houh.
 [Three-number behind following there is [M] eight-number]
 'Behind the Number 3 there's a Number 8 following.'

(See Drills 6, 7)

8. sung 'deliver (someone or something),' 'take (someone/something) to destination and leave him/it there.'

sung, 'deliver,' can be the only verb in a sentence, or it can be the verb of a VO expression which is followed by heui or some other verb indicating movement.

Ex: Ngóh sung néih.

I'll see you to your destination.

Ngóh sung dī jáinèui
 heui taam pahngyáuh.

I took the children to visit friends.

Gàan gūngsī sung dī
 yéh làih.

The department store delivered the goods (to speaker's place).

(See Drill 10)

9. daai, 'to bring, take along'

daai, 'bring/take someone/something along' can serve as the only verb in the sentence, usually with an impersonal object:

Ex: Kéuih daai chín.

He's brought money along.

daai can also serve as the verb of a VO expression which is followed by heui or some other verb indicating movement.

Ex: Ngóh daai ngóh go
 néui heui tái
 yīsāng.

I'm taking my daughter to see the doctor.

(See BC)

10. jip = 'fetch (someone),' 'meet (someone) and take him someplace else.'

Ex: Ngóh heui Gáuluhng
 jip ngóh go néui.

I'm going to Kowloon to get my daughter.

Ngóh jip ngóh go néui
 heui Gáuluhng.

I'm meeting my daughter to take her to Kowloon.

(See BC)

Ordinarily, the grammatical object of jip is a personal noun (jip yáhn = go fetch someone), but the grammatical object can be a vehicle (jip chē = meet the bus [car] and fetch someone away). In such a case the vehicle is the grammatical object but a person is the underlying object.

11. hái phrase in a multi-verb clause.

With most verbs a hái phrase precedes the other verb phrase, but with verbs of thrust (put, place) it follows the other verb phrase, and with verbs of station (live, sit, stand) it can precede or follow the other verb phrase. In all cases hái has a placeword object.

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| Ex: (before other V) | Kéuih hái chāan-sāt sihk faahn. | He's eating (or he ate) at the restaurant. |
| (after other V) | Jài dĩ chāh hái nīdouh. | Put the tea here. |
| (before or after) | Kéuih hái Géulung jjuh. | He lives (or lived) in Kowloon. |
| | Kéuih jjuh hái Gáulung. | |

(See Drill 4)

12. Possessive modification with family names: ngóh mǎhmā, 'my mother' and others.

Some family names function irregularly with respect to possessive modification, not using either the general possessive ge or the individual measures go and dí between modifier and head noun. In such cases the modifier precedes the noun directly. With other family names either ge or go/dí is required in modification structure; with still other family names filling the ge/go position is optional.

(Examples are on following page)

Ex:

| modifier | go/dī/ge
or/--/ | Noun | Eng. equivalents |
|------------|--------------------|----------|--------------------|
| ngòh | -- | máhmá | mother |
| néih | -- | bàhbā | my father |
| Léih Táai | -- | sīnsāang | Mrs. Lee's husband |
| Léih Sàang | -- | taaitáai | Mr. Lee's wife |
| | /go/dī/ge/ | jái | son(s) |
| | go/dī/ge/ | néui | daughter(s) |
| | dī/ge/ | jáinéui | children |
| | go/dī/ge | múí | younger sister |
| | /-go/dī/ge | sáimúí | younger sister |
| | /-go/dī/ge | gājē | elder sister |
| | /-go/dī/ge/ | sáilóu | younger brother |
| | /-go/dī/ge/ | agō | elder brother |

(See Drill 3)

13. Chinese response to questions negatively phrased.

(You're not going, are you? type):

Negatively phrased questions in Cantonese are tricky from the English speaking student's point of view, because where the English answer would be 'No,' the Cantonese answers seem to be 'yes,' and where the English answer is 'yes,' the Cantonese answer sounds like 'no.'

- Ex: 1. A. Néih ūkkéi móuh dihnwá àh. Your house doesn't have a phone, does it.
 B. Haih a. Móuh dihnwá. That's right. There's no phone.
 (Idiomatic English answer: No, it doesn't.)
2. A. Kéuih mhfàanlaih sihk aan àh. He's not coming home for lunch, is he.
 B. Móuh cho. Mhfàanlaih. That's right. He's not coming home.
 (Idiomatic English answer: No, he's not.)
3. A. Néih ūkkéi móuh dihnwá àh. You don't have a phone at your house, do you.
 B. Mhhaih. Yáuh dihnwá. Not so! We do have one.
 (Idiomatic English: Yes, we do.)

4. A. Kéuih m̀hfàanlâih He's not coming home for lunch,
sìhk aan àh. is he.
- B. M̀hhaih. Kéuih Not so. He is.
fàanlâih. (Idiomatic English: Yes,
he is.)

(See Drill 14)

III. DRILLS

1. Question & Answer Drill

Ex: T: Hèunggóng.

A: Néih hái bīndouh jyh a?

B: Ngóh hái Hèunggóng jyh.

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| 1. Gáulùhng. | 1. A. Néih hái bīndouh jyh a?
B. Ngóh hái Gáulùhng jyh. |
| 2. Méihgwok. | 2. A. Néih hái bīndouh jyh a?
B. Ngóh hái Méihgwok jyh. |
| 3. Jùngwàahn. | 3. A. Néih hái bīndouh jyh a?
B. Ngóh hái Jùngwàahn jyh. |
| 4. Hohkhaauh. | 4. A. Néih hái bīndouh jyh a?
B. Ngóh hái hohkhaauh jyh. |
| 5. Hèunggóng. | 5. A. Néih hái bīndouh jyh a?
B. Ngóh hái Hèunggóng jyh. |

2. Expansion Drill: Repeat after the teacher.

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| + 1. a. <u>jái</u> | 1. a. <u>son</u> |
| b. ngóh go jái | b. my son |
| c. Ngóh go jái heui | c. My son is going |
| d. Ngóh go jái heui Gáulùhng. | d. My son is going to Kowloon. |
| e. Ngóh go jái yìngā heui Gáulùhng. | e. My son is going to Kowloon now. |
| + 2. a. <u>jáinéui</u> | 2. a. <u>children</u> (of a family),
<u>sons and daughters</u>
(of a family) |
| b. dī jáinéui | b. the children |
| c. daai dī jáinéui | c. bring/take the children |
| d. daai dī jáinéui heui | d. take the children. |
| e. daai dī jáinéui heui Wòhng Táai douh. | e. take the children to Mrs. Wong's. |
| + f. Ngóh <u>sīnsàang</u> daai dī jáinéui heui Wòhng Táai douh.
Note the new meaning for <u>sīnsàang</u> : 'husband.' | f. My <u>husband</u> is taking the children to Mrs. Wong's (Though <u>sīnsàang</u> may also mean 'teacher') |

the context usually
makes the meaning
clear.)

- + 3. a. jouh
 b. jouh mēyéh
 c. heui Gáulùhng jouh mēyéh a?
 d. Kéuih heui Gáulùhng jouh mēyéh a?
 e. Kéuih heui Gáulùhng taam pàhngyáuh.
- + 4. a. yīsāng
 b. tái yīsāng
 c. heui tái yīsāng
 d. jip kéuih go néui heui tái yīsāng.
 e. Kéuih jip kéuih go néui heui tái yīsāng.
- + 5. a. ngóh taaitái
 b. tùhng ngóh taaitái
 c. tùhng ngóh taaitái heui
 d. m̀htùhng ngóh taaitái heui
 e. Wòhng Táai m̀htùhng ngóh taaitái heui.
- + 6. a. máaih yéh
 (yéh = things, stuff)
 b. heui máaih yéh
 c. bīnggo heui máaih yéh a?
 d. tùhng bīnggo heui máaih yéh a?
 e. Néih tùhng bīnggo heui máaih yéh a?
7. a. sih
 + b. jouh sih
 c. hái bīndouh jouh sih a?
 d. Néih hái bīndouh jouh sih a?
 e. Ngóh hái Jùngwàahn jouh sih.
- + 8. a. douh
3. a. do
 b. do what?
 c. go to Kowloon to do what?
 d. What is he going to Kowloon to do?
 e. He's going to Kowloon to see a friend.
4. a. doctor
 b. see a doctor
 c. go to see a doctor
 d. meet her daughter and go to see the doctor.
 e. She's meeting her daughter to take her to the doctor.
5. a. my wife
 b. with my wife
 c. go with my wife
 d. not go with my wife
 e. Mrs. Wong isn't going with my wife.
6. a. buy things, do shopping
 b. go shopping
 c. who is going shopping?
 d. go shopping with whom?
 e. Who are you going shopping with?
7. a. affairs, business
 b. work, have a job
 c. work where?
 d. Where do you work?
 e. I work in the Central District.
8. a. road

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| + | b. <u>Nèihdēun Douh</u> | b. <u>Nathan Road</u> |
| + | c. Nèihdēun Douh ñgh baak lukh-sahpyih <u>houh</u>
(<u>houh</u> = <u>number</u>) | c. Number 562 Nathan Road |
| + | d. Nèihdēun Douh ñgh baak lukh-sahpyih houh <u>sàam láu</u>
(<u>láu</u> = <u>floor, story of a building</u>) | d. 562 Nathan Road 3rd floor (2nd floor British counting system) |
| | e. Ngóh jyuh hái Nèihdēun Douh ñgh baak lukhsahpyih houh <u>sàam láu</u> . | e. I live at 562 Nathan Road, on the 3rd floor. |

Comment: In Hongkong, when speaking English, the British system of counting the floors of a building is used: ground floor, 1st floor, 2d floor, etc. In speaking Cantonese, the Chinese (which is also the American) system is used: the ground floor is called 1st floor the floor above the 1st floor is called the 2d floor, etc.

3. Substitution Drill: Repeat the first sentence after the teacher, then substitute as directed.

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| 1. Ngóh sīnsāang m̀hhái ngūkkéi.
My husband is not at home. | 1. Ngóh sīnsāang m̀hhái ngūkkéi. |
| 2. /ngóh go jái/ | 2. Ngóh go jái m̀hhái ūkkéi. |
| 3. /ngóh go néui/ | 3. Ngóh go néui m̀hhái ūkkéi. |
| 4. /ngóh ge jái/ | 4. Ngóh ge jái m̀hhái ūkkéi. |
| 5. /ngóh ge jáinéui/ | 5. Ngóh ge jáinéui m̀hhái ūkkéi. |
| 6. /ngóh ge néui/ | 6. Ngóh ge néui m̀hhái ūkkéi. |
| 7. /ngóh taaitáai/ | 7. Ngóh taaitáai m̀hhái ūkkéi. |
| + 8. /ngóh <u>bàhbā</u> / | 8. Ngóh <u>bàhbā</u> m̀hhái ūkkéi.
My <u>father</u> is not at home. |
| + 9. /ngóh ge <u>néuihpàhngyáuh</u> / | 9. Ngóh ge <u>néuihpàhngyáuh</u> m̀hhái ūkkéi.
My <u>girl friend</u> is not at home. |
| 10. /ngóh ge <u>nàahmpàhngyáuh</u> / | 10. Ngóh ge <u>nàahmpàhngyáuh</u> m̀hhái ūkkéi.
My <u>boy friend</u> is not at home. |

4. Transformation Drill

- Ex: T: Ngóh hái Hèunggóng jjuh. T: I live in Hong Kong.
 S: Ngóh jjuh hái Hèunggóng. S: I live in Hong Kong.
1. Ngóh màhmā hái Gáulùhng jjuh. 1. Ngóh màhmā jjuh hái Gáulùhng.
 2. Néih hái bīndouh jjuh a? 2. Néih jjuh hái bīndouh a?
 3. Ngóh néuihpáhngyáuh hái Hèunggóng jjuh. 3. Ngóh néuihpáhngyáuh jjuh hái Hèunggóng.
 4. Kéuih bàhbā hái Yínggwok jjuh. 4. Kéuih bàhbā jjuh hái Yínggwok.
 5. Gó go yàhn hái douh jjuh. 5. Gó go yàhn jjuh hái douh.

5. Expansion Drill

- Ex: T: Hòh Sàang heui Gáulùhng. T: Mr. Ho is going to Kowloon.
 S: Hòh Sàang heui Gáulùhng jjuh māt-yéh a? S: What's Mr. Ho going to Kowloon to do? or What's Mr. Ho going to Kowloon for?
1. Ngóh heui hohkhaauh. 1. Néih heui hohkhaauh jjuh māt-yéh a?
 2. Ngóh sīnsàang heui gaaklèih. 2. Néih sīnsàang heui gaaklèih jjuh māt-yéh a?
 3. Kéuih nàahmpáhngyáuh heui Dāk Fu Douh Jùng. 3. Kéuih nàahmpáhngyáuh heui Dāk Fu Douh Jùng jjuh māt-yéh a?
 4. Léih Sàang néuihpáhngyáuh heui Jùngwàahn. 4. Léih Sàang néuihpáhngyáuh heui Jùngwàahn jjuh māt-yéh a?
 5. Ngóh màhmā heui ngàhnhòhng. 5. Néih màhmā heui ngàhnhòhng jjuh māt-yéh a?
 6. Ngóh bàhbā heui Hèunggóng Chāansāt. 6. Néih bàhbā heui Hèunggóng Chāansāt jjuh māt-yéh a?

Comment: Note that néuihpáhngyáuh and nàahmpáhngyáuh accept possessive modifiers with or without ge or go:

Ex: Léih Siujé } - } nàahmpáhngyáuh Miss Lee's boy-
 } ge } friend
 } go }

6. Transformation Drill

Ex: T: M̀h̀gòì néih g̀àǹjyuh ngòh làih là. T: Please follow me.

S: M̀h̀hóu g̀àǹjyuh ngòh làih là. S: Don't follow me, please.

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| 1. M̀h̀gòì néih g̀àǹjyuh kéuih heui là.
Please follow him. | 1. M̀h̀hóu g̀àǹjyuh kéuih heui là. |
| 2. M̀h̀gòì néih g̀àǹjyuh ngòh góng là.
Please repeat after me. | 2. M̀h̀hóu g̀àǹjyuh ngòh góng là. |
| 3. M̀h̀gòì néih g̀àǹjyuh gó ga hāak chē heui là. | 3. M̀h̀hóu g̀àǹjyuh gó ga hāak chē heui là. |
| 4. M̀h̀gòì néih g̀àǹjyuh gó go yàhn heui là. | 4. M̀h̀hóu g̀àǹjyuh gó go yàhn heui là. |
| 5. M̀h̀gòì néih g̀àǹjyuh ngòh làih là. | 5. M̀h̀hóu g̀àǹjyuh ngòh làih là. |

7. Response Drill

Ex: T: M̀h̀gòì néih g̀àǹjyuh ngòh heui là. T: Please follow me.

+ S: Sái m̀h̀sái g̀àǹ néih heui a? S: Should I follow you?
[Should I following you, go?]

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| 1. M̀h̀gòì néih g̀àǹjyuh kéuih heui là. | 1. Sái m̀h̀sái g̀àǹ kéuih heui a? |
| 2. M̀h̀gòì néih g̀àǹjyuh Wòhng Táai heui là. | 2. Sái m̀h̀sái g̀àǹ Wòhng Táai heui a? |
| 3. M̀h̀gòì néih g̀àǹjyuh gó go Méihgwok-yàhn heui là. | 3. Sái m̀h̀sái g̀àǹ gó go Méihgwok-yàhn heui a? |
| 4. M̀h̀gòì néih g̀àǹjyuh ngòh m̀h̀m̀ā heui là. | 4. Sái m̀h̀sái g̀àǹ néih m̀h̀m̀ā heui a? |
| 5. M̀h̀gòì néih g̀àǹjyuh ngòh p̀h̀ng-yáuh làih là. | 5. Sái m̀h̀sái g̀àǹ néih p̀h̀ng-yáuh làih a? |

Comment: g̀àǹjyuh and g̀àǹ both mean 'follow' and in some cases may be used interchangeably; but g̀àǹ cannot be used as the only verb in a sentence, whereas g̀àǹjyuh can.

8. Substitution Drill: Repeat the first sentence after the teacher, then substitute as directed.

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| 1. Ngóh heui Yíngwok.
I'm going to England. | 1. Ngóh heui Yíngwok. |
| 2. /ngóh go jái/ | 2. Ngóh go jái heui Yíngwok. |
| 3. /tòuhsyùgwún/ | 3. Ngóh go jái heui tòuhsyù-
gwún. |
| 4. /kéuih taaitáai/ | 4. Kéuih taaitáai heui tòuhsyù-
gwún. |
| 5. /séjihlàuh/ | 5. Kéuih taaitáai heui séjih-
làuh. |
| 6. /kéuih sīnsàng/ | 6. Kéuih sīnsàng heui séjih-
làuh. |
| 7. /Méihgwok/ | 7. Kéuih sīnsàng heui Méihgwok. |
| 8. /ngóh màhmā/ | 8. Ngóh màhmā heui Méihgwok. |

9. Conversation Exercise

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| Ex: A: Hòh Sàng heui
bīndouh a? | A: Where is Mr. Ho going? |
| B: Kéuih heui Gáulùhng. | B: He's going to Kowloon. |
| A: Heui Gáulùhng jouh
mātyéh a? | A: What's he going to do there? |
| B: Heui máaih yéh. | B: He's going shopping. |
| A: A, heui máaih yéh. | A: Oh, he's going shopping. |
| 1. A. Wòhng Siujé.....? | 1. A. Wòhng Siujé heui bīndouh
a? |
| B.Hèunggóng. | B. Kéuih heui Hèunggóng. |
| A.? | A. Heui Hèunggóng jouh
mēyéh a? |
| B.taam pàhngyáuh. | B. Heui taam pàhngyáuh. |
| A. | A. A, heui taam pàhngyáuh. |
| 2. A. Néih taaitáai? | 2. A. Néih taaitáai heui
bīndouh a? |
| B.ngànhòhng. | B. Kéuih heui ngànhòhng. |
| A.? | A. Heui ngànhòhng jouh
mēyéh a? |
| B.ló chin. | B. Heui ló chin. |
| A. | A. A, heui ló chin. |

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| 3. A. Néih.....? | 3. A. Néih heui bīndouh a? |
| B.Tīnsīng Máhtàuh. | B. Ngóh heui Tīnsīng Máhtàuh. |
| A.? | A. Heui Tīnsīng Máhtàuh
jauh mēyéh a? |
| B.jip ngóh ge jáinéui. | B. Heui jip ngóh ge jáinéui. |
| A. | A. A, heui jip néih ge
jáinéui. |

Comment: To let the other person know you've been paying attention in English, we have such phrases as 'I see' and 'Is that so?'. On the telephone we signal we're still listening by such phrases as 'unhuh', 'yes', 'I see,' during pauses in the flow of speech from the person at the other end of the phone. A favorite way to signal such information in Cantonese is for the listener to repeat the speaker's last sentence, or a portion of it.

10. Question and Answer Drill

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| + Ex: T: Néih sung néih go néui heui bīndouh a? /hohkhaauh/ (Sung = deliver) | T: Where are you taking your daughter? /school/ |
| S: Ngóh sung ngóh go néui heui hohkhaauh. | S: I'm taking my daughter to school. |
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| 1. Néih sung néih go néui heui bīndouh a? /Tīnsīng Máhtàuh/ | 1. Ngóh sung ngóh go néui heui Tīnsīng Máhtàuh. |
| 2. Néih sung néih go néui heui bīndouh a? /Máhnwàh Jáudim/ | 2. Ngóh sung ngóh go néui heui Máhnwàh Jáudim. |
| 3. Néih sung néih go jái heui bīndouh a? /Chàhn Yísang douh/ | 3. Ngóh sung ngóh go jái heui Chàhn Yísang douh.
I'm taking my son to Dr. Chan's. |
| 4. Néih sung néih go jái heui bīndouh a? /hohkhaauh/ | 4. Ngóh sung ngóh go jái heui hohkhaauh. |
| 5. Néih sung néih go jái heui bīndouh a? /fàan hohk/ | 5. Ngóh sung ngóh go jái fàan hohk. |
| 6. Néih sung néih ge néuihpàhng-yáuh heui bīndouh a? /fàan gùng/ | 6. Ngóh sung ngóh ge néuihpàhng-yáuh fàan gùng. |
| 7. Néih sung néih màhmā heui bīndouh a? /fàan ngükkéi/ | 7. Ngóh sung ngóh màhmā fàan ngükkéi. |

Comment: sung 'deliver,' to accompany someone to a destination and leave him there, contrasts with daai 'take

along, '=take someone along with you and he stays with you.

11. Response Drill

+ Ex: T: Néih t̀hng b́nggo
heui máaih yéh a?
/Wòhng Siujé/

T: Who are you going shopping with?
/Miss Wong/

S: Ngóh t̀hng Wòhng
Siujé heui.

S: I'm going with Miss Wong.

1. Néih t̀hng b́nggo heui sihk
faahn a? /ngóh taaitáai/
2. Wòhng Sàang t̀hng b́nggo heui
ngáhnòhng a? /Wòhng Táai/
3. Kéuih t̀hng b́nggo heui tái
yísang a? /kéuih s̀nsàang/
4. Jèung Siujé t̀hng b́nggo heui
yám chàh a? /kéuih bàhbā/
5. Néih t̀hng b́nggo làih a?
/ngóh màhmā/

1. Ngóh t̀hng ngóh taaitáai
heui.
2. Wòhng Sàang t̀hng Wòhng Táai
heui.
3. Kéuih t̀hng kéuih s̀nsàang
heui.
4. Jèung Siujé t̀hng kéuih
bàhbā heui.
5. Ngóh t̀hng ngóh màhmā làih.

Repeat, as Alteration Drill, thus:

T: Néih t̀hng b́nggo heui máaih yéh a? /Wòhng Siujé/
Who are you going shopping with? /Miss Wong/

S: Néih t̀hng m̀ht̀hng Wòhng Siujé heui maaih yéh a?
Are you going shopping with Miss Wong?

12. Transformation Drill

Ex: T: Ngóh t̀hng kéuih
heui tái yísang.

T: I'm going with him to the
doctor's.

S: Ngóh m̀ht̀hng kéuih
heui tái yísang.

S: I'm not going with him to the
doctor's.

1. Kéuih daai ngóh heui máaih
yéh.
2. Kéuih jip ngóh heui hohkhaauh.
3. Kéuih d́ang ngóh sihk faahn.
4. Ngóh sung kéuih fàan ūkkéi.
5. Ngóh j̀ngyi t̀hng kéuih heui
gái.

1. Kéuih m̀hdaai ngóh heui
máaih yéh.
2. Kéuih m̀hjip ngóh heui
hohkhaauh.
3. Kéuih m̀hd́ang ngóh sihk faahn.
4. Ngóh m̀hsung kéuih fàan ūkkéi.
5. Ngóh m̀hj̀ngyi t̀hng kéuih
heui gái.

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| I like to go out with him. | I don't like to go out with him. |
| 6. Ngóh tūng kéuih dōu jūngyi heui gāai.
We both like to go out. | 6. Ngóh tūng kéuih dōu m̄hjung-yi heui gāai.
Neither one of us likes to go out. |
| 7. Ngóh gàn kéuih heui Méihgwok. | 7. Ngóh m̄hgàn kéuih heui Méihgwok. |
| 8. Ngóh séung gàn kéuih heui Yahtbún. | 8. Ngóh m̄hséung gàn kéuih heui Yahtbún. |
| + 9. Ngóh yiu daai kéuih heui <u>jouh s̄aam</u> .
(<u>jouh s̄aam</u> = <u>make clothes</u> , <u>have clothes made</u>)
I have to take her to <u>have clothes made</u> . | 9. Ngóh m̄hsái daai kéuih heui jouh s̄aam.
I don't have to take her to have clothes made. |
| 10. Kéuih tūng ngóh heui máaih s̄audói. | 10. Kéuih m̄htūng ngóh heui máaih s̄audói. |

13. Expansion Drill

Ex: T: Kéuih heui hohkhaauh. T: He's going to school.
/baat dim bun/ /8:30/

S: Kéuih baat dim bun heui hohkhaauh. S: He's going to school at 8:30.

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| 1. Kéuih heui sihk faahn.
/tūng ngóh/ | 1. Kéuih tūng ngóh heui sihk faahn. |
| 2. Kéuih heui chàhlàuh. /yám chàh/ | 2. Kéuih heui chàhlàuh yám chàh. |
| 3. Kéuih tūng kéuih s̄insàng heui Gáulùhng. /m̄htūng/ | 3. Kéuih m̄htūng kéuih s̄insàng heui Gáulùhng. |
| 4. Kéuih daai kéuih go jái heui tái yīsàng. /daai m̄hdaai a?/ | 4. Kéuih daai m̄hdaai kéuih go jái heui tái yīsàng a? |
| 5. Kéuih heui jip kéuih s̄insàng. /séjihlauh/ | 5. Kéuih heui séjihlauh jip kéuih s̄insàng. |
| 6. Kéuih gàn màhmā heui chāansāt. /yám chàh/ | 6. Kéuih gàn màhmā heui chāansāt yám chàh. |
| 7. Kéuih sung néuihpàhngyáuh fāan ũkkéi. /kéuih ge/ | 7. Kéuih sung kéuih ge néuihpàhngyáuh fāan ũkkéi. |
| 8. Kéuih hái chāansāt dāng ngóh. /yīngā/ | 8. Kéuih yīngā hái chāansāt dāng ngóh. |

14. Response Drill

- Ex: 1. T: Kéuih yám gafē àh. T: He's drinking coffee. isn't he.
S: Haih a, yám gafē. S: That's right--drinking coffee.
2. T: Kéuih m̀hsik góng Yíngmahn àh. T: She doesn't know how to speak English, does she?
S: Haih a, m̀hsik góng. S: That's right; she doesn't.
1. Kéuih chēutjógāai àh. 1. Haih a, chēutjógāai.
She's gone out, hasn't she. That's right, gone out.
2. Néih ūkkéi móuh dihnwá àh. 2. Haih a, móuh dihnwá.
3. Hòh Sàang heui yám chàh àh. 3. Haih a, heui yám chàh.
4. Chàhn Siujé séung máaih hàaih àh. 4. Haih a, séung máaih hàaih.
5. Néih s̀insàang m̀hfàanlài sihk faahn àh. 5. Haih a, m̀hfàanlài sihk faahn.
6. Gó go yáhn hái Méihgwok Ngàhn-hòhng jòuh sih àh. 6. Haih a, hái Méihgwok Ngàhn-hòhng jòuh sih.
7. Kéuihdeih heui Gáulùhng máaih yéh àh. 7. Haih a, heui Gáulùhng máaih yéh.
8. Néih m̀hjúngyi yám bējáu àh. 8. Haih a, m̀hjúngyi yám bējáu.
9. Kéuih taaitái heui jip kéuih go néui àh? 9. Haih a, heui jip kéuih go néui.

15. Expansion Drill

1. Hauhbihn yáuh go chē jaahm. 1. Ngóh séjihlauh hauhbihn
/Ngóh séjihlauh/ yáuh go chē jaahm.
There's a car stop in back. Behind my office there's
a car stop.
- + 2. Chihnbihn yáuh gāan ngànhòhng. 2. Chàhn Siujé ūkkéi chihnbihn
/Chàhn Siujé ūkkéi/ yáuh gāan ngànhòhng.
(in front; In front of Miss Chan's
front side) house there's a bank.
3. Hauhbihn yáuh gāan jáudim. 3. Hèunggóng Ngànhòhng hauh-
/Hèunggóng Ngànhòhng/ bihn yáuh gāan jáudim.
4. Hauhbihn yáuh gāan gūngsī. 4. Hèunggóng Chāansat hauhbihn
/Hèunggóng Chāansat/ yáuh gāan gūngsī.
5. Chihnbihn yáuh mēyéh a? 5. Jùnggwok Chàhlauh chihnbihn
/Jùnggwok Chàhlauh/ yáuh mēyéh a?

Comment: chihnbihn and hauhbihn literally mean 'front side' and 'back side' and are not specific as to whether the positions designated are inside/outside the front/back side. Only very rarely, though, is the meaning unclear in context.

IV: CONVERSATIONS FOR LISTENING

(On tape. Refer to wordlist below as you listen.)

Unfamiliar terms, in order of occurrence:

- 1) bīn? = bīndouh?
- 2) Mēyéh sih a? = What's the matter?
- 3) lōh = sen. suf. expressing sympathy
- 4) ngāamngāam = just now, just on the point of, just
- 5) Yáuh mēyéh sih a? = What's going on?
- 6) Móuh mēyéh sih. = Nothing special.
- 7) ngāamngāam séung heui = just thinking of going
- 8) yātjān = in a little while

V. SAY IT IN CANTONESE

A. You say to the person sitting next to you:

1. A, Mr. Lau, where are you going?
2. I'm going to Kowloon to buy something.
3. Where do you live?
4. I'm taking my daughter to see the doctor.
5. Who are you going shopping with?
6. You don't have a phone at home, do you. (confident that he doesn't)
7. She doesn't drink alcoholic beverages, does she. (confident that she doesn't.)
8. What are you going over to Kowloon to do?
9. Where is the Number 8 car stop?
10. I can't make out what bus that is over there.
11. Your office is behind the Mandarin Hotel, isn't it?

B. And he responds:

1. I'm going to work, how about you?
2. I'm going to Kowloon too.
3. I live in the Central District.
4. Which doctor are you going to?
5. I'm going with Miss Lee.
6. That's right, we don't have one.
7. Not so! She does drink alcoholic beverages.
8. I'm going to visit my father.
9. It's in front of the bank.
10. Over there where?
11. No, it's in the vicinity of the Central Market.

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| 12. I take my son to school at eight. | 12. What time does your daughter go? |
| 13. Where are you going? | 13. I'm going to my girl friend's house to meet her. |
| 14. I'm going to Kowloon to go shopping. | 14. Is your boy friend going with you? |
| 15. My boy friend is not going shopping with me. | 15. He told me he wanted to go with you. |
| 16. Should I follow you? | 16. Yes, please follow me. |

Vocabulary Checklist for Lesson 12

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| 1. bāhnbā | n: father |
| 2. chíhnbihh | PW: front (front side) |
| 3. chingchó | adj: clear, vivid, clearly |
| 4. daai | V/coV: take/bring (someone/something) along |
| 5. douh | bf: road, restricted to use following named road |
| 6. ga | m: M. for vehicle |
| 7. gán | coV: follow, come behind |
| 8. gánjyuh | v: follow, come behind |
| 9. Gáulúhng | PW: Kowloon |
| 10. hauhbihh | PW: back (back side); behind |
| 11. heui | v: go |
| 12. hohkhaauh | n/PW: school |
| 13. houh | m: number |
| 14. jái | n: son |
| 15. jáinéui | n: children (of a family), sons and daughters |
| 16. jip | v: meet, fetch, pick up (a person) |
| 17. jouh | v: do, work |
| 18. jouh sāam | vo: make clothes, have clothes made |
| 19. jouh sih | vo: to work, have a job |
| 20. jyuh | v: live |
| 21. láih | v: come |
| 22. láu | m: floor, storey of a building |
| 23. mǎhmā | n: mother |
| 24. Móuh cho. | Ph: That's right. |

25. nàahmpàhngyáuh n: boy-friend
26. Nèihdēun Douh PW: Nathan Road
27. néui n: daughter
28. néuihpàhngyáuh n: girl-friend
29. sih n: piece of business, affair, matter
30. sīnsàang n: husband
31. sung coV/V: deliver
32. taaitáai n: wife; married woman
33. taam v: to visit
34. tái yīsāng vo: see the doctor
35. tūhng coV: with
36. yéh n: things, stuff
37. yīsāng n: doctor

I. BASIC CONVERSATION

A. Buildup:Sigēi

Heui bīndouh a?
daaphaak

Where to?
passenger

Daaphaak

gāai
gó tīuh gāai
mēng
mēyéh mēng
giujouh, or giu
giujouh mēyéh mēng a?
gó tīuh gāai giujouh mēyéh
mēng a?

street
that street
name
what name?
called, be called
what's its name?
what's the name of that
street?

Ngóh àhgeidāk gó tīuh gāai
giujouh mēyéh mēng.

I don't remember the name of
the street.

hàahng
yātjīhk

go; walk; drive
straight

Néih yātjīhk hàahng sīn.

Go straight first.

dou
wah néih tēng

arrive
tell you

Dou gamseuhngá, ngéih wah
néih tēng.

I'll tell you as we go along.

yauh
jyun
jyun jauh

right
turn
turn right

Hái nīdouh jyun jauh.

Turn right here.

jó
jyun jó
gwodí

left
turn left
a little farther on

Gwodí, jyun jó.

Just a little farther on,
turn left.

Sigēi

Haih àhnhaih nīdouh a?

Is this the place?

Daaphaak

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| Mhhaih--gwodí tīm.
gwo
gwo géi gàn
jauh
Gwo géi gàn, jauh haih laak. | No--still farther.
pass, cross by
pass a few buildings
clause connector: then; and
Pass a few buildings (more)
and that's it. |
| Dou laak!
jósáubihn or jóbihn
Hái jósáubihn gó gàn. | Arrived! (i.e.: Here it is!)
left hand side, left side
It's that building on the left. |

Sigēi

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| tíhng
tíhng chè
hóyih
Nídouh ànhóyih tíhng chè. | stop
stop the car
be permitted, can
You can't stop here. |
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Daaphaak

(pointing to the driveway:)

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| yahp-
yahpheui
Jyun yahpheui lā.
wái
paak
yáuh wái paak chè
yahpbihn
Yahpbihn yáuh wái paak chè.
(The car goes into the driveway) | in
go in
Turn in (the driveway).
place; seat
park
there's a place to park
inside
Inside there's a place to park. |
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Daaphaak

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| Hóu laak. Hái nídouh tíhng
chè lā.
Àngòì néih dǎng jahn--
jauh
Ngóh jauh fānlàih. | OK. Stop here.
Please wait--
immediately, soon
I'll be right back. |
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B. Recapitulation:Sigōi

Heui bíndouh a?

Where to?

Daaphaak

Ngóh m̀hgeidāk gó t̄ih gāi

I don't remember the name of
the street.

giujouh m̄yéh méng.

Go straight first.

Néih yātjikh háahng sin.

I'll tell you as we go along.

Dou gamseuhngá, ngóh wáh néih
tèng.

Hái n̄idouh jyun yauh.

Turn right here.

Gwodí, jyun jó.

Just a little farther on, turn
left.Sigōi

Haih m̀hahh n̄idouh a?

Is this the place?

Daaphaak

M̀hahh--gwodí t̄im.

No--still farther.

Gwo géi gàn, jauh haih laak.

Pass a few buildings more and
that's it.

Dou laak!

Here it is!

Sigōi

N̄idouh m̀hhóyh t̄ihng ch̀è.

You aren't allowed to stop here.

Daaphaak

(pointing to the driveway:)

Jyun yahphei lā.

Turn in (the driveway).

Yahpbihn yáuh wái paak ch̀è.

Inside there's a place to
park.

(The car goes into the driveway:)

Daaphaak

Hóu laak. Hái n̄idouh t̄ihng ch̀è lā. OK--stop here.

M̀hgòì néih dāng jahn--ngóh jauh
fàanlāih.Please wait--I'll be right
back.

II. NOTES

1. (yāt)jihk 'straight,' 'straight-away'

In combination with following heui, the portion yāt can be omitted.

(Yāt)jihk heui lā! go straight.

In combination with following hàahng, yātjìhk is preferred:

yātjìhk hàahng: go (or walk) straight

(See BC)

(yāt)jìhk may have the meaning 'straight-away,' 'without being interrupted or diverted'

Ex: Nī ga chē jihk heui Jūng- This bus goes straight to the
wāahn ga. Central District.

2. jauh = (1) ..., then....

(2) immediately

a. jauh in a two-clause sentence = ..., then

jauh connects subordinate clause and main clause in a sentence of sequential relationship:

(When or After) A, then B.

As clause connector jauh comes in the second clause (the main clause), following the subject of the clause (if any) and preceding the verb.

Ex: 1. Gwo géi gāan, jauh (After we) pass a few buildings,
hah laak. then there it is.

2. Gwo géi fānjūng, néih After a few minutes pass, you
jauh hóyih fāan- can come back.
laih.

(See BC and Drill 10)

b. jauh in a single clause sentence = 'right away, immediately'

In this jauh acts as an adverb, positioned immediately before the verb it concerns:

Ex: Ngóh jauh fāanlaih. I'll be right back.

Ngóh jauh tùhng kéuih I'll be right back with him. or
fāanlaih. I'll bring him right back.

Ngóh tùhng kéuih jauh He and I will be right back.
fāanlaih.

Ngóh sām dīmjūng jauh I'll be back at 3 o'clock.
fāanlaih. (an early hour from the
speaker's point of view)

(See BC)

3. hóyih = 'can,' in the sense of 1) 'permitted to'
 2) 'willing and able,' 'can do a favor'

hóyih is an auxiliary verb, which takes another verb as its object. The colloquial English equivalent is usually 'can,' but it may have one of two different underlying meanings.

- a. 'can' in the sense of 'permitted to'

Nīdoh m̄hóyih paak chē. You can't park here.
 [Here it is not allowed to park]

(See BC and Drills 1, 4)

- b. 'can' in the sense of 'can do a favor,' 'able and willing to...'
 In the negative = 'willing but unable'

1. Ngóh hóyih je yāt baak I can lend you \$100.
 mān (bēi) néih.
2. Néih hó m̄hóyih je yāt Can you lend me \$100?
 baak mān (bēi) ngóh
 a?
3. Deuim̄jyuh--ngóh m̄h- I'm sorry, I can't come get
 hóyih lâih jip you, I have some work (I
 néih--yáuh dī sih. have to attend to.)

4. tihng, 'stop' with hái phrases.

tihng, 'stop' is one of a group of verbs which a hái phrase can either precede or follow. (See note on hái with verbs of station, p273.)

Hái nīdoh tihng chē lā. Here stop. (i.e. Stop here.)

(See BC)

Tihng hái bīndoh a? Stop where?

(See Drill 7)

paak, 'park (a car)' also belongs to the group of verbs which a hái phrase can either precede or follow. Abstracting a common characteristic of this group of verbs, we say that they are 'standing still' verbs, or verbs of station. The verbs for stand, sit, lie down, stop, park and others are members of this group.

As for which comes first, the hái phrase or the other verb, it goes according to the Chinese language characteristic of making what you're talking about the subject of the sentence and putting it at the beginning of the sentence. If you're concerned about 'where' you put the hái phrase first; if you're most concerned about stopping,

you put that part first.

(See BC and Drill 7)

5. Sentence suffix la for friendly advice or persuasion.

An imperative sentence with sentence suffix la at mid pitch on the intonation scale adds the connotation of friendly advice or persuasion.

Ex: Mhhóu fàanjyun tàuh la. Don't turn and go back =
 Better not turn and go back.
 (Said as friendly advice
 rather than command)

(See Drill 12)

6. jó and yauh, 'left' and 'right.'

jó and yauh are boundwords which may be bound to a preceding verb to form a VO phrase, or to a following boundword of place to become a PW, or to a following noun as a modifier.

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| Ex: VO: jyun jó | turn left |
| PW: jóbihn | left side, left, to the left |
| mod+N: jó sáu | left hand |

(See BC)

III. DRILLS

1. Expansion Drill

+ 1. a. fàanjyuntàuh

b. hái nīdoh fàanjyuntàuh

c. hōyih hái nīdoh fàanjyuntàuh

d. m̀h̀h̀h̀yih hái nīdoh fàanjyuntàuh

e. Hó m̀h̀h̀h̀yih hái nīdoh fàanjyuntàuh a?

Comment: fàanjyuntàuh [return-turn-head] is used when you have overshot the place you intend to go and want to direct the driver to turn the car around and go back.

+ 2. a. tanhauh

b. vanhauh lā

c. vanhauh lā, gódoh yáuh
go wáid. vanhauh lā, gódoh hauhbihn
yáuh go wáie. Vanhauh lā, gódoh hauhbihn
yáuh go wái paak chē.+ 3. a. Wihng Ōn Gūngsī

b. hái Wihng Ōn Gūngsī

c. hái Wihng Ōn Gūngsī tihng chē

d. m̀h̀g̀òì néih hái Wihng Ōn
Gūngsī tihng chē lāe. M̀h̀g̀òì néih hái Wihng Ōn
Gūngsī gwodī tihng chē lā.

4. a. yahphei

b. jyun yahphei

c. g̀aǹjyuh jyun yahphei.

1. a. turn (the car) around
and go back the other
wayb. turn around here and go
backc. you may turn around and
go back here or
it is permitted to turn
around and go back from
hered. it's not allowed to turn
around and go back heree. May I turn around and go
back here?2. a. back up, reverse (a car)

b. back up please

c. back up, there's a place

d. back up, behind us
there's a placee. Back up, behind us there's
a place to park.3. a. Wing On Company. (a
department store in
Hong Kong)

b. at Wing On

c. stop the car at Wing On

d. please stop the car at
Wing One. Please stop the car a
little beyond Wing On.

4. a. enter, go in.

b. turn in (there)
[turn, go in]

c. 'follow (that car) in

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| d. gánjyuh gó ga chē jyun
yahphei | d. follow that car in
[follow that car, turn
in] |
| e. gánjyuh gó ga hāak chē jyun
yahphei | e. follow that black car in
[follow that black car
there turn in] |
| f. Gánjyuh chíhnbihn gó ga hāak
chē jyun yahphei. | f. Follow that black car
ahead in. <u>or</u>
Turn where that black
car up there is.
[Follow that black car
over there, turn in.] |
| 5. a. yáuh wái | 5. a. there is space |
| b. yáuh go wái | b. there is a space |
| c. yáuh go wái paak chē | c. there is a place to
park cars |
| d. hauhbihn yáuh go wái paak chē | d. in the back there is a
place to park cars |
| e. ga hāak chē hauhbihn yáuh go
wái paak chē | e. behind the black car
there is a parking
place |
| f. gó ga hāak chē hauhbihn yáuh
go wái paak chē | f. behind that black car
there is a parking
place |
| g. Nē! Gó ga hāak chē hauhbihn
yáuh go wái paak chē. | g. There! Behind the black
car there is a parking
place. |

2. Substitution Drill: Repeat the first sentence, then substitute as directed.

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|---|--|
| 1. Hàaih, Yíngmán giujouh mēyéh a?
How do you say "shoes" in
English? | 1. Hàaih, Yíngmán giujouh
mēyéh a? |
| 2. /píhnggwó/ | 2. Píhnggwó, Yíngmán giujouh
mēyéh a? |
| 3. /tòhng/ | 3. Tòhng, Yíngmán giujouh
mēyéh a? |
| 4. /bīu/ | 4. Bīu, Yíngmán giujouh mēyéh
a? |
| 5. /jūng/ | 5. Jūng, Yíngmán giujouh mēyéh
a? |
| 6. /gāi/ | 6. Gāi, Yíngmán giujouh mēyéh
a? |

7. /gāai/

7. Gāai, Yíngmán giujouh mēyéh
a?Comment: giu may substitute for giujouh in all sentences above.

3. Response Drill

Ex: 1. T: Gó gāan gūngsī
giu mēyéh méng
a? /Wíngg Ōn
Gūngsī/T: What's the name of that depart-
ment store? /Wing On Company/S: Giujouh Wíngg Ōn
Gūngsī.

S: It's called the Wing On Company.

2. T: Gó gāan gūngsī
giu mēyéh méng
a? /shake/T: What's the name of that depart-
ment store? /shake/S: Deuimhyyuh, ngóh
m̀hjidou giujouh
mēyéh méng.S: Excuse me, I don't know what
it's called.1. Gaaklèih gāan chàhlàuh giu
mēyéh méng a? /shake/1. Deuimhyyuh, ngóh m̀hjidou
giujouh mēyéh méng.2. Jógán gó gāan ngànhòhng giu
mēyéh méng a? /Méihgwok
Ngànhòhng/

2. Giujouh Méihgwok Ngànhòhng.

3. Gó bihn gāan jáudim giu mēyéh
méng a? /Màhnwàh Jáudim/

3. Giujouh Màhnwàh Jáudim.

4. Daaih Douh Jùng gó gāan chāan-
sāt giu mēyéh méng a?
/shake/4. Deuimhyyuh, ngóh m̀hjidou
giujouh mēyéh méng.5. Deuimihngó máhtàuh giu mēyéh
méng a? /Tíngsīng Máhtàuh/

5. Giujouh Tíngsīng Máhtàuh.

6. Ní tiuh gāai giu mēyéh méng a?
/Daaih Douh Jùng/

6. Giujouh Daaih Douh Jùng.

7. Gó gāan gūngsī giu mēyéh méng
a? /shake/7. Deuimhyyuh, ngóh m̀hjidou
giujouh mēyéh méng.

a. Repeat: Omitting 'méng' in question and answer.

4. Alteration Drill

Ex: T: M̀hgòì néih háì n̄idouh T: Please stop (the car) here.
t̀hng chē lā.

S: Hó m̀hhóyih háì n̄idouh S: May one stop here? or
t̀hng chē a? Is it permitted to stop here?

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| 1. M̀hgòì néih gwodī jyun jó lā. | 1. Hó m̀hhóyih gwodī jyun jó a? |
| 2. M̀hgòì néih jyun yahphei lā. | 2. Hó m̀hhóyih jyun yahphei a? |
| + 3. M̀hgòì néih jyun yahp <u>yauhsáubih</u>
lā.
(<u>yauhsáubih</u> =
right hand side)
Please turn in on the right
hand side. | 3. Hó m̀hhóyih jyun yahp
yauhsáubih a? |
| 4. M̀hgòì néih háì n̄idouh jyun
yahp heui lā. | 4. Hó m̀hhóyih háì n̄idouh jyun
yahp heui a? |
| 5. M̀hgòì néih tanhauh lā. | 5. Hó m̀hhóyih tanhauh a? |

5. Substitution Drill: Students gesture where appropriate. Repeat first sentence, then substitute as directed.

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| 1. N̄idouh m̀hhóyih jyun yauh.
It's not allowed to turn
to the right here. | 1. N̄idouh m̀hhóyih jyun yauh. |
| + 2. <u>diuhtàuh</u>
(turn around (a car)) | 2. N̄idouh m̀hhóyih diuhtàuh. |
| 3. jyun yahphei | 3. N̄idouh m̀hhóyih jyun yahphei. |
| 4. tanhauh | 4. N̄idouh m̀hhóyih tanhauh. |
| 5. yāt jikh heui | 5. N̄idouh m̀hhóyih yāt jikh
heui. |
| 6. jyun jó. | 6. N̄idouh m̀hhóyih jyun jó. |

Comment: Compare word order of:

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| 1. <u>N̄idouh m̀hhóyih jyun jó.</u> | } You can't turn left
here. |
| 2. <u>M̀hhóyih háì n̄idouh jyun jó.</u> | |
| 3. <u>Háì n̄idouh m̀hhóyih jyun jó.</u> | |

These are interchangeable. Note absence of háì before n̄idouh in first sentence. Omission of háì before PW is permitted when PW begins the sentence.

6. Substitution Drill: Repeat the first sentence, then substitute as directed.

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| 1. Yiu hái n̄idouh tanhauh.
(We) want to back up here. <u>or</u>
Back up here. | 1. Yiu hái n̄idouh tanhauh. |
| 2. m̄hsái | 2. M̄hsái hái n̄idouh tanhauh. |
| 3. diuhtàuh | 3. M̄hsái hái n̄idouh diuhtàuh. |
| 4. yiu | 4. Yiu hái n̄idouh diuhtàuh. |
| 5. jyun yahphei | 5. Yiu hái n̄idouh jyun yahphei. |
| 6. hóyih | 6. Hóyih hái n̄idouh jyun yahp-
heui. |
| 7. jyun yauh | 7. Hóyih hái n̄idouh jyun yauh. |
| 8. hóu m̄hhóu | 8. Hóu m̄hhóu hái n̄idouh jyun
yauh a?
Is it OK to turn right
here? |
| 9. yātjikh heui | 9. Hóu m̄hhóu hái n̄idouh yāt-
jikh heui a? |
| 10. fàanjyun tàuh | 10. Hóu m̄hhóu hái n̄idouh fàan-
jyuntàuh a? |

7. Response Drill: Students gesture where appropriate.

Ex: T: T̄ins̄ing M̄antàuh

T: Star Ferry

S1: T̄ihng hái b̄indouh a? S1: Where should I stop?

S2: T̄ihng hái T̄ins̄ing M̄antàuh lā.
S2: Stop at the Star Ferry.

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| 1. T̄ihng hái b̄indouh a?
/M̄ahnwàh J̄áudim m̄uhn̄háu/ | 1. T̄ihng hái M̄ahnwàh J̄áudim
m̄uhn̄háu lā. |
| 2. T̄ihng hái b̄indouh a?
/W̄ihng Ōn Ḡunḡs̄i deuim̄ih̄n/ | 2. T̄ihng hái W̄ihng Ōn Ḡunḡs̄i
deuim̄ih̄n lā. |
| 3. T̄ihng hái b̄indouh a?
/M̄éihgwok Nḡàhn̄hòhng gaakl̄èih/ | 3. T̄ihng hái M̄éihgwok Nḡàhn̄-
hòhng gaakl̄èih lā. |
| 4. T̄ihng hái b̄indouh a?
/J̄unḡgwok Ch̄àhl̄àuh ch̄ih̄nb̄ih̄n/ | 4. T̄ihng hái J̄unḡgwok Ch̄àh-
làuh ch̄ih̄nb̄ih̄n lā. |
| 5. T̄ihng hái b̄indouh a?
/t̄ouhsyùgwún m̄uhn̄háu/ | 5. T̄ihng hái t̄ouhsyùgwún
m̄uhn̄háu lā. |
| 6. T̄ihng hái b̄indouh a?
/T̄ins̄ing M̄antàuh gwod̄i/ | 6. T̄ihng hái T̄ins̄ing M̄antàuh
gwod̄i lā. |

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| 7. Tíhng hái bīndouh a?
/Měihgwok Jáudim yauhsáubihn/ | 7. Tíhng hái Měihgwok Jáudim
yauhsáubihn lā. |
| + 8. Tíhng hái bīndouh a?
/ngānhòhng yauhbihn/
(right side) | 8. Tíhng hái ngānhòhng yauh-
bihn lā. |

Comment: Tíhng, 'stop' is one of a group of verbs which accepts a hái phrase in either pre-verb position or post-verb position.

Ex: A: Tíhng hái bīndouh a? }
Hái bīndouh tíhng a? } Where should I stop?
B: Tíhng hái Tínsing Máhtàuh lā. }
Hái Tínsing Máhtàuh tíhng lā. } Stop at the
Star Ferry.

8. Substitution Drill: Repeat the first sentence, then substitute as directed.

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| 1. Jùnggwok Chàhlàuh gwodī, jyun yauh.
A little beyond the China
Teahouse, turn right. | 1. Jùnggwok chàhlàuh gwodī,
jyun yauh. |
| 2. jyun jó | 2. Jùnggwok Chàhlàuh gwodī,
jyun jó. |
| 3. chē jaahm | 3. Chē jaahm gwodī, jyun jó. |
| 4. jyun yauh | 4. Chē jaahm gwodī, jyun yauh. |
| 5. Hèunggóng Chāansāt | 5. Hèunggóng Chāansāt gwodī,
jyun yauh. |
| 6. Māhnwàh Jáudim | 6. Māhnwàh Jáudim gwodī,
jyun yauh. |
| 7. Dāk Fuh Douh | 7. Dāk Fuh Douh gwodī, jyun
yauh. |
| 8. hohkhaauh | 8. Hohkhaauh gwodī, jyun yauh. |
| 9. Daaih Douh Jùng | 9. Daaih Douh Jùng gwodī, jyun
yauh. |
| 10. jyun jó | 10. Daaih Douh Jùng gwodī, jyun
jó. |

a. Do #1-4 as expansion drill, incorporating hàahngdou 'walk to, go to,' thus:

T: Jùnggwok Chàhlàuh
gwodī, jyun yauh.

A little beyond the China
Teahouse, turn right.

S: Hàahngdon Jùnggwok
Chàhlàuh gwodī,
jyun yauh.

Go a little beyond the China
Teahouse, and turn right.

Note that hàahng is not limited to the meaning 'walk,' but is used as a verb of locomotion for cars as well.

9. Expansion Drill: Students should gesture to indicate directions.

Ex: T: Wíhng Ōn Gūngsī
gwodī, jyun jó.

T: Turn left a little beyond Wing
On Department Store.

S: Wíhng Ōn Gūngsī
gwodī, jyun jó,
mhhaih jyun yauh.

S: Turn left a little beyond Wing
On Department Store; not
right.

1. Méihgwok Ngàhnhòhng gwodī,
jyun jó.
2. Chē jaahm gwodī, jyun yauh.
3. Jūnggwok Chàhlàuh gwodī,
jyun yauh.
4. Hèunggóng Chāansāt gwodī,
jyun jó.
5. Māhnwàh Jáudim gwodī, jyun
yauh.

1. Méihgwok Ngàhnhòhng gwodī,
jyun jó, mhhaih jyun yauh.
2. Chē jaahm gwodī, jyun yauh,
mhhaih jyun jó.
3. Jūnggwok Chàhlàuh gwodī,
jyun yauh, mhhaih jyun jó.
4. Hèunggóng Chāansāt gwodī,
jyun jó, mhhaih jyun yauh.
5. Māhnwàh Jáudim gwodī, jyun
yauh, mhhaih jyun jó.

10. Substitution Drill: Repeat first sentence, then substitute as directed.

1. Gwo léuhng go chē jaahm, jauh
haih laak.
Pass two bus stops, and
there you are.

1. Gwo léuhng go chē jaahm,
jauh haih laak.

2. yāt tīuh gāai

2. Gwo yāt tīuh gāai, jauh
haih laak.

3. sàam go chē jaahm

3. Gwo sàam go chē jaahm, jauh
haih laak.

4. léuhng gàn gūngsī

4. Gwo léuhng gàn gūngsī,
jauh haih laak.

5. léuhng tīuh gāai

5. Gwo léuhng tīuh gāai, jauh
haih laak.

6. yāt gàn

6. Gwo yāt gàn, jauh haih
laak.

7. géi gàn

7. Gwo géi gàn, jauh haih laak.

11. Response Drill

Ex: T: Kéuih hái bīn gāan
chàhlàuh a?
/gaaklèih/

Which teahouse is he in?
/next door, adjacent/

S: Kéuih hái gaaklèih
gó gāan.

He's in the one next door.

1. Kéuih hái bīn gāan ngàhnhòhng
a? /deuimihn/

1. Kéuih hái deuimihn gó gāan.

2. Néih heui bīn gāan gūngsī a?
/chihnbihn/

2. Ngóh heui chihnbihn gó gāan.

3. Néih màhmā hái bīn gāan séjih-
làuh a? /yauhbihn/

3. Ngóh màhmā hái yauhbihn gó
gāan.

4. Néih séung heui bīn gāan
chāansāt a? /nī bihn/

4. Ngóh séung heui nī bihn
gó gāan.

5. Kéuih hái bīn gāan hohkhaauh a?
/jósáubihn/

5. Kéuih hái jósáubihn gó gāan.

Comment: Compare the structure and meaning above with one you
have studied previously:

1. Kéuih hái gaaklèih gó gāan chàhlàuh.

He's at the teahouse next door. [next-door teahouse]

2. Kéuih hái gó gāan chàhlàuh gaaklèih.

He's next door to the teahouse.

12. Transformation Drill: Affirmative to Negative.

Ex: T: Kéuih heui Tīnsīng
Máhtàuh.

T: He's going to the Star Ferry.

S: Kéuih mhheui Tīnsīng
Máhtàuh.

S: He's not going to the Star
Ferry.

1. Kéuih jip ngóh heui tái
yīsāng.

1. Kéuih mhjip ngóh heui tái
yīsāng.

2. Hái nīdouh hóyih tanhauh.

2. Hái nīdouh mhhóyih tanhauh.

3. Ngóh yáuh sahp mán.

3. Ngóh móuh sahp mán.

4. Ngóh gau chin máaih bíu.

4. Ngóh mhgau chin máaih bíu.

5. Chàhn Táai deui hàaih géi leng.

5. Chàhn Táai deui hàaih
mhhaih géi leng.

6. Wòhng Sàang jùngyi tùhng ngóh
bàhbā heui yám chàh.

6. Wòhng Sàang mhjùngyi tùhng
ngóh bàhbā heui yám chàh.

+ 7. Sihk yīn lā!

7. Mhhóu sihk yīn lā!
(friendly advice)

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| 8. Wòhng Táai tùhng ngóh màhmā
hóu jùngyi jòuh sām. | 8. Wòhng Táai tùhng ngóh màhmā
mhjùngyi jòuh sām. |
| 9. Ngóh táidóu Léih Síujé hái
deuimihn gāan chàhlàuh. | 9. Ngóh táimhdóu Léih Síujé
hái deuimihn gāan chàhlàuh. |
| 10. Fàanjyun tàuh lā! | 10. Mhhóu fàanjyun tàuh la. <u>or</u>
Mhsái fàanjyun tàuh la. |

Comment: in #7 and #10 above note that the sentence suffix on the negative sentences is la and not lā. The mid-pitched final la gives the imperative sentence a connotation of friendly advice, contrasting to the high pitch lā, polite but more urgent.

13. Transformation Drill: Change the sentence from a question-word question to a choice type question, following the pattern of the example.

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| Ex: T: Bīn tiuh haih Dāk
Fuh Douh Jùng a? | T: Which street is Des Voeux
Central? |
| S: Nī tiuh haih mhhaih
Dāk Fuh Douh Jùng
a? | S: Is this Des Voeux Road
Central? |
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| 1. Bīn gāan haih Jùnggwok
Ngànhòhng a? | 1. Nī gāan haih mhhaih Jùng-
gwok Ngànhòhng a? |
| 2. Bīn gāan haih Wíhng Ōn Gūngsī
a? | 2. Nī gāan haih mhhaih Wíhng
Ōn Gūngsī a? |
| 3. Bīn gāan haih Méihgwok Jáudim
a? | 3. Nī gāan haih mhhaih Méih-
gwok Jáudim a? |
| 4. Bīn tiuh haih Daaih Douh Jùng
a? | 4. Nī tiuh haih mhhaih Daaih
Douh Jùng a? |
| 5. Bīn gāan haih Mānhwàh Jáudim
a? | 5. Nī gāan haih mhhaih Mānhwàh
Jáudim a? |

14. Substitution Drill: Repeat the first sentence, then substitute as directed.

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| 1. Chihnbihn yáuh móuh wái paak
chē a?
Is there a place to park the
car in front? | 1. Chihnbihn yáuh móuh wái paak
chē a? |
| 2. /yahpbihn/ | 2. Yahpbihn yáuh móuh wái
paak chē a? |
| 3. /deuimihn/ | 3. Deuimihn yáuh móuh wái
paak chē a? |

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| 4. /mùnhháu/ | 4. Mùnhháu yáuh móuh wái paak chē a? |
| 5. /gaaklèih/ | 5. Gaaklèih yáuh móuh wái paak chē a? |
| 6. /nījógán/ | 6. Nījógán yáuh móuh wái paak chē a? |
| 7. /jóbihn/ | 7. Jóbihn yáuh móuh wái paak chē a? |
| 8. /yauhbihn/ | 8. Yauhbihn yáuh móuh wái paak chē a? |
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15. Response Drill:

+ Ex: T: Néih sīk m̄hsīk
jā chē a?
/m̄hsīk/

S: Ngóh m̄hsīk jā chē.

Do you know how to drive?
[drive car] /not know how/

I don't know how to drive.

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| 1. Bīngō gaau néih jā chē ga?
/Hòh Sàang/ | 1. Hòh Sàang gaau ngóh jā chē ge. |
| 2. Hèunggóng yáuh móuh hohkhaauh
gaau jā chē ga?
/dāk géi gāan...ge ja/ | 2. Hèunggóng dāk géi gāan
hohkhaauh gaau jā chē
ge ja. |
| 3. Néih hái bīndouh hohk jā chē
ga? /Gáulühng/ | 3. Ngóh hái Gáulühng hohk jā
chē ge. |
| 4. Nī tiuh gāai hó m̄hhóyih hohk
jā chē ga? /m̄hhóyih bo/++
Is this a street that you
can learn to drive on? | 4. Nī tiuh gāai m̄hhóyih hohk
jā chē bo. |
| 5. Néih jùngyi jā bīn gwok ge chē
a? /Méihgwok chē/
Which country's cars do you
like to drive? | 5. Ngóh jùngyi jā Méihgwok chē. |
| 6. Néih jùng m̄hjùngyi jā chē a?
/m̄hhaih géi jùngyi ge ja/ | 6. Ngóh m̄hhaih géi jùngyi jā
chē ge ja. |

++ Access to some streets in Hong Kong is prohibited to learner drivers.

16. Expansion Drill

Ex: T: M̀ngòì néih, faaidí lā! /jā/ T: Faster please. /drive/
lā! /jā/

S: M̀ngòì néih jà faaidí lā! S: Please drive faster.
lā!

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| 1. M̀ngòì néih, maahndí lā! /góng/ | 1. M̀ngòì néih góng maahndí lā! |
| 2. M̀ngòì néih, faaidí lā! /hàahng/ | 2. M̀ngòì néih hàahng faaidí lā! |
| 3. M̀ngòì néih, chèuhngdí lā!
/jòuh/
Longer please. (said to a
tailor) | 3. M̀ngòì néih jòuh chèuhngdí
lā!
Make it longer please. |
| 4. M̀ngòì néih, dyúndí lā! /jòuh/ | 4. M̀ngòì néih jòuh dyúndí lā! |
| 5. M̀ngòì néih, pèhngdí lā! /maaih/
Cheaper! (said to shopkeeper) | 5. M̀ngòì néih maaih pèhngdí lā!
Sell it cheaper! |
| 6. M̀ngòì néih, daaihndí lā! /jòuh/ | 6. M̀ngòì néih jòuh daaihndí lā! |
| 7. M̀ngòì néih, faaidí lā! /sé/ | 7. M̀ngòì néih sé faaidí lā! |
| 8. M̀ngòì néih, saidí lā! /sé/ | 8. M̀ngòì néih sé saidí lā! |
| 9. M̀ngòì néih, futdí lā. /jòuh/
Wider please. (said to a
tailor) | 9. M̀ngòì néih jòuh futdí lā!
Please make (it) a bit
wider. |
| 10. M̀ngòì néih, jaakdí lā. /jòuh/
A bit narrower, please. | 10. M̀ngòì néih jòuh jaakdí lā!
Please make (it) a bit
narrower. |

17. Classroom Conversation Drill: Teacher asks, students answer, giving their actual Cantonese names. Students should learn to react appropriately to the different questions.

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| 1. Gwaising a? (polite) | 1. Síu sing <u>Surname</u> . or
Ngòh sing _____. |
| 2. Sing mēyèh a? (ordinary) | 2. Ngòh sing <u>Surname</u> . |
| + 3. <u>Gwaisingmihng</u> a? (polite)
<u>Your family name and given
name?</u> | 3. <u>Surname Given name</u> . |
| 4. Mēyèh méng a? | 4. <u>Surname Given name</u> . |
| 5. Néih giu mēyèh méng a? | 5. <u>Surname Given name</u> . |
| 6. Nèih mēyèh méng a? | 6. <u>Surname Given name</u> . |

Comment: The response to #4 mēyèh méng a? may be simply the given name if the surname is not in question.

Comment: An expanded form of the responses to #3-6 is:

Ngóh sing _____ giu(jouh) _____.

IV. CONVERSATIONS FOR LISTENING

(On tape. Refer to wordlist below as you listen.)

Unfamiliar terms, in order of occurrence:

- 1) yātján = in a little while
 - 2) dīksí = taxi
 - 3) gāiháuh = intersection [street-mouth]
 - 4) hóu chíh = very likely ..., most likely ...
 - 5) Eí! = mild exclamation
 - 6) gwojó la = here: we've overshoot it, we've passed it.
gwo = pass by
 - 7) sái = drive
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V. SAY IT IN CANTONESE

A. Say to the classmate next to you:

1. Could you please tell me which building is the Wing On Company?
2. What's the name of this street?
3. Is this Nathan Road?
4. Here it is! Please stop here. (as if said to taxi-driver)
5. Is it OK to park here?
6. What street is your school on?
7. Can you drive a car?
8. Turn right just beyond the library.

B. And he responds:

1. It's that one on the right hand side.
2. This is Queens Road Central.
3. No--Nathan Road is on the Kowloon side.
4. It's not permitted to stop here--a little further down it's OK to stop.
5. No. Go in there to the right--there's a place inside to park.
6. I forget the name of the street--
7. Yes, I can--do you want me to teach you to drive?
8. You can't turn in to the right on that street. Should I stop here?

9. Is that the Mandarin Hotel
there on the right?

9. No, that building is the
Hilton Hotel.

Vocabulary Checklist for Lesson 13

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| 1. daaphaak | n: | passenger |
| 2. diuhtàuh | vo: | turn (a car) around [reverse head] |
| 3. dou | v: | arrive |
| 4. fàanjyun tàuh | vp: | turn (the car) around and go back [return-turn head] |
| 5. gāai | n: | street |
| 6. giu(jouh) | v: | is called, is named |
| 7. gwaisingmihng? | Ph: | what is your surname and given name? (polite) |
| 8. gwo | v: | pass by (a point); cross (a street); go over to (a place) |
| 9. gwodī | Ph: | beyond; a little farther on |
| 10. Gwodī tim. | Ph: | Go further on; Keep going (said to taxi driver) |
| 11. hàahng | v: | go; walk; drive |
| 12. hōyih | auxV: | can, as (1) be permitted, allowed to; (2) be willing to |
| 13. jà chē | vo: | to drive a car |
| 14. jauh | adv: | immediately, soon; as clause connector = then; and |
| 15. jihk | bf: | straight |
| 16. jǒ | bf: | left (direction) |
| 17. jóbihn | PW: | left side |
| 18. jósáubihn | PW: | lefthand side |
| 19. jyun | v: | turn |
| 20. la | ss: | as sen. suf. to imperative sentence, gives connotation of friendly advice |
| 21. méng | n: | name; given name |
| 22. paak (chē) | v(o): | park a car |
| 23. tanhauh | v: | back (a car) up, move back |
| 24. tihng | v: | stop |
| 25. wái | n: | place, seat |
| 26. WihngŌn Gūngsī | PW: | Wing On Department Store |
| 27. yahp | bf: | enter |

I. BASIC CONVERSATION

A. Buildup:

(A Hong Kong native and a foreign friend
have lunch in a Chinese restaurant:)

Bundeihyahn

| | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| fógei | waiter |
| A! Fógei! | Waiter! |
| choipáai | menu, bill of fare |
| ning | carry |
| ninglaih; ningheui | bring; take |
| ning go choipáai laih lā | bring the food list please |
| ning go choipáai laih béi | please bring me a menu |
| ngoh lā | |
| táiháh | have a look |
| béi ngoh táiháh lā | please let me have a look |
| Ńgòl néih ning go choipáai | Please bring me a menu to |
| lahh béi ngoh táiháh lā. | have a look at. |

Fógei

| | |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Hóu aak, jauh laih. | Yes sir; coming right away. |
| ngoingwokyaahn | foreigner |

Ngoingwokyaahn

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| dím | order (food from a list) |
| choi | food, dishes |
| Ngoh m̃h̃ik díng choi ga. | I don't know how to order food. |
| gaaisiuh | recommend, introduce |
| Ńgòl néih gaaisiuhháh lā. | Please make a recommendation. |

Bundeihyahn

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Gám, dáng ngoh díng lā. | Well then, I'll choose. |
| yúhgyū | suckling pig |
| gwo | verb-suffix: indicates
experience; to have done
something before. |
| meih | not yet |
| sihkgwo meih? | have (you) eaten (it)
before? |

question formula: Verbed
before, or not yet?

Néih sihk gwo yúh jyū meih a?

Have you ever eaten roast
suckling pig?

Ngoih gwokyáhn

Meih a.

Not yet.

yāt chi dōu meih ...

not yet even one time

Yāt chi dōu meih sihk gwo.

I haven't eaten it even once.

Búndei hyáhn

hóu ma?

OK?

ma?

sen. suf. which makes a
question of the sentence
it is attached to.

Siháh lā, hóu ma?

Let's try it, OK?

Ngoih gwokyáhn

Hóu ā.

Fine.

Búndei hyáhn

hā

shrimp

yik waahk?

... or ...?

Néih júngyí sihk hā yik waahk

Do you like to eat shrimp, or
eat fish?

sihk yú nē?

Ngoih gwokyáhn

Sihdaahn lā.

As you wish. i.e., Either one.
like to eat shrimp

júngyí sihk hā

really like to eat shrimp

dōuhaih júngyí sihk hā

however, but, although

bāt gwo

Although I really like shrimp.

Bāt gwo ngóh dōuhaih júngyí

(i.e., I really like shrimp
better.)

sihk hā.

juhng

still, in addition, also
(precedes verbal expres-
sion)

juhng oi dí mēyéh a?

also want some what?

juhng séung oi dí mēyéh a?

also want to have some what?

Ngóhdeih juhng séung oi dǐ
mēyéh a?

What else do we want to have?

Búndeihyáhn

tòng
Juhng séung oi go tòng tím.

soup
In addition let's have a soup
too.

(Later the local resident calls the waiter again:)

Búndeihyáhn

-dò-

additional; another; more
(precedes Measure expres-
sion)

béi dò jí bējáu ngóh

give me another bottle of
beer

-dò léuhng jí bējáu

two more bottles of beer

Fógei! Béi dò léuhng jí bējáu
ngóhdeih tím lā.

Waiter! Please give us two
more bottles of beer.

Ngoihgwokyáhn

áhcho

good [not wrong]

Dǐ yúhgyú jánhahh áhcho.

The suckling pig is really good.

Búndeihyáhn

dōdǐ

more

Síhk dōdǐ lā!

Have some more!

Ngoihgwokyáhn

dòjeh

thank you (for the gift)

Gau laak. Dòjehsaai.

I've had plenty. Thanks a lot.

Búndeihyáhn

màihdāan

check please! [together-
list]

Fógei! Màihdāan!

Waiter! The check please!

B. Recapitulation:

(A Hong Kong native and a foreign friend
have lunch in a Chinese restaurant:)

Búndeihyáhn

A: Fógei!

Waiter!

Mhòì néih níng go choipáai
lâih bái ngòh táiháh lā.

Please bring me a menu to have
a look at.

Fógei

Hóu aak, jauh lâih.

Yes sir, coming right away.

Ngoihgwokyàhn

Ngòh àhsik dím choi ga. Mhòì
néih gaaisiuhháh lā.

I don't know how to order food.
Please make a recommendation.

Búndeihyàhn

Gám, dáng ngòh dím lā.
Néih sihkwo yúhgyū meih a?

Well then, I'll choose.
Have you ever eaten roast
suckling pig?

Ngoihgwokyàhn

Meih a--yāt chí dōu meih
sihkwo.

Not yet--I've not eaten it
even once.

Búndeihyàhn

Siháh lā, hóu ma?

Let's try it, OK?

Ngoihgwokyàhn

Hóu ā.

Fine.

Búndeihyàhn

Néih jùngyi sihk hā yikwaahk
sihk yú nē?

Do you prefer shrimp, or fish?

Ngoihgwokyàhn

Sihdaahn lā.
Bātgo ngòh dōuhaih jùngyi
sihk hā.

As you wish. i.e., Either one.
Although I really like shrimp.
(i.e., I really like shrimp
better.)

Ngòhdeih juhng séung oi dī
mēyéh a?

What else do we want to have?

Búndeihyàhn

Juhng séung oi go tòng tím.

In addition, let's have a
soup, too.

(Later the Hong Kong native calls the waiter again:)

Fógei! Bái dò léuhng jí
bējáu ngòhdeih tím lā.

Waiter! Please give us two
more bottles of beer.

Ngoihgwokyáhn

Dí yúh jyū jánhah àhcho.

The suckling pig is really
good!Búndeihyáhn

Sihk dōdī lā!

Have some more!

Ngoihgwokyáhn

Gau laak. Dòjehsaai.

I've had plenty. Thanks a lot.

Búndeihyáhn

Fógei! Máihdāan!

Waiter! The check please!

II. NOTES

A. Culture notes

1. Styles of cooking Chinese food.

Different areas of China have different styles of cooking and different specialties, making use of the foods particular to each area. For an interesting discussion of the hows and whats of Chinese food, see How to Cook and Eat in Chinese, by Buwei Yang Chao, (NY: John Day, 1949)

2. choi. 'a dish (of food),' 'food'.

The Chinese style of informal eating is for each person to have a bowl of rice (if it's in the South--in the North they eat bread more) for himself, and for there to be several dishes on the table which are communal property for everyone to eat from. The eater uses his chopsticks or a spoon to take food from the center dishes. The center dishes are called choi.

A choi can be a fish dish, a meat dish, or a vegetable dish. choi is also the general term for 'vegetable.' Finally, choi may mean 'cooking style,' or 'food,' as in Seuhnghói choi, 'Shanghai cooking,' 'Shanghai food'; Jùngchoi 'Chinese cooking,' 'Chinese food.'

(In this book we use the term Jùngchoi as the general term for Chinese food. There is another term sometimes used having the same meaning: Tòhngchoi = Chinese food.)

3. choipáai and choidāan, 'menu'

choipáai, 'menu,' 'bill of fare,' is the list you choose from in a restaurant.

choidāan, 'menu' is the written-down account of a particular meal.

B. Structure Notes:

1. directional verb compounds. Ex: ninglâih, 'bring (something) here; and ningheui, 'take (something) there'

a. Directional verbs use -lâih and -heui as suffixes to indicate direction towards and away from the speaker (or other point of reference).

Ex: ning carry

ninglâih carry towards the speaker--i.e., bring here

ningheui carry away from the speaker--i.e., take there

We give the directional verb plus the heui/lâih suffix the name directional verb compound.

b. The noun object of a directional verb compound comes between the verb and the suffix. In the absence of a noun object, the verb and suffix come together, since a pronoun object is not stated:

Ex: A: Ning jǐ bējǎu lâih Please bring a bottle of beer.
lǎ.

B: Hóu, jauh ninglâih. Right--bringing it right away.

(See BC and Drills 1.3, 10)

c. Another way of forming sentences with directional verb compounds is to put the logical object of the verb into subject position.

Ex: Dí bējǎ yǐngǐng ning- The beer (I've) already
lâih laak. brought.

2. gwo 'pass,' used as verb suffix

gwo, a verb with the basic meaning 'pass,' 'pass by,' 'pass through,' is used as a verb suffix indicating 'have passed through (experienced)' the action expressed by the verb.

Ex: sihkgwo, 'pass through the experience of eating,'
'have eaten,' 'ate.'

(See BC and Drills 7, 8, 9, 13)

3. meih 'not yet.'

The negative meih 'not yet' precedes the verb in a negative sentence. In a choice question, it follows the verb:

- Ex: 1. Meih sihkgwo. (I) haven't had the experience of eating (it).
 2. Sihkgwo meih? Have (you) had the experience of eating (this)?

(See BC and Drills 3, 8, 9, 13)

meih 'not yet,' indicates that the action expressed by the verb is one which the speaker contemplates doing--'I haven't eaten it yet,' (but I'd like to.)

4. mēyéh, (mātyéh) as mass noun.

mēyéh functions as a mass noun, in taking the mass measure dī:

- Ex: dī mēyéh? Some what?
 Sihk dī mēyéh a? What will you have to eat?
 [eat-a little-what?]

5. ..., yikwaahk, = '....., or?'

yikwaahk 'or' can be called an interrogative conjunction. It connects two verb phrases, indicating: .A. or .B., which one?

- Ex: Néih jūngyi sihk hā, Which do you prefer, to eat
 yikwaahk sihk yú nē? shrimp, or to eat fish? or
 Do you want shrimp, or would
 you rather have fish?

(See BC and Drills 2, 3)

The English possibility of:

- A: Do you want coffee or tea?
 B: No thanks.

is not covered by yikwaahk. In Chinese you would have to rephrase the sentence to say something like 'Would you like something to drink? We have coffee and tea.'

6. dōuhaih 'really'

In the following sentence taken from the Basic Conversation,

- Bāt gwo ngóh dōuhaih Although I really like shrimp.
 jūngyi sihk hā.

dōuhaih is said with very light stress, and has very little content meaning. It serves as an intonation marker, lightening an otherwise blunt statement. The same function is served by 'really' in the English translation. The situation is: you'd rather have shrimp than fish but you don't want to insist upon it.

III. DRILLS

1. Expansion Drill

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|---------|---------------------|----|-----------------------------|
| + 1. a. | <u>Wún</u> | a. | <u>bowl</u> |
| b. | Wún tòng. | b. | bowl of soup |
| c. | Yám wún tòng. | c. | have a bowl of soup |
| d. | Yám wún tòng lā. | d. | Please have a bowl of soup. |
| e. | Yám dò wún tòng lā. | e. | Have another bowl of soup. |
| f. | Yám dōdī tòng lā. | f. | Have some more soup. |

Comment: In this group of sentences wún, 'bowl' is used as a Measure. wún may also be used as a Noun, as in sām jek wún, '3 bowls.' (also sām go wún, '3 bowls.')

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|-------------------------|---|----|--|
| + 2. a. | <u>Bùi</u> | a. | <u>cupful</u> |
| b. | Bùi chàh | b. | a cup of tea |
| c. | Béi bùi chàh
ngóh lā. | c. | Please give me a cup of tea. |
| d. | Mhgoi néih béi bùi chàh
ngóh lā. | d. | Please give me a cup of tea. |
| + 3. a. | <u>Būi</u> . | a. | <u>cup</u> |
| b. | Jek būi. | b. | a cup |
| c. | Níng jek būi lāih. | c. | Bring a cup. |
| d. | Níng dò jek būi lāih. | d. | Bring another cup. |
| e. | Níng dò léuhng jek būi lāih. | e. | Bring two more cups. |
| f. | Níng dò léuhng jek būi lāih
tím. | f. | Bring two more cups too. |
| + 4. a. | <u>Baahk faahn.</u> | a. | <u>white rice.</u>
(i.e. plain boiled or
steamed rice) |
| b. | Wún baahk faahn. | b. | a bowl of rice. |
| c. | Béi wún baahk faahn ngóh. | d. | Give me a bowl of rice. |
| d. | Béi dò wún baahk faahn ngóh. | d. | Give me another bowl of rice. |
| e. | Mhgoi néih
béi dò wún baahk faahn ngóh lā. | e. | Please
give me another bowl of rice. |
| + 5. a. | <u>Cháau mihn</u> | a. | <u>fried noodles</u> |
| b. | Sihk cháau mihn | b. | eat fried noodles |
| c. | Júngyi sihk cháau mihn | c. | like to eat fried noodles |
| d. | Júngyi sihk cháau mihn | d. | like to eat fried noodles or |
| + yikwaahk tòng mihn a? | | | <u>soup noodles?</u> |

e. Néih jùngyi síhk cháau mihn
yikwaahk tòng mihn a?

e. Would you like to eat fried
noodles or soup noodles?

2. Transformation Drill

Ex: T: Néih yám mātýéh a?
/cháh/gafē/

S: Néih yám chàh yik-
waahk gafē nē?

T: What will you have to drink?
/tea/coffee/

S: Would you like tea, or coffee?
(i.e., Which would you like,
tea or coffee?)

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|---|---|
| 1. Néih yám mātýéh a?
/heiséui/bējáu/ | 1. Néih yám heiséui yikwaahk
bējáu a? |
| 2. Néih oi mātýéh a?
/jyùyhk/ngáuhyhk/ | 2. Néih oi jyùyhk yikwaahk
ngáuhyhk a? |
| 3. Néih heui bīndouh a?
/Jùngwàahn/Gáulùhng/ | 3. Néih heui Jùngwàahn yikwaahk
Gáulùhng a? |
| 4. Néih wán bīngó a?
/Hòh Sàang/Hòh Táai/ | 4. Néih wán Hòh Sàang yikwaahk
Hòh Táai a? |
| + 5. Néih jùngyi bīndī a?
/cháau faahn/cháau mihn/
(cháau faahn =
fried rice) | 5. Néih jùngyi cháau faahn
yikwaahk cháau mihn a?
Would you prefer fried
rice, or fried noodles? |
| + 6. Néih jùngyi bīndī a?
/Seuhngói choi/Gwóngdùng
choi/
(/Shanghai food/Cantonese
food/) | 6. Néih jùngyi Seuhngói choi
yikwaahk Gwóngdùng choi nē?
Would you prefer Shanghai
food or Cantonese food? |
| + 7. Néih jùngyi bīndī a?
/Jùng choi/Saichāan/
(/Chinese food/Western food/) | 7. Néih jùngyi Jùng choi yik-
waahk Saichāan nē?
Would you prefer Chinese
food, or Western food? |

3. Response Drill

Ex: T: /chaau faahn/ chaau
mihn/

T: /fried rice/fried noodles/

S1: Néih jùngyi sihk cháau
faahn yihwaahk sihk
cháau mihn a?

S1: Do you want to have fried rice,
or fried noodles.

S2: Sihdaahn lā. Cháau
faahn tühng cháau
mihq dou dak.

S2: Either one. Fried rice and fried
noodles are both fine.

1. /jyùuhk/ngàuhyuhk/

1. S1: Néih jùngyi sihk jyùuhk
yikwaahk ngàuhyuhk a?

S2: Sihdaahn lā. Jyùuhk tühng
ngàuhyuhk dōu dak.

2. /Jùngchoi/Sāichāan/

2. S1: Néih jùngyi sihk Jùngchoi
yikwaahk Sāichāan a?

S2: Sihdaahn lā. Jùngchoi tühng
Sāichāan dōu dak.

3. /Seuhnghói choi/Gwóngdùng
choi/

3. S1: Néih jùngyi sihk Seuhnghói
choi yikwaahk Gwóngdùng
choi a?

S2: Sihdaahn lā. Seuhnghói choi
tühng Gwóngdùng choi dōu
dak.

4. /ngàuhnáaih/heiséui/

4. S1: Néih jùngyi yám ngàuhnáaih
yikwaahk heiséui a?

S2: Sihdaahn lā. Ngàuhnáaih
tühng heiséui dōu dak.

5. /chàh/gafē/

5. S1: Néih jùngyi yám chàh
yikwaahk gafē a?

S2: Sihdaahn lā. Chàh tühng
gafē dōu dak.

4. Expansion Drill

Ex: T: /jǐ bējǎu/

T: /a bottle of beer/

S: Bēi jǐ bējǎu ngóh lā.

S: Give me a bottle of beer.

1. /jǐ heiséui/

1. Bēi jǐ heiséui ngóh lā.

+ 2. /jek gāng/
(a spoon)

2. Bēi jek gāng ngóh lā.
Please give me a spoon.

3. /bùi chàh/

3. Bēi bùi chàh ngóh lā.

4. /bùi gafē/

4. Bēi bùi gafē ngóh lā.

5. /go cháau mihn/

5. Bēi go cháau mihn ngóh lā.

6. /go cháau faahn/

6. Bēi go cháau faahn ngóh lā.

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|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 7. /go tòng mihn/ | 7. Béi go tòng mihn ngóh lā. |
| 8. /wún baahk faahn/ | 8. Béi wún baahk faahn ngóh lā. |
| 9. /wún tòng mihn/ | 9. Béi wún tòng mihn ngóh lā. |
| 10. /tíuh kwàhn/ | 10. Béi tíuh kwàhn ngóh lā. |
| 11. /jek jǐu/ | 11. Béi jek jǐu ngóh lā. |

Comment: The sentences in the right hand column are appropriate said by a diner in a restaurant to a waiter.

Note that tòng mihn may be either go tòng mihn, 'an order of soup noodles' (see #7) or wún tòng mihn, 'a bowl of soup noodles' (see #9).

5. Expansion Drill: Expand the sentences by adding dò.

Ex: 1. T: Béi bàau yǐnjái ngóh lā! T: Give me a pack of cigarettes.

S: Béi dò bàau yǐnjái ngóh lā! S: Give me another pack of cigarettes.

2. T: Béi léuhng gihn sēutsāam ngóh lā! T: Give me two shirts.

S: Béi dò léuhng gihn sēutsāam ngóh lā! S: Give me two more shirts.

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| + 1. Béi deui faaijǐ ngóh lā!
(chopsticks) | 1. Béi dò deui faaijǐ ngóh lā!
Please give me another pair of chopsticks. |
| 2. Béi go tòng ngóh lā! | 2. Béi dò go tòng ngóh lā! |
| 3. Béi bá jē ngóh lā! | 3. Béi dò bá jē ngóh lā! |
| 4. Béi jek gāng ngóh lā! | 4. Béi dò jek gāng ngóh lā! |
| 5. Béi léuhng bàau yǐnjái ngóh lā! | 5. Béi dò léuhng bàau yǐnjái ngóh lā! |

6. Substitution Drill: Repeat the first sentence after the teacher, then substitute as directed.

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|---|----------------------------------|
| 1. Juhng séung yiu dǐ mēyéh nē?
What else do you want? | 1. Juhng séung yiu dǐ mēyéh nē? |
| 2. /yám/ | 2. Juhng séung yám dǐ mēyéh nē? |
| 3. /sihk/ | 3. Juhng séung sihk dǐ mēyéh nē? |

- | | |
|------------|---|
| 4. /oi/ | 4. Juhng séung oi dī mēyéh nē? |
| 5. /si/ | 5. Juhng séung si dī mēyéh nē?
What else would you like
to try? (in restaurant,
ordering food) |
| 6. /ló/ | 6. Juhng séung ló dī mēyéh nē?
What else do you want to
get? |
| 7. /máaih/ | 7. Juhng séung máaih dī mēyéh
nē? |

7. Response Drill

- Ex: T: Néih jeukgwo nī júng yúhlāu meih a?
/nod/ T: Have you worn this kind of
raincoat before? /nod/
S: Jeukgwo. S: Yes.
- T: Néih jeukgwo gó deui hàaih meih a?
/shake/ T: Have you worn that pair of
shoes yet?
S: Meih. S: No, not yet.
- | | |
|---|-------------|
| 1. Néih sihkgwo hā meih a?
/shake/ | 1. Meih. |
| 2. Néih yámgwo nī júng bējáu
meih a? /nod/ | 2. Yámgwo. |
| 3. Néih làihgwo Hèunggóng meih
a? /shake/ | 3. Meih. |
| 4. Néih heuigwo Méihgwok meih
a? /nod/ | 4. Heuigwo. |
| 5. Néih jyuhgwo Gáulùhng meih a?
/shake/ | 5. Meih. |
| 6. Néih yuhnggwo faaijǐ meih a?
/shake/ | 6. Meih. |
| 7. Néih yámgwo nī dī tòng meih
a? /shake/ | 7. Meih. |
| + 8. Néih <u>jouhgwo</u> nī dī <u>yéh</u> meih a?
/nod/
Have you done this kind of work
before?
(<u>jouh yéh</u> =
<u>do chores; have a job</u>) | 8. Jouhgwo. |

8. Transformation Drill

Ex: T: Ngóh sihkgwo cháau mihn. I've eaten fried noodles before.

S: Ngóh meih sihkgwo cháau mihn. I've never eaten fried noodles before.

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|---|--|
| 1. Ngóh jàgwo chē. | 1. Ngóh meih jàgwo chē. |
| 2. Ngóh heuigwo Méihgwok. | 2. Ngóh meih heuigwo Méihgwok. |
| 3. Ngóh jyuhgwo Gáulùhng. | 3. Ngóh meih jyuhgwo Gáulùhng. |
| 4. Ngóh yámgwo nǐ júng bējáu. | 4. Ngóh meih yámgwo nǐ júng bējáu. |
| 5. Ngóh yuhnggwo faaijǐ. | 5. Ngóh meih yuhnggwo faaijǐ. |
| + 6. Ngóh làihgwo nǐ gàan <u>jáugā.</u>
(Chinese style restaurant) | 6. Ngóh meih làihgwo nǐ gàan <u>jáugā.</u> |

9. Expansion Drill

Ex: T: Ngóh meih sihkgwo hā. I've never eaten prawns.

S: Ngóh meih sihkgwo hā, Néih sihkgwo meih a? I've never eaten prawns; have you?

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Ngóh meih sihkgwo yúhgyū. | 1. Ngóh meih sihkgwo yúhgyū.
Néih sihkgwo meih a? |
| 2. Ngóh meih yámgwo nǐ júng tòng. | 2. Ngóh meih yámgwo nǐ júng tòng.
Néih yámgwo meih a? |
| 3. Ngóh meih sihkgwo gó júng yǐnjái. | 3. Ngóh meih sihkgwo gó júng yǐnjái.
Néih sihkgwo meih a? |
| 4. Ngóh meih heuigwo gó gàan jáugā. | 4. Ngóh meih heuigwo gó gàan jáugā.
Néih heuigwo meih a? |
| 5. Ngóh meih dǐngwo nǐ júng choi. | 5. Ngóh meih dǐngwo nǐ júng choi.
Néih dǐngwo meih a? |

10. Expansion Drill

- Ex: T: M̀h̀gòì néih nǐng jǐ bḗjǎu làih. Please bring a bottle of beer.
 S: M̀h̀gòì néih nǐng dò jǐ bḗjǎu làih. Please bring another bottle of beer.
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| 1. M̀h̀gòì néih nǐng deui faaijǐ làih. | 1. M̀h̀gòì néih nǐng dò deui faaijǐ làih. |
| 2. M̀h̀gòì néih nǐng jek gāng làih. | 2. M̀h̀gòì néih nǐng dò jek gāng làih. |
| 3. M̀h̀gòì néih nǐng jek būi làih. | 3. M̀h̀gòì néih nǐng dò jek būi làih. |
| + 4. M̀h̀gòì néih nǐng go <u>wúnjǎi</u> làih. /small bowl/ | 4. M̀h̀gòì néih nǐng dò go wúnjǎi làih. |
| + 5. M̀h̀gòì néih nǐng jek séui būi làih. /water glass/ | 5. M̀h̀gòì néih nǐng dò jek séui būi làih. |
- a. Repeat, teacher giving cue only, students responding with sentences in left hand column, thus:
- T: jǐ bḗjǎu
 S: M̀h̀gòì néih nǐng jǐ bḗjǎu làih.

11. Expansion Drill

- Ex: T: Néih sihksaai dǐ hā meih a? Have you eaten up all the shrimp
 S: Sihksaai laak, ngóh juhng séung yiu dǐ tím. I've eaten (them all) up, and I still want some more. [in addition, want to have some more]
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| 1. Néih sihksaai dǐ yú meih a? | 1. Sihksaai laak, ngóh juhng séung yiu dǐ tím. |
| 2. Néih sihksaai dǐ cháau faahn meih a? | 2. Sihksaai laak, ngóh juhng séung yiu dǐ tím. |
| 3. Néih yám saai dǐ chàh meih a? | 3. Yám saai laak, ngóh juhng séung yiu dǐ tím. |
| 4. Néih yuhngsaai dǐ chin meih a? | 4. Yuhngsaai laak, ngóh juhng séung yiu dǐ tím. |
| 5. Néih sihksaai dǐ cháau mihn meih a? | 5. Sihksaai laak, ngóh juhng séung yiu dǐ tím. |
| 6. Néih yámsaai dǐ tòng meih a? | 6. Yámsaai laak, ngóh juhng séung yiu dǐ tím. |

14. Expansion Drill

Ex: T: Kéuih yáuh léuhng
ga chē.

T: He has two cars.

S: Kéuih yáuh léuhng
ga chē, daahnhaih
ngóh yāt ga dōu
móuh.

S: He has two cars, but I don't
even have one.

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| 1. Gó go hohkwàang yáuh géi jǐ
yuhnjǐbāt. | 1. Gó go hohksàang yáuh géi jǐ
yuhnjǐbāt, daahnhaih ngóh
yāt jǐ dōu móuh. |
| 2. Kéuih yáuh léuhng go taaitáai. | 2. Kéuih yáuh léuhng go taai-
táai, daahnhaih ngóh yāt
go dōu móuh. |
| 3. Kéuih yáuh léuhng go sáudói. | 3. Kéuih yáuh léuhng go sáudói,
daahnhaih ngóh yāt go dōu
móuh. |
| 4. Gó go sǐgēi yáuh léuhng ga
chē. | 4. Gó go sǐgēi yáuh léuhng ga
chē, daahnhaih ngóh yāt
ga dōu móuh. |
| 5. Kéuih yáuh léuhng go jái. | 5. Kéuih yáuh léuhng go jái,
daahnhaih ngóh yāt go
dōu móuh. |

15. Transformation Drill

Ex: T: Sihk dōdī lā.

T: Have some more.

S: Mhhóu sihk gam dò a.

S: Don't eat so much.

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| 1. Jà maahndī lā! | 1. Mhhóu jà gam maahn a. |
| 2. Dím dōdī lā! | 2. Mhhóu dím gam dò a. |
| 3. Sihk dōdī lā! | 3. Mhhóu sihk gam dò a. |
| 4. Jà faaidī lā! | 4. Mhhóu jà gam faai a. |
| 5. Hàahng faaidī lā! | 5. Mhhóu hàahng gam faai a. |
| 6. Yám dōdī lā! | 6. Mhhóu yám gam dò a. |
| 7. Jòuh chèuhngdī lā! | 7. Mhhóu jòuh gam chèuhng a. |
| 8. Jòuh dyúndī lā! | 8. Mhhóu jòuh gam dyún a. |

IV. CONVERSATIONS FOR LISTENING

(On tape. Refer to wordlist below as you listen.)

Unfamiliar terms, in order of occurrence:

- 1) ngāamngāam = just now
- 2) fòng gùng = leave work, get off from work
- 3) yihm guhk gāi = salt-roasted chicken
- 4) gaailáan cháau ngàuhyuhk = stir fried beef and broccoli
- 5) taai - too, excessively
- 6) sàì yèuhng choi tòng = watercress soup
- 7) giu = order, call for (without having to look at a listed menu)
- 8) Yèuhngjàu cháau faahn = Yangchow fried rice
- 9) Sàiyèuhngchoi tòng = watercress soup
- 10) faai = soon, almost, approaching (preceding a time expression)
- 11) yáuh méng = famous
- 12) gù lòu yuhk = sweet & sour pork
- 13) dōu yiu sai ge = want both to be small portions

V. SAY IT IN CANTONESE

A. Say to the classmate sitting next to you:

1. Have you eaten fried noodles before?
2. Which do you like better, fried noodles or fried rice?
3. (deciding on a restaurant:) Which would you prefer-- Shanghai food or Cantonese food?
4. I don't know how to order-- would you suggest something?
5. What else shall we have?
6. Waiter, would you please bring two bottles of beer?
7. Waiter, please bring another glass.

B. And he answers:

1. Yes, many times.
2. Fried rice.
3. Either one, I like both.
4. Let's have fried noodles and a soup, OK?
5. Shall we have some beer?
6. Yes, sir, right away.
7. All right--shall I bring another bottle of beer?

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| 8. Can you use chopsticks? | 8. No--please show me (introduce). |
| 9. The soup noodles are not bad! | 9. I think so too. |
| 10. Have some more! | 10. I've had enough, thanks. |
| 11. Have you eaten in this
(Western style) restaurant
before? | 11. No, I've never been here
even once. |
| 12. Have you ever eaten roast
suckling pig? | 12. Yes, several times. |
| 13. Have you drunk up all your
beer? | 13. Yes, and I think I'd like
some more. |
| 14. Mr. Chan has 10 sons. | 14. Is that so! I don't even
have one. |
| 15. Don't eat so much! | 15. Don't drink so much! |

 Vocabulary Checklist for Lesson 14

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| 1. baahk faahn | n: boiled or steamed rice [white rice] |
| 2. bātgwō | cj: however; but; although |
| 3. būi | n: cup, glass |
| 4. bùi | m: M. for cup, glass |
| 5. cháau | v: to toss-fry in small amt of oil, as in
scrambling eggs. |
| 6. cháau faahn | n: fried rice |
| 7. cháau mihn | n: fried noodles |
| 8. chōi | n: food; a particular food, a dish |
| 9. choipáai | n: menu, bill of fare |
| 10. dīm | v: to order (food) |
| 11. dò | bf: additional, as modifier in Noun phrase |
| 12. dōdī | adv: more (in addition) (follows V) |
| 13. Dòjeh. | Ph: Thank you. (for a gift) |
| 14. Dòjehsaai. | Ph: Thank you very much. |
| 15. dōuhaih | adv: always, really |
| 16. faaijǐ | n: chopsticks |
| 17. fōgei | n: waiter in restaurant |
| 18. gaaisiuh | v: recommend; introduce |
| 19. gāng | n: spoon |

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| 20. -gwo | Vsuf: | indicates experience; to have done something before |
| 21. Gwóngdùng choi | n: | Cantonese food |
| 22. hā | n: | shrimp |
| 23. Hóu ma? | Ph: | Is that OK? |
| 24. jáugā | n/PW: | Chinese style restaurant |
| 25. jek | m: | M. for spoon |
| 26. jough yéh | vo: | do chores; have a job |
| 27. juhng | adv: | still, in addition, also (+ verb) |
| 28. Jùngchoi | n: | Chinese food |
| 29. Jùnggwok choi | n: | Chinese food |
| 30. ma? | ss: | sen. suf. making a question of the sentence it attaches to |
| 31. Máihdāan! | Ph: | The check please! |
| 32. meih | adv: | negative, 'not yet' |
| 33. m̄hcho | Ph: | good [not-wrong], 'not bad!' |
| 34. ngoihgwokyàhn | n: | foreigner(s) |
| 35. nǐng | v: | carry (something) |
| 36. nǐng...heui | v: | take, carry off (something) |
| 37. nǐng...laih | v: | bring (something)...here |
| 38. Sāichāan | n: | Western meal |
| 39. Seuhng hói choi | n: | Shanghai food |
| 40. séui b̄ui | n: | water glass |
| 41. Sihdaahn lā. | Ph: | Either one. No preference. As you wish. (when offered a choice) |
| 42. táiháh | VP: | have a look |
| 43. tòng | n: | soup |
| 44. tòng mihn | n: | soup noodles |
| 45. wún | m: | M. a bowl of... |
| 46. wún | n: | bowl |
| 47. wúnjái | n: | small bowl |
| 48. Yahtbún choi | n: | Japanese food |
| 49. yāt chi dōu meih... | VP: | not even once... |
| 50. yāt...M...dōu .Neg;.V. | Ph: | Not even one...; can't V. even one <u>M</u> . |
| 51. yéh | n: | work (as in <u>jough yéh</u>) (with restricted use) |
| 52. yeuhng | m: | kind, type |

53. yikwaahk...?

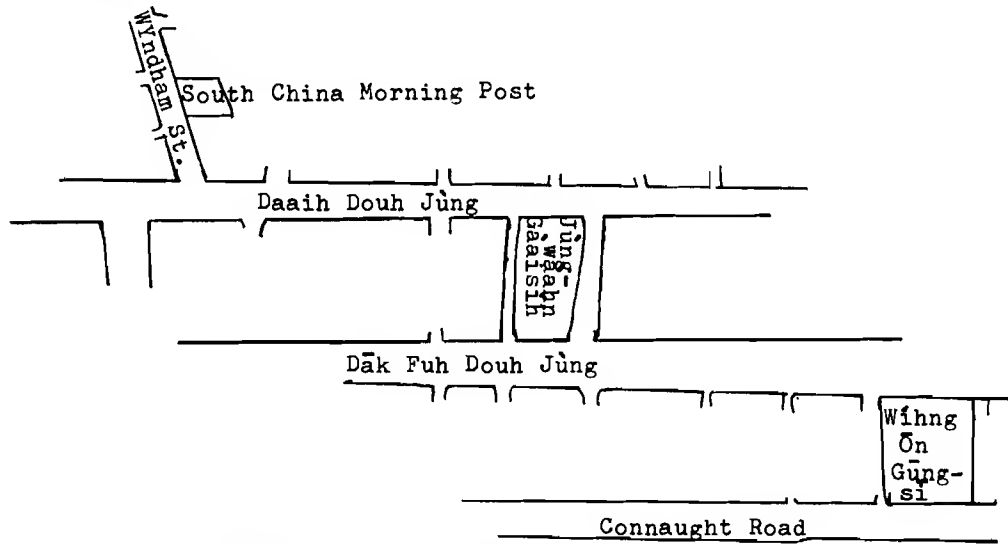
cj: or?

54. yúh jyū

n: roast suckling pig

I. BASIC CONVERSATION

A. Buildup:



(Mr. Wong approaches another pedestrian
on the street in front of the South China
Morning Post building on Wyndham Street)

Wōhng Sāang

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| dīm heui? | how go?, how (do you) go
(to)? |
| dīm heui Wihng Ōn Gūng-sī a? | how do you go to the Wing
On Company? |
| yāuh | from |
| yāuh nīdouh | from here |
| yāuh nīdouh dīm heui Wihng
Ōn Gūng-sī a? | how do you get to the Wing
On Company from here? |
| Chéng mahn néih, yāuh nīdouh
dīm heui Wihng Ōn Gūng-sī a? | Could you please tell me how
to get to the Wing On
Company from here? |
| louhyāhn | pedestrian |
| | <u>Louhyāhn</u> |
| lohk | down |

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| lohkheui | go down [down go] |
| hàahng lohkheui | walk down (to) |
| hàahng lohkheui Daaih | go down to Queen's Road |
| Douh Jūng | Central |
| hàahng lohkheui Daaih | first go down to Queen's |
| Douh Jūng sin | Road Central |
| yihh(jí)hauh | then, after that |
| Hàahng lohkheui Daaih Douh | First go down to Queen's Road |
| Jūng sin, yihnhauh jyun jó. | Central, then turn left. |
| | <u>Wòhng Sàang</u> |
| Jyun jó. | Turn left. |
| | <u>Louhyáhn</u> |
| gàaisih | food market |
| Jūngwàahn Gàaisih | Central Market |
| hàahngdou Jūngwàahn Gàaisih | walk to Central Market |
| -dou | verb suf. to verbs of |
| | action indicates arrival |
| | at goal. |
| Gán, yātjìhk hàahngdou | Then, go straight till you get |
| Jūngwàahn Gàaisih, jyun yauh. | to Central Market, and turn |
| | right. |
| gwojó gàaisih | get past the market |
| Gwojó gàaisih, jauh haih Dāk | When you get past the market, |
| Fuh Douh Jūng laak. | you are on Des Voeux Road |
| | Central. |
| mahn yáhn lā | ask someone |
| Heuidou gédouh, joi mahn | When you get there, ask again. |
| yáhn lā. | |
| (Mr. Wong arrives at Wing On and approaches a salesclerk:) | |
| | <u>Wòhng Sàang</u> |
| bouhfahn | department (in a store) |
| gó go bouhfahn | that department |
| maaih lāangsāan gó go | the sweater department |
| bouhfahn | [the department that |
| | sells sweaters] |

Maaih lāang sāam gó go bouh-
fahn hái bíndouh a?

Sauhfoyúhn

séuhng
séuhng sàam lāu

chéng
Chéng séuhng sàam lāu lā.

Where is the sweater
department?

go up
go up to the third floor
(Chinese and American
style of counting; 2nd
floor British style of
counting)

invite; please
Please go up to the second
(or third) floor.

B. Recapitulation:Wòhng Sàang

Chéng mahz néih, yàuh nídouh
díu heui wíhng Ōn Gūngsí a?

Could you please tell me how
to get to the Wing On
Company from here?

Louhyáhn

Hàahng lohkhuei Daaih Douh
Jùng sín, yíhnhauh jyun jó.

First go down to Queen's Road
Central, then turn left.

Wòhng Sàang

Jyun jó.

Turn left.

Louhyáhn

Gám, yātjìhk hàahagdou
Jùngwàahn Gàaisih, jyun yauh.

Then go straight till you get
to Central Market, and turn
right.

Gwojó gàaisih, jauh haih Dāk
Fuh Douh Jùng laak.

When you get past the market,
you are at Des Voeux Road
Central.

Heuidou gódouh, joi mahz yàhn
lā.

When you get there, ask again.

(Mr. Wong gets to the store and asks a clerk:)

Wòhng Sàang

Maaih lāang sāam gó go bouhfahn
hái bíndouh a?

Where is the sweater
department?

9. yihp 'page' and fo 'lesson' classed as measures.

Note that in the grammatical sense yihp and fo are measures, inasmuch as they can follow numbers directly. From the point of view of having substantive meaning, they are like nouns.

(See Drills 3,4)

10. chéng... = invite (someone to do something); Please .V.

chéng basically means 'invite.' chéng + Verb is used as a polite imperative:

Ex: Chéng séuhng sàam láu. Please go up to the 3d floor
[invite you to go up]

(See BC)

As polite imperative it is only used affirmatively. To say 'Please don't...V.' with chéng, the negative attaches to the following verb.

Ex: Chéng mhséuhng sàam láu. Please don't go up to the 3d
floor.

III. DRILLS

1. Substitution Drill: Repeat the first sentence after the teacher, then substitute as directed.

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| 1. Kéuih hái douh dáng néih.
He's waiting for you here. | 1. Kéuih hái douh dáng néih. |
| 2. /hauhbihn/ | 2. Kéuih hái hauhbihn dáng néih. |
| + 3. /yahpbihn/ | 3. Kéuih hái yahpbihn dáng néih.
He's waiting for you
<u>inside.</u> |
| + 4. /deihhá/
<u>ground floor</u> | 4. Kéuih hái deihhá dáng néih.
He's waiting for you on
the ground floor. |
| + 5. /seuhngbihn/
<u>above; upstairs; on top</u>
[up-side] | 5. Kéuih hái seuhngbihn dáng néih.
He's waiting for you
upstairs. |
| + 6. /hahbihn/
<u>downstairs; below; under</u>
[down-side] | 6. Kéuih hái hahbihn dáng néih.
He's waiting for you
downstairs. |
| + 7. /lauhseuhng/
<u>upstairs</u> [floor-above] | 7. Kéuih hái lauhseuhng dáng néih.
He's waiting for you
upstairs. |
| + 8. /lauhah/
<u>downstairs</u> [floor[below]] | 8. Kéuih hái lauhah dáng néih.
He's waiting for you down-
stairs. |
| 9. /sei láu/ | 9. Kéuih hái sei láu dáng néih. |
| + 10. /chēutbihn/
<u>outside</u> | 10. Kéuih hái chēutbihn dáng néih. |

2. Response Drill: Students gesture the directions.

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| Ex: 1. T: Mǎnhwǎh Jǎudim
hái chíhnbihn,
haih mǎnhaih a?
/hauhbihn/ | T: The Mandarin Hotel is in
front, isn't it?
/behind, in the back/ |
| S: Mǎnhaih, hái hauh-
bihn. | S: No, it's in the back. |
| 2. T: Mǎnhwǎh Jǎudim
hái chíhnbihn,
haih mǎnhaih a?
/chíhnbihn/ | T: The Mandarin Hotel is in
front, isn't it?
/in front, ahead/ |

S: Haih. Hái chihnbihn- S: That's right, it's in front.
bihn.

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| 1. Méihgwok Ngáhnhòhng hái jósáubihn, haih m̀h̄h̄aih a?
/yauhsáubihn/ | 1. M̀h̄h̄aih, hái yauhsáubihn. |
| 2. Néih s̀insàang (ge) séjihlauh hái chihnbihn, haih m̀h̄h̄aih a? /hauhbihn/ | 2. M̀h̄h̄aih, hái hauhbihn. |
| 3. Wòhng Sàang hái chēutbihn, haih m̀h̄h̄aih a? /chēutbihn/ | 3. Haih, hái chēutbihn. |
| 4. Léih Táai hái yahpbihn, haih m̀h̄h̄aih a? /chihnbihn/ | 4. M̀h̄h̄aih, hái chihnbihn. |
| 5. T̀insing Mántauh hái yauhsáubihn, haih m̀h̄h̄aih a? /yauhsáubihn/ | 5. Haih, hái yauhsáubihn. |
| 6. Maaih hàaih gó go bouhfahn hái yih láu, haih m̀h̄h̄aih a? /deihhá/ | 6. M̀h̄h̄aih, hái deihhá. |
| 7. Maaih syù gó go bouhfahn hái làuhsehng, haih m̀h̄h̄aih a? /làuhhah/ | 7. M̀h̄h̄aih, hái làuhhah. |

Comment: Note (#2 above) that ge can be omitted in everyday speech in modification structure before séjihlauh.

a. Repeat, students taking both parts, teacher cueing thus:

1. /M̀ahnwàh Jáudim/chihnbihn/hauhbihn/
or 2. /M̀ahnwàh Jáudim/chihnbihn/

3. Expansion Drill

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| + 1. a. <u>yihp</u> | 1. a. <u>page</u> |
| b. sei'ah yihp. | b. 40 pages |
| + c. <u>duhk</u> sei'ah yihp | c. <u>read</u> 40 pages |
| + d. <u>duhkdou</u> sei'ah yihp | d. <u>read to</u> page 40 |
| + e. <u>sehngchi</u> duhkdou sei'ah yihp | e. <u>last time</u> read to page
40 |
| + f. sehngchi duhkdou <u>daih</u> sei'ah yihp
(<u>ordinal number marker</u> ,
<u>-st, -nd, -rd</u> , etc.) | f. last time read to the
40 <u>th</u> page. |
| g. Ngòhdeih sehngchi duhkdou daih sei'ah yihp. | g. Last time we read to the 40th page. |

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| <p>+ 2. a. <u>fo</u></p> <p>b. géi fo a?</p> <p>c. daih géi fo a?</p> <p>d. dukk daih géi fo a?</p> <p>e. seuhngchi dukk daih géi fo a?</p> <p>f. Ngóhdeih seuhngchi dukk daih géi fo a?</p> <p>3. a. daih sahp yihp</p> <p>+ b. <u>dáhòì</u> bún syù daih sahp yihp</p> <p>c. <u>dáhòì</u> bún syù daih sei'ah sàam yihp</p> <p>d. <u>Dáhòì</u> bún syù daih sàam baak sei'ah sàam yihp.</p> | <p>2. a. <u>lesson</u></p> <p>b. how many lessons?</p> <p>c. which^[th] lesson?</p> <p>d. read which lesson?</p> <p>e. last time read which lesson?</p> <p>f. What lesson did we do last time?</p> <p>3. a. the 10th page</p> <p>b. <u>open</u> your book to page 10</p> <p>c. open your books to the 43rd page (page 43)</p> <p>d. Open your books to page 343.</p> |
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4. Response Drill

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| <p>Ex: 1. T: Ngóhdeih seuhngchi dukkdou daih géi yihp a? /43/</p> <p>S: Duhkdou daih sei'ahsàam yihp.</p> <p>2. T: Ngóhdeih seuhngchi dukk daih géi fo a? /3/</p> <p>S: Daih sàam fo.</p> <p>1. Ngóhdeih seuhngchi dukkdou daih géi yihp a? /86/</p> <p>2. Ngóhdeih seuhngchi dukk daih géi fo a? /7/</p> <p>3. Ngóhdeih seuhngchi dukk daih géi fo a? /15/</p> <p>4. Ngóhdeih seuhngchi dukkdou daih géi yihp a? /254/</p> <p>5. Ngóhdeih seuhngchi dukk daih géi fo a? /26/</p> | <p>T: What page did we get to last time?</p> <p>S: We got to page 43.</p> <p>T: What lesson did we do last time?</p> <p>S: We did lesson 3.</p> <p>1. Duhkdou daih baatsahpluhk yihp.</p> <p>2. Daih chāt fo.</p> <p>3. Daih sahpñgh fo.</p> <p>4. Duhkdou daih yih baak ñgh-sahpsei yihp.</p> <p>5. Daih yahluhk fo.</p> |
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5. Substitution Drill: Repeat the first sentence after the teacher, then substitute as directed.

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| 1. Sàam láu yáuh dī mēyéh maaih a?
What's for sale on the 2nd floor? What do they have (for sale) on the 2nd floor? | 1. Sàam láu yáuh dī mēyéh maaih a? |
| 2. /sei láu/ | 2. Sei láu yáuh dī mēyéh maaih a? |
| 3. /làuhhah/ | 3. Làuhhah yáuh dī mēyéh maaih a? |
| 4. /làuhseuhng/ | 4. Làuhseuhng yáuh dī mēyéh maaih a? |
| 5. /yahpbihn/ | 5. Yahpbihn yáuh dī mēyéh maaih a? |
| 6. /seuhngbihn/ | 6. Seuhngbihn yáuh dī mēyéh maaih a? |
| 7. /hahbihn/ | 7. Hahbihn yáuh dī mēyéh maaih a? |

Comment: Note in #1 and #2 above the absence of ordinalizing prefix daih in connection with láu, 'floor, story'.

Compare: sàam láu = the third floor.
daih sàam fo = the third lesson.

daih is not used before numbers when modifying láu.

6. Substitution Drill: Repeat the first sentence after the teacher, then substitute as directed.

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| 1. Yàuh nīdoh, dīm heui Tīn-sīng Máhtàuh a?
How do you get to the Star Ferry from here? | 1. Yàuh nīdoh, dīm heui Tīn-sīng Máhtàuh a? |
| 2. /Màhnwàh Jáudim/ | 2. Yàuh nīdoh, dīm heui Màhnwàh Jáudim a? |
| 3. /Méihgwok Ngànhhòhng/ | 3. Yàuh nīdoh, dīm heui Méihgwok Ngànhhòhng a? |
| 4. /Jùngwàahn Gàaisih/ | 4. Yàuh nīdoh, dīm heui Jùngwàahn Gàaisih a? |
| 5. /Hèunggóng Chāansāt/ | 5. Yàuh nīdoh, dīm heui Hèunggóng Chāansāt a? |

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| 4. Gwo sei go gâaihâu, jauh
jyun yauh. | 4. Gwojô daih sei go gâaihâu,
jauh jyun yauh. |
| 5. Gwo léuhng gâan, jauh táidóu
laak. | 5. Gwojô daih yih gâan, jauh
táidóu laak. |
| 6. Gwo sâam go gâaihâu, jauh tihng
lā. | 6. Gwojô daih sâam go gâaihâu,
jauh tihng lā. |

Comment: -jô may be added to gwo in left hand column, but not subtracted from right hand. Instead of gwojô on right, hâahngdou is permissible.

9. Alteration Drill

Ex: T: Gwojô Méihgwok Jáu- T: After you pass the Hilton,
dim, jauh jyun yauh. turn right.
S: Méihgwok Jáudim S: Beyond the Hilton, turn right.
gwodí, jyun yauh.

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| 1. Gwojô Jüngwâahn Gàaisih, jauh
jyun yauh. | 1. Jüngwâahn Gàaisih gwodí,
jyun yauh. |
| 2. Gwojô WihngŎn Güngsī, jauh
haih laak. | 2. WihngŎn Güngsī gwodí, jauh
haih laak. |
| 3. Gwojô Mâhnwâh Jáudim, jauh
jyun jô. | 3. Mâhnwâh Jáudim gwodí, jyun
jô. |
| 4. Gwojô Nèihdēun Douh, jauh
haih laak. | 4. Nèihdēun Douh gwodí, jauh
haih laak. |
| 5. Gwojô daih sâam go gâaihâu,
jauh jyun yauh. | 5. Daih sâam go gâaihâu gwodí,
jyun yauh. |

10. Substitution Drill: Repeat the first sentence after the teacher, then substitute as directed.

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| 1. Mhgoi néih heui Jüngwâahn sin,
yihnhauh heui Gàulühng.
Please go to the Central
District first, and after
that go to Kowloon. | 1. Mhgoi néih heui Jüngwâahn
sin, yihnhauh heui Gáu-
lühng. |
| 2. /Méihgwok Ngânhhòhng/
/Jüngwâahn Gàaisih/ | 2. Mhgoi néih heui Méihgwok
Ngânhhòhng sin, yihnhauh
heui Jüngwâahn Gàaisih. |
| 3. /Mâhnwâh Jáudim/
/WihngŎn Güngsī/ | 3. Mhgoi néih heui Mâhnwâh
Jáudim sin, yihnhauh heui
WihngŎn Güngsī. |

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| 4. /Jùnggwok Jáugā/
/Tínsing Máhtàuh/ | 4. M̀ngòì néih heui Jùnggwok
Jáuga sìn, yìnhhauh heui
Tínsing Máhtàuh. |
| 5. /séjihlàuh/fàan ùkkéi/ | 5. M̀ngòì néih heui séjihlàuh
sìn, yìnhhauh fàan ùkkéi. |

11. Expansion Drill

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| 1. /heui máaih yéh/
/fàan hohk/ | 1. Ngòh séung heui máaih yéh
sìn, yìnhhauh fàan hohk.
I think I'll go shopping
first, and after that go
to school. |
| 2. /heui yám chàh/fàan gùng/ | 2. Ngòh séung heui yám chàh
sìn, yìnhhauh fàan gùng. |
| 3. /heui taam Wòhng Táai/
/heui wán Léih Siujé/ | 3. Ngòh séung heui taam Wòhng
Táai sìn, yìnhhauh heui
wán Léih Siujé. |
| 4. /heui Jùngwàahn Gàaisih/
/fàan ùkkéi/ | 4. Ngòh séung heui Jùngwàahn
Gàaisih sìn, yìnhhauh
fàan ùkkéi. |
| 5. /yám bùi chàh/
/chēutheui m̀nhháu d̀ng kéuih/ | 5. Ngòh séung yám bùi chàh sìn,
yìnhhauh chēutheui m̀nhháu
d̀ng kéuih. |
| ↔ 6. /wuhn sām/dá dihnwá giu chē/
/change clothes/phone for
a cab/ | 6. Ngòh séung wuhn sām sìn,
yìnhhauh dá dihnwá giu
chē.
I'll change clothes first,
and after that call for
a cab. |

12. Expansion Drill

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| Ex: 1. T: /deihhá/yih láu/ | T: /ground floor/1st floor/ |
| S: Ngòh yàuh deihhá
hàahng séuhng
(heui) yih láu. | S: I walked from the ground floor
up to the 1st floor. |
| 2. T: /sàam láu/yih láu/ | T: /2nd floor/1st floor/ |
| S: Ngòh yàuh sàam
láu hàahng lohk
(heui) yih láu. | S: I walked from the 2nd floor
down to the 1st floor. |
| 1. /yih láu/deihhá/ | 1. Ngòh yàuh yih láu hàahng
lohk (heui) deihhá. |

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| 2. /sàam láu/ng̃h láu/ | 2. Ngóh yàuh sàam láu hàahng séuhng (heui) ng̃h láu. |
| 3. /luhk láu/sei láu/ | 3. Ngóh yàuh luhk láu hàahng lohk (heui) sei láu. |
| 4. /chāt láu/baat láu/ | 4. Ngóh yàuh chāt láu hàahng séuhng (heui) baat láu. |
| 5. /baat láu/luhk láu/ | 5. Ngóh yàuh baat láu hàahng lohk (heui) luhk láu. |

13. Expansion Drill: Students should gesture the directions.

Ex: T: Ngóh hái sàam láu.
/sei láu/

I am on the 2nd floor.
/3rd floor/

S: Ngóh hái sàam láu,
yìngā séuhng sei láu.

I am on the 2nd floor, now
I'm going up to the 3rd
floor.

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| 1. Ngóh hái yih láu. /sàam láu/ | 1. Ngóh hái yih láu, yìngā séuhng sàam láu. |
| 2. Ngóh hái sàam láu. /yih láu/ | 2. Ngóh hái sàam láu, yìngā lohk yih láu. |
| 3. Ngóh hái deihhá. /yih láu/ | 3. Ngóh hái deihhá, yìngā séuhng yih láu. |
| 4. Ngóh hái yih láu. /deihhá/ | 4. Ngóh hái yih láu, yìngā lohk deihhá. |
| 5. Ngóh hái deihhá. /sei láu/ | 5. Ngóh hái deihhá, yìngā séuhng sei láu. |

14. Expansion Drill

Ex: T: Ngóh hái Dākfu
Douh Jùng.
/Wìhng Ōn Gūngsī/

T: I am at Des Voeux Road
Central. /Wing On Company/

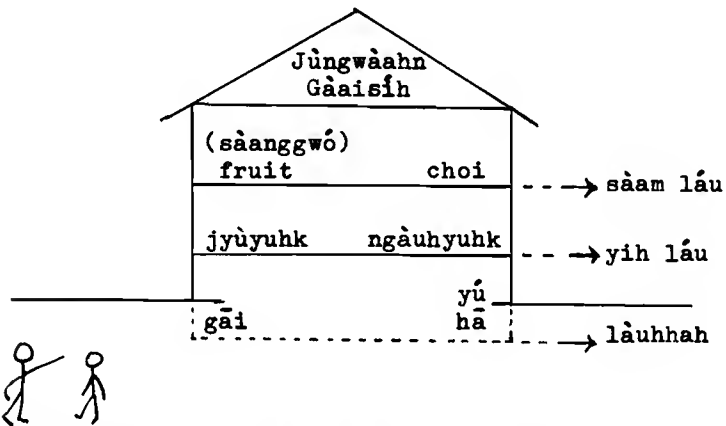
S: Ngóh hái Dākfu Douh
Jùng, yìngā ngóh
yahphei Wìhng Ōn
Gūngsī dāng neih.

S: I'm at Des Voeux Road Central,
now I'm going into Wing On
Company to wait for you.

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| 1. Ngóh hái Dākfu Douh Jùng.
/Jùngwàahn Gàaisih/ | 1. Ngóh hái Dākfu Douh Jùng,
yìngā ngóh yahphei
Jùngwàahn Gàaisih dāng
neih. |
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| 2. Ngóh hái Wíhng Ūn Gūngsí.
/Dākful Douh Jūng/ | 2. Ngóh hái Wíhng Ūn Gūngsí,
yíngā ngóh chēutheui
Dākful Douh Jūng dāng néih. |
| 3. Ngóh hái Méihgwok Ngànhòhng.
/Daaih Douh Jūng/ | 3. Ngóh hái Méihgwok Ngànhòhng,
yíngā ngóh chēutheui Daaih
Douh Jūng dāng néih. |
| 4. Ngóh hái Daaih Douh Jūng.
/Méihgwok Ngànhòhng/ | 4. Ngóh hái Daaih Douh Jūng,
yíngā ngóh yahpheui Méih-
gwok Ngànhòhng dāng néih |

15. Response Drill: Do the right hand column of this drill first as a Listen & Repeat drill, teacher writing picture on blackboard & pointing to appropriate section as he speaks, students repeating after him.

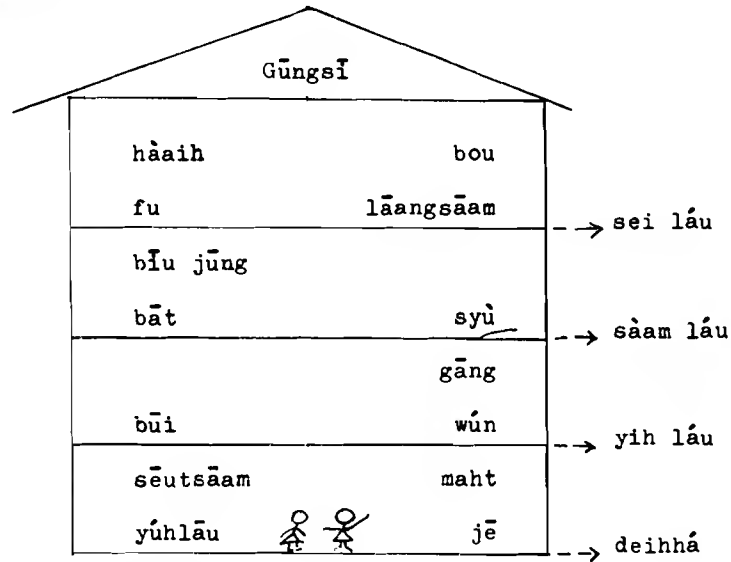


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| 1. Maaih gāi gó go boufahn hái
bīndouh a? | 1. Lauhah jósaubihn. |
| 2. Maaih choi gó go boufahn hái
bīndouh a? | 2. Sám láu yauhsaubihn. |
| 3. Bīndouh yáuh pihnggwó tūhng
cháang maaih a? | 3. Sám láu jósaubihn. |
| 4. Bīndouh yáuh jyùyuhk maaih a? | 4. Yih láu jósaubihn. |
| 5. Maaih há gó go boufahn hái
bīndouh a? | 5. Lauhah yauhsaubihn. |
| 6. Bīndouh yáuh yú maaih a? | 6. Lauhah yauhsaubihn. |
| 7. Bīndouh yáuh ngàuhyuhk maaih a? | 7. Yih láu yauhsaubihn. |

Comment: Central Market has three floors, the lowest of which is below the level of the street on the Queen's Road

Central side. Thus lāuhhah instead of deihhá.

16. Response Drill



Ex: 1. T: Máiiah hàaih
séuhng géi
láu a?

S: Séuhng sei láu
lā.

2. T: Máiiah jē hái géi
láu a?

S: Hái deihhá.

T: What floor do I go up to
buy shoes?

S: Go up to the 3rd floor.

T: What floor do you buy umbrellas
on?

S: On the ground floor.

1. Máiiah lāangsāam séuhng géi
láu a?
2. Máiiah bāt séuhng géi láu a?
3. Máiiah jē hái géi láu a?
4. Máiiah syù hái géi láu a?
5. Máiiah hàaih séuhng géi láu a?
6. Máiiah bīu séuhng géi láu a?
7. Máiiah sēutsāam hái géi láu a?
8. Máiiah bou hái géi láu a?
9. Máiiah būi hái géi láu a?
10. Máiiah fu séuhng géi láu a?

1. Séuhng sei láu lā!
2. Séuhng sàam láu lā!
3. Hái deihhá.
4. Hái sàam láu.
5. Séuhng sei láu lā!
6. Séuhng sàam láu lā!
7. Hái deihhá.
8. Hái sei láu.
9. Hái yih láu.
10. Séuhng sei láu lā!

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| 11. Máaih maht hái géi láu a? | 11. Hái deihhá. |
| 12. Máaih gāng séuhng géi láu a? | 12. Séuhng yih láu lā! |
| 13. Máaih wún séuhng géi láu a? | 13. Séuhng yih láu lā! |
| 14. Máaih yúhlāu hái géi láu a? | 14. Hái deihhá. |
| 15. Máaih jūng séuhng géi láu a? | 15. Séuhng sàam láu lā! |

IV. CONVERSATIONS FOR LISTENING

(On tape. Refer to wordlist below as you listen.)

Unfamiliar terms, in order of occurrence:

- 1) yáuh yuhng = useful

V. SAY IT IN CANTONESE

A. Say to the classmate sitting next to you:

1. Where did we read to last time?
2. What lesson did we read last time?
3. Could you please tell me how to get to the Mandarin Hotel?
4. How do you get to the Central Market from here?
5. (in a dept store:) Where is the umbrella department?
6. Where is the shoe department?
7. I'm going down to the ground floor to buy a raincoat. I'll wait for you there, OK?
8. Turn left just beyond the library.
9. What's for sale on the 4th floor?
10. Go up to the 3d floor first, then go down to the 1st floor.

B. And he responds:

1. We read to page 300.
2. Lesson 14.
3. Go straight, and when you get to the 3d inter-section, turn left. Go two blocks and you'll be there.
4. Turn left at the next inter-section and it's two blocks down.
5. On the ground floor.
6. Go up to the 1st floor.
7. Wait just a sec, and I'll go with you.
8. You can't turn in there-- I'll stop at the inter-section, OK?
9. Sweaters and shoes and fabrics.
10. OK, want to come with me?

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| 11. Could you please tell me how to get to the Wing On Company from here? | 11. From here you go straight, after you pass the 2d intersection, it's the 1st building on the right. |
| 12. When you get to Queens Road Central, turn left. | 12. Thanks a lot. |
| 13. Your father is waiting for you upstairs. | 13. What does he want, do you know? |
| 14. My glasses are downstairs-- would you go down and get them for me? | 14. OK. Downstairs where? |
| 15. Your boy friend is outside waiting for you. | 15. Please ask him to come in. |

Vocabulary Checklist for Lesson 15

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| 1. bouhfahn | n: department (in a store) |
| 2. chéng... | v: please (+ verb); invite |
| 3. chēut | v: out |
| 4. chēutheui | v: go out |
| 5. chēutlâih | v: come out |
| 6. chēutbihn | PW: outside, exterior |
| 7. dá dīhnwá giu chē | VP: phone for a cab |
| 8. dâhòì | v: open (as of a book) |
| 9. daih- | bf: ordinal number marker: -st, -nd, -rd, -th. |
| 10. daihyāt | Ph: the first |
| 11. deihhá | PW: ground, ground floor |
| 12. -dou | Vsuf: suffix to verbs of motion, indicating arrival at goal |
| 13. duhk | v: read |
| 14. duhkdou... | v: read to... |
| 15. fo | m: lesson |
| 16. gàaiháu | n/PW: street opening, i.e. intersection |
| 17. gàaisíh | n/PW: food market |
| 18. hàahng | v: walk; go |
| 19. hahbihn | PW: below; under |
| 20. hái | prep: from |

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| 21. -heui | Vsuf: | attaches to verbs of motion, indicating direction away from speaker |
| 22. -jó | Vsuf: | verb suf. indicating 'accomplish the performance' |
| 23. Jùngwàahn Gàaisih | PW: | Central Market |
| 24. -làih | Vsuf: | attaches to verbs of motion, indicating direction towards the speaker |
| 25. làuhhah | Pw: | [floor-below] downstairs |
| 26. làuhseuhng | Pw: | [floor-above] upstairs |
| 27. lohk | v: | descend |
| 28. lohkheui | v: | go down |
| 29. louhyàhn | n: | pedestrian |
| 30. séuhng | v: | ascend |
| 31. seuhngbihn | PW: | above; on top |
| 32. seuhngchi | TT: | last time |
| 33. ...sìn, yihnhauh... | PCj: | ...first, then... |
| 34. wuhn sām | VO: | change clothes |
| 35. yàhn | n: | someone |
| 36. yàuh | prep: | from |
| 37. yihn(ji)hauh | Cj: | afterwards, then |
| 38. yihp | m: | page |

IV. CONVERSATIONS FOR LISTENING

Lesson Two

1. At a party:

Man : Síujé gwaising a?

Woman: Ngóh sing Cháhn. Sínsàang gwaising a?

Man : Síusing Hòh. Cháhn síujé haih àh haih Gwóngdúngyáhn a?

Woman: Àh haih a. Ngóh haih Seuhnghóiyáhn. Néih nē? Néih haih àh haih Méihgwokyáhn a?

Man : Haih a. Ngóh haih Méihgwokyáhn.

2. At the first day of school, students are getting acquainted:

First student: Néih sing mēyéh a?

Second student: Ngóh sing Wòhng.

First student: Néih pàhngyáuh nē?

Second student: Kéuih dōu haih sing Wòhng ge.

First student: Néih haih àh haih Gwóngdúngyáhn a?

Second student: Haih.

First student: Néih pàhngyáuh haih àh haih dōu haih Gwóngdúngyáhn a?

Second student: Àh haih a. Kéuih haih Seuhnghóiyáhn.

Lesson Three

The following conversations take place among some university students between classes.

1. A: Léih Sàang s'ík àh s'ík góng Yahtbúnwá a?

B: S'ík sèsiu.

A: Gám, kéuih s'ík àh s'ík góng Yíngmán nē?

B: Dōu s'ík sèsiu.

A: B'ínggōu gáau kéuih góng Yíngmán ge nē?

B: Haih Wòhng Sàang gáau kéuih ge.

2. A: Néih s'ík àh s'ík góng Gwok'yúh a?

B: Deui àh j'júh. Ngóh t'èng àh ch'íngchó - àh gòì néih joi góng y'atchi.

A: Néih s'ík àh s'ík góng Gwok'yúh a?

B: S'ík sèsiu jē.

A: Gám, néih s'ík àh s'ík Yíngmán nē?

B: S'ík góng, àh s'ík sé. Néih nē?

A: Ngóh dōu àh s'ík. 'Yāt yih s'ám' dōu àh s'ík góng.

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First student: Néih haih àh haih Gwóngdúngyáhn a?

Second student: Haih.

First student: Néih pàhngyáuh haih àh haih dōu haih Gwóngdúngyáhn a?

Second student: Àh haih a. Kéuih haih Seuhnghóiyáhn.

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B: Sík sēsíu.

A: Gám, kéuih sík àh sík góng Yíngmán nē?

B: Dōu sík sēsíu.

A: BÍnggōu gáau kéuih góng Yíngmán ge nē?

B: Haih Wòhng Sàang gáau kéuih ge.

2. A: Néih sík àh sík góng Gwokýuh a?

B: Deuiáhjyuh. Ngóh tēng àh chingchó - àh gòl néih joi góng yatchi.

A: Néih sík àh sík góng Gwokýuh a?

B: Sík sēsíu jē.

A: Gám, néih sík àh sík Yíngmán nē?

B: Sík góng, àh sík sé. Néih nē?

A: Ngóh dōu àh sík. 'Yāt yih sàam' dōu àh sík góng.

3. A: Néih gaau bíngō Gwóngdùngwá a?
 B: Ngóh gaau Wòhng Táai.
 A: Kéuih haih m̀hhaih Méihgwokyàhn a?
 B: M̀hhaih. Kéuih haih Yínggwokyàhn.
 A: Kéuih s̀ik m̀hs̀ik sé J̀ungm̀ahn nē?
 B: M̀hs̀ik. Kéuih hohk g̀óng, daahnhaih m̀hhohk sé.
 A: Kéuih hohk m̀hhohk Gwokyúh a?
 B: Ngóh m̀hjidou a.

Lesson Four

1. Man : Ngóh go bíu maahn s̀èsíu. Néih go haih m̀hhaih a?
 Woman: M̀hhaih. Ngóh go haih j̀éun ge.
 Man : Gám, yíngā géidíngjūng a?
 Woman: Yíngā ngāamngāam sahpyih díng.
 Man : Ngóh go bíu yíngā haih sahpyāt díng daahp sah.
 Woman: Gám, néih go maahn léuhnggojih.
2. Woman: Yíngā haih m̀hhaih baat díng s̀aamgogwāt a?
 Man : M̀hhaih. Ngóh go bíu yíngā haih baat díng daahp baat j̀ē.
 Woman: Néih go bíu j̀éun m̀hjéun a?
 Man : J̀éun. M̀hfaai m̀hwaahn.
 Woman: Gám, ngóh go faai yāt go jih.
 Man : Waahkjé haih.
3. Woman: J̀ousàhn, Wòhng S̀aang. Néih jí m̀hjí yíngā géidíngjūng a?
 Man : A, j̀ousàhn, Chàhn Siujé. Ngóh go bíu yíngā haih gáu díng daahp yāt.
 Woman: Néih go bíu haih m̀hhaih faai s̀èsíu a?
 Man : Waahkjé haih. Ngóh m̀hjí.
 Woman: Néih jí m̀hjí Léih Táai géidíngjūng hohk Gwóngdùngwá a?
 Man : Ngóh j̀idou. Haih sahpy díng bun.

Lesson Five

1. Two friends in a coffee shop deciding what to have for a mid-afternoon tea:
 A: Néih yám m̀eyéh a?
 B: Ngóh yám gafē. Néih nē?

- A: Ngóh yám chàh. Sihk m̀hsihk b́ng a?
 B: Hóu aak.
 A: Néih géidímjūng yiu jáu a?
 B: Sei díng.
 A: Jánhah gam faai yiu jáu mē?
 B: Haih a, jánhah.
2. A hostess is entertaining a new acquaintance at tea:
 Hostess: Yám chàh lā.
 Guest: Hóu, m̀ngòì.
 Hostess: Sihk b́ng lā.
 Guest: Hóu aak, m̀ngòì.
 Hostess: Sihk yín lā.
 Guest: Síu sihk. M̀hsái haakhei.
 Hostess: Néih haakhei jē.
3. At lunchtime Mrs. Wong instructs her servant about the work for the rest of the day:
 Mrs. Wong: Ngóh tùhng Wòhng Sàang sàam díng bun yiu yám chàh.
 Servant : Sihk m̀hsihk b́ng a?
 Mrs. Wong: Sèsiu lā.
 Servant : Gám, géidímjūng sihk faahn a?
 Mrs. Wong: Baat díng lā.
 Servant : Hóu aak.

Lesson Six

1. In a department store:
 Clerk: Jóusàhn, séung máaih m̀yéh a?
 Customer: Ngóh séung máaih tíuh fu. Ní léuhng tíuh yiu géidò chin a?
 Clerk: Ní tíuh sahpaat mán, gó tíuh yahyih mán.
 Customer: Gám, ngóh máaih ní tíuh lā.
2. In a department store:
 Customer: Ní gihn s̀eutsám haih m̀hhaih yahsei mán a?
 Clerk : M̀hhaih. Haih yahgáu mán.
 Customer: Gó gihn dōu haih yahgáu mán, haih m̀hhaih nē?
 Clerk : Haih. Néih haih m̀hhaih léuhng gihn dōu máaih nē?
 Customer: M̀hhaih. Ngóh máaih ní gihn, m̀hmáaih gó gihn.

3. In a department store:

Clerk : Máaih mēyéh a?

Customer: Ngóh séung máaih sēutsāam. Ní gihn géidò chin a?

Clerk : Ní gihn sahpyih mán jē. Máaih géidò gihn nē?

Customer: Béi yāt gihn ngóh lā.

Lesson Seven

The following conversations take place between clerk and customer:

1. Clerk : Máaih mēyéh a?

Customer: Ngóh séung máaih bējáu. Géidō chin jí a?

Clerk : Go baat ngàhnchin. Oi géidō jí a?

Customer: Oi léuhng jí.

Clerk : Sáí mhsái máaih yīnjái a?

Customer: Hóu, béi bāau ngóh lā!

2. Customer: Ní dí bou géidō chin máh a?

Clerk : Yahsāam go bun. Néih yiu géido máh a?

Customer: Ngóh mhyiu laak. Gó dí nē? Géidō chin máh a?

Clerk : Gó dí sahpsāam go bun ngàhnchin máh. Néih máaih mhmáaih a?

Customer: Hóu. Ngóh oi léuhng máh.

Clerk : Yahchāt mán léuhng máh lā.

3. Clerk : Máaih mēyéh a?

Customer: Ngóh séuhng máaih dí ngàuhyuhk. Dím maaih nē?

Clerk : Ní dí sei go baat ngàhnchin gàn. Gó dí chāt go bun ngàhnchin gàn.

Customer: Béi sām gàn gó dí ngóh lā.

Clerk : Sām gàn yahyih go bun.

Customer: Ngóh dōu séung oi léuhng gàn ní dí.

Clerk : Hóu aak, gàn go luhk ngàhn chin lā.

Lesson Eight

1. In a department store:

Clerk : Jóusàhn. Séung máaih mēyéh a?

Customer: Yáuh móuh baahk sēutsāam a?

Clerk : Haih mhhaih néih jeuk ga?

Customer: Haih.

Clerk : Néih jeuk géidō houh a?

Customer: Sàamsahp luhk, waahkjé sàamsahp baat.

Clerk : Ní gihn haih sàamsahpluhk.

Customer: Ní gihn m̀hgau daaih. Yáuh móuh sàamsahpbaat ge nē?

Clerk : Deui m̀hjyuh - sàamsahpbaat ge maaihsai laak.

2. In a department store:

Customer: Yáuh móuh baahk hàaih maaih a?

Clerk : Yáuh. Néih jùng m̀hjùngyi ní deui nē?

Customer: Géi leng. Géi(dō) ch́n deui a?

Clerk : Ní deui haih Méihgwok hàaih. Chāt'ahgáu mán deui.

Customer: Yáuh móuh p̀hngdī ge nē?

Clerk : Yáuh. Gó deui haih Yahtbún hàaih. Yahng h mán deui jē.

Customer: M̀hgoi néih béi deui Yahtbún ge ngóh lā.

Clerk : Hóu aak.

3. In a department store:

Customer: Yáuh móuh maht a?

Clerk : Yáuh. Ní dī néih jùng m̀hjùngyi nē?

Customer: Géi jùngyi. Dím maaih a?

Clerk : Luhk go bun ngàhnch́n deui. Néih jeuk géi houh a?

Customer: M̀hji - Ngóh jeuk luhk houh ge Méihgwok hàaih.

Clerk : Gám, gáu houh lā. Néih séung máaih géidō deui a?

Customer: Béi sàam deui ngóh lā.

Clerk : Hóu aak. Oi m̀hoi hàaih nē?

Customer: M̀hoi laak. M̀hgoi.

4. At a grocery store:

Customer: Yáuh móuh tòhng maaih a?

Clerk : Yáuh. Máaih géidō bohng nē? Ngh bohng gau m̀hgau a?

Customer: M̀hsái gam dò. Léuhng bohng gau laak. A! Ngóh séung oi dī ngàuhyuhk, dím maaih a?

Clerk : Sei go baat ngàhnch́n gán.

Customer: Béi yāt gán ngóh lā.

Clerk : Hóu.

Lesson Nine

1. Mr. Wong phones Mrs. Ho:

Amah : Wéi.

Caller : Haih m̀hhaih chāt-s̀aam-l̀ihng-sei-̀ngh-l̀ihng a?

Amah : M̀hgòì néih daaihsēngdí. Ngóh t̀eng m̀hch̀ingchó.

Caller : Chāt-s̀aam-l̀ihng-sei-̀ngh-l̀ihng, haih m̀hhaih a?

Amah : Haih. Wán b̀ingo a?

Caller : M̀hgòì néih giu Hòh Táai t̀eng dihnwá lā.

Amah : Hóu. Dáng (yāt)ján.

Mrs. Ho: Wéi.

Caller : Hòh Táai, jóusáhn.

Mrs. Ho: Jóusáhn.

Caller : Ngóh haih Wòhng Sàang a. Néih jí m̀hjí Chàhn S̀insàang ge dihnwá géidò houh a?

Mrs. Ho: A! Jí. Kéuih ge dihnwá haih ̀ngh sei s̀aam yih yāt l̀ihng.

Caller : Hóu, m̀hgòì.

Mrs. Ho: M̀hsái m̀hgòì.

2. Mr. Wong calls a businessman at his office:

Secretary: Wái.

Caller : Wái. Haih m̀hhaih s̀aam baat lukh l̀ihng ̀ngh gáu a?

Secretary: Haih. Wán b̀inwái nē?

Caller : Ngóh séung wán Léih Sàang t̀eng dihnwá.

Secretary: Deuih̀hjuh laak. Kéuih chēutjó gāai bo.

Caller : Gám, kéuih géidímjūng f̀aanl̀aih nē?

Secretary: Léuhng dím l̀ehng jūng gamseuhnghā lā.

Caller : Hóu. M̀hgòì néih.

Secretary: M̀hsái m̀hgòì.

3. Mr. Ho telephones Mr. Chan:

Amah : Wéi. Wán b̀ingo a?

Caller: Wái. M̀hgòì néih giu Chàhn S̀insàang t̀eng dihnwá lā.

Amah : Kéuih f̀aanjó gùng bo. Gwaising wán kéuih a?

Caller: Sing Hòh ge. Kéuih géisih f̀aanl̀aih nē?

Amah : M̀hjí bo.

Caller: Dáng kéuih f̀aanl̀aih m̀hgòì néih giu kéuih dá dihnwá béi ngóh lā. Ngóh ge dihnwá haih....

Amah : M̀ngòì nēih dāng yātjān; ngòh ló jì bāt sīn. Wéi, nēih ge dīhnwá haih....

Caller: Chāt-yāt-yāt-yih-līhng-chāt.

Amah : Hóu lā. Kéuih fàanlāih, ngòh giu kéuih dá béi nēih lā.

Lesson Ten

1. Asking directions:

A: Chéng mahn Tínsíng Máhtàuh hái bīndouh a?

B: Hái Māhnwàh Jáudim deumihh.

A: Ngòh m̀hjí Māhnwàh Jáudim hái bīndouh bo.

B: Nē -- hái gó bihn gó gāan - nēih tái m̀htáidóu a?

A: A, táidóu. M̀ngòìsai.

B: M̀hsái m̀ngòì.

2. Two friends discuss restaurants:

A: Nēih séjihlāuh hái m̀hhái Hèunggóng ní bihn a?

B: Hái. Hái Daaih Douh Jūng.

A: Gódouh jógán yáuh móuh hóu ge chàhlāuh a?

B: Yáuh. Ngòh séjihlāuh gaaklèih yáuh gāan hóu hóu ga. Ngòh hóu jungyi hái gódouh yám chàh ga.

A: Ngòh séjihlāuh jógán ge chàhlāuh dóu m̀hhaih géi hóu, daahnhaih yáuh gāan géi hóu ge chāansāt. Ngòh jungyi hái gódouh síh ngaan.

3. Mrs. Ho compliments Miss Wong on her sweater:

Mrs. Ho : Nēih gihn lāangsāam hóu leng. Hái bīndouh máaih ga?

Miss Wong: Hái Jùngwàahn yāt gāan gūngsí máaih ge.

Mrs. Ho : Bīn gāan nē?

Miss Wong: Hái ngòh séjihlāuh gaaklèih gó gāan.

Mrs. Ho : Haih m̀hhaih hái chējaahm deumihh a?

Miss Wong: Haih. Haih gó gāan.

4. Mr. Ho calls Mr. Lee on the phone:

Léih Sàang: Wéi.

Hòh Sàang : Léih Sàang àh.

Léih Sàang: Haih a, bīn wái a?

Hòh Sàang : Ngòh haih Hòh Yaht-sīn a. Nēih jì m̀hjí Méihgok Jáudim

hái bīndouh a? Yáuh go pàhngyáuh yātjān sàam dīm hái gōdōuh dāng ngòh. Kéuih wáh ngòh jí Mèihgwok Jáudīm hái Seuhngóhì Ngàhnhòhng gàaklèih, daahnhaih ngòh wán mhdóu.

Léih Sàang: Mèihgwok Jáudīm mhhaih hái Seuhngóhì Ngàhnhòhng gàaklèih. Hái Jùnggwok Ngàhnhòhng deuiimhn. Néih jí m̀hjí Jùnggwok Ngàhnhòhng hái bīndouh a?

Hòh Sàang : O. Gám, ngòh jí laak. M̀hgòisaaì. Joigin.

1) yātjān = dāngyātjahn = 'in a little while'

2) wán mhdóu = can't find it, search but not successful

Lesson Eleven

1. A clerk totals the bill for a customer at a grocery store:

Clerk : Sei jí bējáu, luhk jí heisēui, sah̄p go cháang...sah̄psàam go yih lā.

Customer: Nàh, nīdōuh yāt baak mán.

Clerk : Hóu, dāng ngòh jáaufàan bēi néih lā. Aiya, deuiimhjyuh, m̀hgau sàanjí tīm. Néih yáuh móuh sàanjí a?

Customer: Ngòh dōu móuh bo.

Clerk : Gám, m̀hgòì néih dāng jahn, ngòh wán yàhn cheunghòì kéuih lā.

Customer: Hóu lā.

Clerk : Nīdōuh jáaufàan baatsahpluhk go baat bēi néih.

Customer: Néih yáuh móuh yāt mán ngán a?

Clerk : Yáuh, néih séung yiu géidō nē?

Customer: M̀hgòì néih cheung sah̄p mán ngòh lā.

Clerk : Hóu.

Customer: M̀hgòisaaì.

2. At the teller's window in the bank Mr. Wong puts down a \$500 bill and says:

Mr. Wòhng: M̀hgòì néih tùhng ngòh cheunghòì kéuih lā!

Teller : Cheung géidō a? Haih mhhaih ngoisaaì sah̄p mán jí a?

Mr. Wòhng: Mhhaih. Oi sei jèung yāt baak mán jí, sah̄p jèung sah̄p mán.

Teller : M̀hgau sah̄p mán jí bo. Oi gáu jèung sah̄p mán jí, sah̄p go yāt mán ngán, hóu m̀hhou a?

Mr. Wòhng: Hóu, oi dī sàangán dōu hóu.

1) oi = here: to have in your possession

3. Talking about a borrowed book:

A: Néih gànyah mhgeidāk daai gó bún syù fàanlāih béi ngóh a?

B: Aiya! Mhgeidāk tím! Jànhaih deui^mhjuh laak! Néih géisih (géisi) yiu yuhng a?

A: Ngóh dáng jahn yiu ga. Yātján ngóh hohk Yíngmán móuh syù tái, mhđak ge bo!

B: Gám, ngóh yíngā fàan ūkkéi ló béi néih lā.

A: Yiu fàan ūkkéi ló àh. Mhóu laak. Néih ji mhji nídouh bīngō yáuh ní bún syù hóyih jejyuh béi ngóh sìn ga?

B: A! Chàhn Sàang dōu yuhng gó bún syù hohk Yíngmán, dáng ngóh giu kéuih je béi néih lā.

A: Hóu aak! Mhgoisaai.

1) gànyah = today

2) yātján = dángyātjahn = 'in a little while'

Lesson Twelve

1. Two women meet in the elevator of their apartment building. One woman has her daughter with her:

Wòhng Táai: A, Léih Táai, tùhng gó néui heui bín a?

Léih Táai: Ngóh daai kéuih heui tái yísāng a.

Wòhng Táai: Mēyéh sih a?

Léih Táai: Kéuih mhséung síhk faahn lòh.

Wòhng Táai: Néih daai kéuih heui tái bín go yísāng a?

Léih Táai: Ngóh sīnsāng giu ngóh daai kéuih tái Jèung Yísāng. Kéuih haih ngóhdeih gò pàhngyáuh.

Wòhng Táai: Bín go Jèung Yísāng a? Haih mhhaih Seuhng hói Ngàhn hòhng gó go a?

Léih Táai: Móuh cho, haih kéuih laak.

Wòhng Táai: Gám, ngóh sung néihdeih heui lā. Ngóh ngāamngāam yiu heui ngàhn hòhng ló chín.

Léih Táai: Hóu aak. Mhgoisaai bo.

1) bín = bīndouh?

2) Mēyéh sih a? = What's the matter?

3) lòh = sen. suf. expressing sympathy

4) ngāamngāam = just now, just on the point of, just

2. Two men on their way to the bus stop. They have just finished work:

A: Néih haih mhhaih fàan ūkkéi a?

B: Mhhaih, ngóh yíngā yiu heui ngóh néuipàhngyáuh ūkkéi taam kéuih mähma.

A: Kéuih màhmā yáuh mēyéh sih a?

B: Móuh mēyéh sih. Kéuih giu ngóh heui kéuihdeih douh sihk faahn jē.

A: O--kéuihdeih jyuh hái bīn a?

B: Kéuihdeih ngāamngāam jyuh hái néih hauhbihn.

A: Haih mē? Gám, ngóh sung néih heui lā.

B: Mhgoisaii.

1) Yáuh mēyéh sih a? = What's going on?

2) Móuh mēyéh sih = Nothing special.

3. Mr. and Mrs. Lee at home:

Léih Táai : Ngóh yātján yiu heui gūngsí máaih yéh. Néih yáuh móuh chin a?

Léih Sàang: Ngóh dāk sèsiu ja. Ngóh ngāamngāam séung heui ngànhhòhng ló chin. Néih géidimjung cheutgai a?

Léih Táai : Hmm...Ngóh yiu dáng Hòh Táai dihnwá bo.

Léih Sàang: Gám...Ngóh yingā heui ngànhhòhng ló chin sin. Néih yātján làih ngóh séjihlauh ló chin, hóu mhhóu a?

Léih Táai : Hóu! ...A, ...néih yáuh móuh yéh yiu máaih a?

Léih Sàang: Móuh laak.

1) ngāamngāam séung heui = just thinking of going

2) yātján = in a little while

Lesson Thirteen

1. Two girls driving in a car talk about a young man they see:

A: Hái hāak sīk gó ga chē hauhbihn gé go yáhn haih mhhaih néih pāhngyáuh a?

B: Haih bo! Mhgoi néih fàanjyuntàuh lā. Ngóh yáuh dí yéh séung wah kéuih jí ge.

A: Hóu aak. Kéuih haih mhhaih sing Jèung ga?

B: Mhhaih, kéuih sing Chàhn ge.

A: Kéuih giujouh mēyéh néng a?

B: Kéuih giujouh Gwok-wàh.

A: Chàhn Gwok-wàh...Hmm...Gám, mhhaih laak.

B: Mhhaih mēyéh a?

A: Kéuih mhhaih Léih Siujé ge nàahmpāhngyáuh laak.

2. A young girl calls home:

Wòhng Táai: Wéi!

Siu-Ying : Wéi, mǎhmā àh? Ngóh haih Siu-Ying a. Ngóh yíngā hái Mǎhnwàh Jáudim yám chàh. Néih làih mǎhlàih a?

Wòhng Táai: Néih tùhng bínggō yám chàh a?

Siu-Ying : Ngóh tùhng Hòh Méi-Wàh. Níidouh dĩ bínggō hóu leng ga. Néih làih lā.

Wòhng Táai: Néih yáuh pǎhngyáuh hái douh, ngóh mǎhlàih la.

Siu-Ying : Làih lā, mǎhmā, ngóh séung néih yātjǎn tùhng ngóh heui máaih yéh a.

Wòhng Táai: Gám àh, sái mǎhsái ngóh jà chē làih ā?

Siu-Ying : Níjógán hóu siu wái paak chē ge bo. Néih giu díksí làih lā.

Wòhng Táai: Hóu lā, ngóh jauh làih laak.

1) yātjǎn = in a little while

2) díksí = taxi

3. Asking directions:

A: Chéng mǎhn ní tíuh haih mǎhhaih Daaih Douh Jǔng a?

B: Mǎhhaih, néih hái níidouh yātjǎh heui, haahng dou daih sàam go gàaiháuh gó tíuh jauh haih laak.

A: O, mǎhgòí.

(He goes on...)

A: Chéng mǎhn, Daaih Douh Jǔng ñgh baak líhng sei hóuh hái mǎhái níjógán a?

C: Ñgh baak líhng sei hóuh àh. Nē, chíhnbíhn yauhsáubíhn daih sàam gáan jauh haih laak.

A: Gó douh yáuh móuh wái paak chē ga?

C: Hóu chíh móuh bo.

A: Hóu. Mǎhgòisai.

1) gàaiháuh = intersection [street-mouth]

2) hóu chíh = very likely..., most likely...

4. Passenger and taxi driver:

A: Mǎhgòí Néih Dèun Douh, ñgh baak yíhsahp sei hóuh.

B: Hóu.

(They ride for awhile)

A: Gwojó daih yíh go gáaiháuh yauhbíhn, tíhng chē lā.

Ei! Gwojó la, mǎhgòí néih tanhauh sēsíu lā.

B: O, mǎhdāk bo, hauhbíhn yáuh chē làih, mǎhóyíh tanhauh.

1) Ei! = mild exclamation

2) gwojó la = here: we've overshot it, we've passed it. gwo = pass by

A: Gám, joi sái gwodí, fàanjyuntàuh lā.

B: Dāk.

The driver makes a U-turn at the intersection and goes back)

A: Hóu. Háí douh tihng.

(He pays the driver \$3 for the \$2.70 ride)

Mhsái jáau la.

B: Dòjeh.

1) sái = drive

Lesson Fourteen

1. Lunchtime:

Wòhng Sàang: A, Léih Siujé. Heui bīndouh a?

Léih Siujé : O, Wòhng Sàang. Ngóh ngāamngāam fòng gùng. Néih nē?

Wòhng Sàang: Ngóh ngāamngāam háí ngànhòhng ló chin fàanlāih. Sihk faahn meih a?

Léih Siujé : Meih a! Néih nē?

Wòhng Sàang: Ngóh dōu meih a, ngóh chéng néih heui sihk faahn lā, hóu mhhóu a?

Léih Siujé : Hóu aak, heui bīn gāan nē?

Wòhng Sàang: Gwóngjàu Jáugā dī yihm guhk gāi hóu leng ga, néih sihkgwo meih a?

Léih Siujé : Meih sihkgwo.

Wòhng Sàang: Gám, ngóhdeih heui siháh lā.

(They arrive at the restaurant)

Wòhng Sàang: Fógei! Ngóhdeih séung yiu jek yihm guhk gāi, m...Léih Siujé, juhng yiu méyeh choi tím nē?

Léih Siujé : Gaailáan cháau ngáuhyuhk lā, m...yāt jek gāi taai dò, ngóhdeih sihk mhsaai, yiu bun jek jauh gau la, joi dím go sài yèuhng choi tòng, hóu mhhóu a?

Wòhng Sàang: A. Hóu, Léih Siujé jànhaih sík dím choi ge laak. Fógei mhgòì néih faai dī bo.

1) ngāamngāam = just now

2) fòng gùng = leave work, get off from work

3) yihm guhk gāi = salt-roasted chicken

4) gaailáan cháau ngáuhyuhk = stir fried beef and broccoli

5) taai = too

6) sài yèuhng choi tòng = watercress soup

Léih Siujé : Níidoh dí choi jánhah m̄hcho, ngóh dōu yiu daai ngóh m̄h̄m̄ làih siháh.

(They finish eating)

Wòhng Sàang: Fógei, m̄aihdaan.

Fógei : Sínsaang, yahsàam m̄an là!

Wòhng Sàang: Níidoh yah ngh m̄an, m̄hsái jáau laak.

Léih Siujé : Wòhng sínsaang, dòjehsaai bo.

Wòhng Sàang: M̄hsái haakhei.

2. Miss Lee takes her foreign friend to a restaurant for lunch:

A: Ní gáan jáugā m̄hcho ga. Dí yéh yauh pèhng yauh leng.

B: O. Haih mē?

A: Wai, fógei! M̄ngòì néih níng go choipáai làih táiháh là.

W: Hóu. Jauh làih.

A: Níidoh yáuh Gwóngdùng choi, Seuhng hóì choi. Néih séung síhk bīn yeuhng nē?

B: Ngóh séung siháh Gwóngdùng choi. M̄ngòì néih gaaisiuhháh là.

A: Gám, díng go yúhjú, joi yiu go daaih hā. Hóu m̄hóu a?

B: Hóu aak. Giu go Yèuhngjáu cháau faahn siháh là.

A: Mmm...Néih séung oi go mēyéh tòng tím nē?

B: Sàiyèuhngchoi tòng là.

A: A, fógei, m̄ngòì ló dò léuhng jí heisúi làih là.

B: Mmm, dí cháau faahn tùng daaih hā jánhah m̄hcho laak.

A: Síhk dōdí tím là! M̄hóu haakhei a.

B: Gau la! Dòjehsaai.

A: Fógei! M̄aihdaan!

1) giu = order, call for (without having to look at a listed menu)

2) Yèuhngjáu cháau faahn = yangchow fried rice

3) Sàiyèuhngchoi tòng = watercress soup

3. Deciding where to eat:

A: Néih júngyí síhk mēyéh nē?

B: Néih wah là, ngóh mēyéh dōu síhk gé.

A: Gám, néih séung síhk Jùngchoi yikwaahk s̄aichāan nē?

B: Dōu dāk; néih wah là.

A: Gam, ngóhdeih heui síhk Gwóngdùng choi, hóu m̄hóu a?

B: Hóu! Néih jí m̄h̄jí bīndoh ge Gwóngdùng choi hóusíhk a?

A: Jùnggwok Chàhlàuh ge géi hóu. Heui gódouh, hóu m̀h̀h̀óu a?

B: Hóu aak. Jà m̀h̀jà chē heui nē?

A: M̀hsáí la. Jùnggwok Chàhlàuh hái deumihh jē. Ngóhdeih hàahng heui lā.

4. Time for lunch. Two women friends:

A: A! Yíngā jauh faai sahp-yih dím la. Ngóhdeih heui sihk aan sin, hóu m̀h̀h̀óu a?

B: Hóu aak!

A: Nídouh jógán yáuh gàan hóu yáuh méng ge Gwóngdùng jáugā. Ngóh daai néih heui siháh lā.

B: Hóu a.

(In the restaurant a waiter gives them a menu card:)

Waiter: Léuhng wái séung dím dī mēyéh choi nē?

A : Wòhng Táai, néih jùngyi sihk dī mēyéh a?

B : Ngóh m̀hsík dím ga. Néih gaaisiuh géi yeuhng jauh dāk la.

A : Gám, ngóh dím géi yeuhng nídouh yáuh méng ge bēi néih siháh lā. Fógei, yiu go gúlòu yuhk, yāt go daaih hā, dōu yiu sai ge.

B : Joi yiu yāt go jyùhuk tòng, hóu m̀h̀h̀óu a?

A : Hóu aak! Fógei, juhng yiu yāt go jyùyuhk tòng tim. Faaidí bo.

Waiter: Hóu.

A : Wòhng Táai, sihk dōdī lā.

B : Gau la--nídouh dī choi jànhaih m̀cho bo!

A : Haih a. A! Yíngā jauh faai yāt dím bun la, ngóhdeih jáu la, hóu ma?

B : Hóu aak.

A : Fógei! M̀aaihdaan. (She pays the check, leaving a tip.)

Waiter: Dòjehsaai.

1) faai = soon, almost, approaching (preceding a time expression)

2) yáuh méng = famous

3) gúlòu yuhk = sweet & sour pork

4) dōu yiu sai ge = want both to be small portions

Lesson Fifteen

1. Asking directions:

A: Chéng mahn néih, Méihgwok Gūngsí hái bíndouh a?

B: Hái Dāk Fuh Douh Jùng.

A: Yáuh nídouh díng heui a?

B: Hái nídouh yātjìhk hàahng, gwojó daih yih go gáaiháu, yìnhauh jyun yauh.

A: Jyun yauh jíhauh nē?

B: Joi yātjìhk hàahng, gwojó gáaisih, jauh haih Dāk Fuh Douh Jùng. Heuidou gódouh, néih jauh táidóu ga laak.

A: Hóu, m̀h̀gòì.

B: M̀hsáì m̀h̀gòì.

2. At a department store, looking for a friend who works there:

A: Chéng mahn, Léih Siu-líhng Siujé hái bíndouh a?

B: Léih Siu-líhng, kéuih hái bíng go bouhfahn jowh sih ga?

A: Hái maaih lāngsāam gó go bouhfahn.

B: O, haih laak. Kéuih wah ngóh jí yáuh wái sínsàang yiu wán kéuih, yìhgā kéuih hái yahpbìhn dāng néih.

A: Gám, ngóh hái bíndouh yahphei a?

B: Hm...Néih hái nídouh yātjìhk hàahng, yìnhauh jyuncheut jósáubìhn, Léih Siujé jáuh hái gódouh laak.

A: M̀h̀gòìsaai.

B: M̀hsáì m̀h̀gòì.

3. Mr. Cheung has rung the bell of apt. 12-A. A servant answers the door, and Mr. Cheung says:

A: Chéng mahn néih, Wòhng Sínsàang hái m̀h̀hái douh a?

B: Bíng wái Wòhng Sínsàang a?

A: Wòhng Wíhng-yìhp Sínsàang.

B: M̀h̀hái nídouh bo. Chéng néih séuhngheui sei láu mahnháh lā.

(Goes up)

A: Chéng mahn, Wòhng Wíhng-yìhp Sínsàang hái m̀h̀hái douh a?

C: Néih wán bíng a? Ngóhdeih nídouh móuh sing Wòhng ge bo.

A: Haih mē? Deuih jjuh bo. Daahnhaih ngóh ngāamngāam mahngwo yih láu yāt go yáhn, kéuih wah Wòhng Wíhng-yìhp jjuh hái sei láu ge bo.

C: Oh! Wòhng Wíhng-yìhp! Kéuih haih m̀h̀hah gaau Gwóngdùngwá ga?

A: Móuh cho, haih kéuih laak.

C: Kéuh jyuh hái sàam láu, néih hàahng fàan lohk heui lā.

A: Hóu, àhngòisaai.

4. Discussing Cantonese lessons:

A: Yíngā bíngō gaau néih góng Gwóngdùngwá a?

B: Dōu haih Jèung Sàang.

A: Hohkdou daih géi fo a?

B: Daih sahpngh fo ge la.

A: Daih sahpngh fo góng mēyéh ga?

B: Haih góng heui gūngsí máaih yéh gé, ní fo jánhah hóu yáuh yuhng.
Hohkjó ní fo ngóh jauh hóyih túng gūngsí ge fógei góng Gwóng-
dùngwá laak.

A: Haih àh.

B: Haih a! Go fógei juhng wah ngóh ge Gwóngdùngwá hóu hóu tím.

A: Haih ā. Néih ge Gwóngdùngwá haih àhche aak.

B: Néih gám góng, ngóh jauh jánhah àhhóu yisi la.

1) yáuh yuhng = useful

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| ā | 啊 | sen. suf. <u>a</u> (QV) + raised intonation for | 14 |
| A | 呀 | oh, ah. (a mild exclamation) ^{liveliness} | 1 |
| a | 呀 | sen. suf., to soften abruptness | 2 |
| agō [go] | 阿哥 | elder brother | 11 |
| àh | 呀 | sen. suf. with force of 'I suppose.' | 8 |
| aak | 呃 | sen. suf. <u>a</u> (QV) + <u>-k</u> (QV) | 5.7 |
| āam (var: <u>ngāam</u>) | 啱 | fitting, proper, right | 2CP |
| āamāam (var: <u>ngāamngāam</u>) | 啱啱 | exactly | 4.5 |
| āamjeuk (var: <u>ngāamjeuk</u>) | 啱著 | well-fitting (for clothes), fits well | 8.2 |
| aan (var: <u>ngaan</u>) | 晏 | noon, midday | 9 |
| Aiya! | 哎地 | exclamation of consternation | 5 |
| bá | 把 | Measure for things with handles, such as umbrellas | 6.1 |
| baak | 百 | hundred | 11 |
| baahk | 白 | white | 8 |
| baahk faahn [wún] [dí] | 白飯 | boiled or steamed rice | 14.1 |
| baat | 八 | eight | 4.0 |
| bāau | 包 | package, Measure for cigarette pack | 7.1 |
| bānbā [go] | 爸爸 | father | 12.3 |
| bāt [ji] | 筆 | writing implement, either pen or pencil | 6.1 |
| bātgwo | 不過 | however; but; although | 14 |

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|--------------------------|---------|---|---------|
| béi | 俾 | give | 6 |
| béi | 俾 | let, allow | 7CP |
| bējáu [jǐ] [bù] [jèun] | 啤酒 | beer | 5.2 |
| béng [go] [dǐ] [faai] | 餅 | cake | 5 |
| bīn-? | 邊 | which? | 8 |
| bīnbihñ? | 邊便 | which side? | 10.8 |
| bīndouh? | 邊度 | where? [which place?] | 4CP;10 |
| bīngo | 邊個 | whomever, whoever, whichever | 3CP |
| bīngo? | 邊個 | who?; which person? | 3.12 |
| -bihñ | 便(邊) | side | 10 |
| bīu [go] | 錶(個) | watch, wristwatch | 4 |
| bo | 嘍 | sen. suf. expressing certainty | 4 |
| bohng | 磅 | pound (weight) | 7 |
| bou [fàai] [fāt] | 布 | cloth | 7.1 |
| bouhfahn [go] | 部分(個) | department (in a store) | 15 |
| būi [jek] [go] | 杯(個) | a cup, glass | 14.1 |
| bùi | 杯 | cupful, glass-full (measure of volume) | 14.1 |
| bun | 半 | half | 4.3 |
| bún | 本 | Measure for book | 1CP;7.1 |
| búndeihyàhn [go] | 本地人(個) | a native of the place under discussion [this-place-person] | 10 |
| chàmhdō | 差唔多 | approximately | 2CP;4 |
| cháh [bù] [wùh] | 茶(杯)(個) | tea | 5 |
| chàhlàuh [gàan] | 茶樓(間) | Cantonese style tea-house | 10.2 |
| chāansāt [gàan] | 餐室(間) | Western style restaurant | 10.2 |
| cháang [go] | 橙(個) | orange (fruit) | 5.1 |
| cháau | 炒 | to toss-fry in a small amount of oil, as in scrambling eggs | 14.2 |
| cháau faahn [wún] [dihp] | 炒飯(個) | fried rice | 14.2 |
| cháau mihn [wún] [dihp] | 炒麵(個) | fried noodles | 14.1 |
| Chàhn | 陳 | Chan (sur.) | 1 |
| chāt | 七 | seven | 4.0 |
| chē [ga] | 車(架) | vehicle: car, bus, or tram | 10.9 |
| chē jaahm [go] | 車站(個) | car stop (bus or tram stop) | 10.3 |
| chéng... | 請 | please (+ Verb). polite preface to imperative sentence. | 15 |

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| Chéng mahn | 請問 | 'May I ask...?' Polite form used to preface a question equivalent to English 'Could you please tell me...?' | 10 |
| chèuihbín | 隨便 | As you wish. At your convenience. | 5 |
| Chèuihbín chòh lā. | 隨便坐啦 | 'Sit anywhere you like.' Polite phrase used by host to guest. | 5 |
| cheung | 暢(唱) | change money into smaller denomination (followed by denomination desired) | 11.16 |
| cheunghòì | 暢(唱)開 | split, break up a large banknote or coin for ones of lesser denomination (followed by denomination held) | 11 |
| chèuhng | 長 | long (in length) | 8.1 |
| chèuhng sāam [gihh] | 長衫(件) | cheongsaam. Chinese style dress for women, with high collar and slit skirt | 8.7 |
| chēut | 出 | out, emerge | 15 |
| chēutheui | 出去 | go out | |
| chēutlāih | 出嚟 | come out | |
| chēutbihn | 出便(邊) | outside, exterior | 15.1 |
| chēut gāai | 出街 | to go out (from one's own house) | 9.3 |
| chi | 次 | time, occasion | 1CP;3 |
| chīn | 千 | thousand | 11.17 |
| chīnbihn | 前便(邊) | front side, in front, at the front | 12.15 |
| chīn [dī] | 錢(的) | money | 6 |
| chīngchó | 清楚 | clear | 3 |
| chīngyihng | 情形 | circumstances, conditions | 7CP |
| cho | 錯 | mistake (v/n) | 9 |
| chòh | 坐 | sit | 5 |
| choi [dihp] [go] | 菜(碟)(個) | food; a particular food, a dish | 14 |
| choidāan [jèung] | 菜單(張) | menu of a specific dinner | 14N |
| choipāai [go] | 菜牌(個) | menu, bill of fare | 14 |
| dā | 打 | dozen | 8 |
| dá | 打 | hit | 9 |
| dá dihnwá | 打電話 | make a telephone call | 9 |
| dá dihnwá giu chē | 打電話叫車 | phone for a cab | 15.11 |
| dáhòì | 打開 | open (as of book) | 1CP;15.3 |
| daai | 帶 | carry; bring/take something along; bring/take someone along | 11;12 |

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| -dóu | 到 | verb suf., indicating successful accomplishment of what is attempted | 10 |
| duhk | 讀 | read aloud; recite; read | 3CP;15.3 |
| duhkdou | 讀到 | read to... | 15.3 |
| duhk syù | 讀書 | to study | 18 |
| dyún | 短 | short | 8 |
| faahn [wún] [túng] | 飯(碗)桶 | rice (cooked) | 5.1 |
| fàan | 返 | return (to/from a place you habitually go to) | 9.3 |
| fàan gùng | 返工 | go [return] to work | 9.3 |
| fàanheui | 返去 | go back, return | 17 |
| fàan hohk | 返學 | go to school | 9.3 |
| fàanjyuntàuh | 返轉頭 | turn (the car) around and go back in the direction you had been coming. [return-turn-head] | 13.1 |
| fàanlaih | 返嚟 | come back, return (here) | 9 |
| fàan (ng)ükkéi | 返屋企 | go [return] home | 9.3 |
| faai | 快 | fast | 4 |
| faaijǐ [deui] [jek] [sēung] | 筷子(對)雙 | chopstick(s) | 14.5 |
| fānjūng 分鐘 | 分鐘 | minute(s) | 4 |
| fànbiht | 分別 | difference | 7CP |
| fo | 課 | lesson | 4CP;15.3 |
| fógei [go] | 伙記(個) | clerk in a grocery store | 6 |
| fógei [go] | 伙記(個) | waiter in a restaurant | 14 |
| fu [tǐuh] | 褲(條) | trousers, slacks, long pants | 6.1 |
| fu | 副 | pair; M. for eyeglasses | 11.13 |
| fut | 闊 | wide | 8.3 |
| ga | 嘍 | sen. suf: a fusion of noun-forming boundword <u>ge</u> and sen.suf. <u>a</u> (QV) | 2.9 |
| ga (var: ge, [gə]) | 嘍 | sen. suf. for matter of fact assertion: 'that's a fact' | 3 |
| ga | 架 | M. for vehicles | 12 |
| gāai [tǐuh] | 街(條) | street | 13 |
| gaaisiuh | 介紹 | recommend; introduce | 14 |
| gāaihāu [go] | 街口(個) | street opening; i.e., intersection | 15.8 |
| gāaisih [go] | 街市(個) | food market | 15 |
| gāai(sǐk) | 解(釋) | explain | 7CP |

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| daaih | 大 | large | 8 |
| Daaih Douh Jùng | 大道中 | Queen's Road Central | 10.3 |
| daaihsēng | 大聲 | loud (voice) | 2CP |
| Daaihsēngdí! | 大聲的 | Speak louder! | 9 |
| daahnhaih | 但係 | but | 3 |
| daap | 答 | to answer | 2CP |
| Daap cho sin. | 搭錯線 | Wrong number. [connected the wrong line] (said over the phone) | 9.3 |
| daaphaak [dǎi] | 搭客(約) | passenger | 13 |
| daahp | 搭 | tread on. in time expression <u>daahp</u> combines with the numbers on the clock face to indicate the 5-minute subdivisions of the hour. Thus, <u>daahp yāt</u> = 5 after, <u>daahp yih</u> = 10 after, etc. | 4 |
| daahp bun | 搭半 | half past (the hour) | 4.4 |
| daahp géi? | 搭幾 | how many five minutes past the hour? [tread on-which number?] | 4.4 |
| daih | 第 | ordinal number marker: -st, -nd, -rd, -th, etc. | 3CP;15.3 |
| daihyāt | 第一 | the first | 15 |
| dáifu [tǐuh] | 底褲(條) | underpants, undershorts | 6.3 |
| dáikwáhn [tǐuh] | 底裙(條) | slip, petticoat | 6.1 |
| dáisāam [gihh] | 底衫(件) | underwear | 8.13 |
| dāk | 得 | OK, all right | 7CP;11 |
| dāk... | 得.... | have only..., only have .X.quantity. (dāk with a quantity phrase as object implies that the quantity is insufficient.) | 11 |
| yáuh -dāk- | 有-得- | available, can. (used between the verb <u>yáuh</u> (or its negative <u>móuh</u>) and a second verb, forms a phrase: 'have (or not have) available for .V.-ing'; 'can .V.') | 11 |
| Dākfuoh Douh Jùng | 德輔道中 | Des Veoux Road Central | 10.5 |
| Dāk meih? | 得未 | Are you (Is he, etc.) ready? | 4 |
| dāng | 等 | wait (for) | 4 |
| dāng Person.Verb | 等 | allow, let Person do something; wait while Person does something | 9 |
| dāng (yāt) ján or dāng yātjahn | 等(一陣)
等一陣 | wait awhile; in a little while | 9.3 |

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| deihhá | 地下 | ground, ground floor | 15.1 |
| deui | 對 | pair; group measure for shoes, socks, chopsticks, things that come in two's | 6.1 |
| Deuihjhjyuh. | 對唔住 | Excuse me; I beg your pardon; I'm sorry. | 1 |
| deuimihh | 對面 | opposite side, facing; across the street | 10 |
| dí | 的 | the; some. (plural M for individual nouns) | 1CP;7 |
| dí | 的 | a little, some; the. (general M for mass nouns) | 3;7 |
| -dí | 的 | suffixed to Adj. to mean: a little <u>Adj</u> , somewhat <u>Adj</u> , <u>Adj-er</u> . Attached to predicate Adj. means: a little too <u>Adj</u> . | 2CP;8 |
| dihnwá [go] | 電話(個) | telephone | 9 |
| dím | 點 | to order (food, by pointing out your choice from a list.) | 14 |
| dím? | 點 | how? | 3 |
| dím bun | 點半 | 1:30 o'clock | 9.7 |
| dím(jǔng) | 點(鐘) | o'clock. (represents the hour place in a time phrase) | 4 |
| dihntàuh | 掉頭 | turn (a car) around [turn-head] | 13.4 |
| dōdī | 多的 | more (in addition). (follows Verb) | 14 |
| dō | 多 | much, many | 8 |
| dō | 多 | additional, another, more. (precedes Number + M phrase) | 14 |
| Dòjeh. | 多謝 | Thank you (for gift) | 14 |
| Dòjehsaai. | 多謝嘞 | Thank you very much. | 14 |
| dōu | 都 | also | 2 |
| dōu | 都 | both; and | 3 |
| dōuhaih | 都係 | really | 14 |
| dōu + neg:..V. | 都 | not even ..V. | 3.16 |
| dou | 到 | arrive | 13 |
| -dou | 到 | verb suf. to verbs of motion, indicating arrival at goal | 15 |
| Douh | 道 | Road (restricted to use following named road) | 12.2 |
| -douh | 度 | place. also see: <u>hái douh</u> | 11 |

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| gaaklèih | 隔鄰 | next door, adjacent | 10 |
| gàan | 間 | M. for buildings | 10 |
| gaau | 教 | teach | 3.3 |
| gaaudou | 教到 | teach to... | 4CP |
| gafē [bùì] [wùh] | 咖啡(杯)(壺) | coffee | 5.2 |
| gāi [jek] | 雞(隻) | chicken | 7.1 |
| gaijuhk | 繼續 | continue | 2CP |
| gam | 咁 | so (+ Adj.) | 5 |
| gamseuhngá | 咁上下 | approximately | 9.7 |
| gám | 咁 | that way, this way, thus, such a way | 2CP; 3CP |
| Gám,... | 咁 | 'Well then,...' 'Say,...' (Sen. preface, resuming the thread of previous discussion) | 3 |
| gàn | 斤 | catty. unit of weight equalling 600 gms., ca. 1 lb 5 oz. | 7 |
| gàn | 跟 | follow, come behind | 12.7 |
| gànjyuh | 跟住 | follow, come after | 1CP; 3CP
12.7 |
| gāng [jek] | 羹(隻) | spoon | 14.4 |
| gau | 夠 | enough | 6 |
| gauh | 舊 | old (not new) | 8.1 |
| gáu | 九 | nine | 4.0 |
| Gáulùhng | 九龍 | Kowloon | 12 |
| -ge | 嘅 | noun-forming boundword. added to Verb Phrase makes it a Noun Phrase | 2 |
| -ge | 嘅 | as noun substitute | 8.8 |
| ge | 嘅 | possessive marker, joins with preceding personal noun or pronoun to form possessive. | 9.10 |
| gèibún | 基本 | basic; foundation | 4CP |
| géi | 幾 | several | 4 |
| géi-? | 幾 | which number?; how many? | 4; 6 |
| géi | 幾 | rather, quite | 8 |
| géidím? | 幾點 | what time is it? [which number - | 4 |
| (var: géidímjūng?) | (幾點鐘) | o'clock?] | |
| géidō? | 幾多 | how much?, how many? | 6 |
| géidò | 幾多 | quite a lot | 11.11 |

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| géidō houh? | 幾多號 | what number? | 9 |
| géisi? (var: géisih?) | 幾時 | when? | 9 |
| geui | 句 | sentence | 3CP;3.14 |
| géui | 舉 | give (an example) | 7CP |
| gihn | 件 | M. for clothes, such as shirt, dress, raincoat | 6 |
| giu | 叫 | instruct, tell (someone to do something); order; call | 9 |
| giu chē | 叫車 | call a cab | 15.11 |
| giu(jouh) | 叫(做) | is called, is named | 13 |
| go | 個 | general M. for many nouns | 1CP;4 |
| go | 個 | M. for dollar; represents the dollar place in a money phrase | 7 |
| gó- | 個 | that; those | 6 |
| gó bihn | 個便(邊) | over there, on that side | 10 |
| gódf | 個的 | those (in reference to unit nouns); that (in reference to mass nouns) | 7 |
| gódouh | 個度 | there [that-place] | 10.1 |
| góng | 講 | speak | 1CP;2CP;
3 |
| góng Person ji | 講.....知 | tell Person | 9.8 |
| góng Person têng | 講.....聽 | tell Person | 9.8 |
| guhaak [dǐ] | 顧客 | customers | 6 |
| gūngsī [gāan] | 公司[間] | department store; office (of a commercial company) | 10 |
| gūngyáhn [go] | 工人[個] | servant, laborer | 9 |
| gwai | 貴 | expensive | 8.1 |
| gwaising? | 貴姓 | what is (your) surname? (polite) | 2 |
| gwaisingmihng? | 貴姓名 | what is your surname and given name? (polite) | 13.17 |
| gwāt | 骨 | quarter (hour) | 4 |
| gwo | 過 | pass by (a point); cross (a street); go over (to a place) | 13 |
| -gwo | 過 | V. suf. indicating experience; to have done something before. | 14 |
| gwodf | 過的 | beyond; a little farther on | 13 |
| Gwodf tim. | 過的添 | Go further on; i.e. Keep going. (said to taxi driver) | 13 |
| Gwokyúh | 國語 | Mandarin spoken language [National-language] | 3 |

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| Gwóngdùng | 廣東 | Kwangtung, province in SE China | 2 |
| Gwóngdùng choi | 廣東菜 | Cantonese food | 14.2 |
| Gwóngdùngwá | 廣東話 | Cantonese spoken language | 3.1 |
| Gwóngdùngyàhn [go] | 廣東人(個) | Cantonese person, person from Kwangtung province | 2 |
| hā [jek] | 蝦(隻) | shrimp | 14 |
| hahbihn | 下便(邊) | below, downstairs | 15.1 |
| -háh | 吓 | verb suf. giving casual effect to the verb it is joined to. | 5 |
| hàaih [deui] [jek] | 鞋(對)(隻) | shoes | 6.2;7.1 |
| hāak | 黑 | black | 8 |
| haakhei | 客氣 | polite | 5 |
| hàahng | 行 | go; walk; drive | 13 |
| haih | 係 | am, is, are, was, were, etc. | 1 |
| haih...lâih ge | 係...㗎 | is...; grammatical structure emphasizing enclosed noun | 7 |
| hái <u>PW</u> | 係 | from <u>PW</u> | 15.6 |
| hái <u>PW</u> | 係 | location verb, translated as '(is) in/on/at' (requires <u>PW</u> following) | 7CP;10 |
| hái douh | 喺度 | (he, she, it) is here; is at (this) place | 11 |
| hauhbihn | 後便(邊) | back side; behind, in the back, at the back | 12 |
| heiséui [jǐ] [jèun] [bùì] | 汽水(支)(樽)(杯) | soft drink | 5.2 |
| heui | 去 | go | 12 |
| -heui | 去 | attaches to verbs of motion, indicating direction away from the speaker | 15 |
| heui gāai | 去街 | go out (from one's own house) | 9.3 |
| Hèunggóng | 香港 | Hong Kong | 10.3 |
| Hòh | 何 | Ho (sur.) | 1 |
| hóyín | 可以 | be permitted, allowed to | 13 |
| hohk | 學 | study, learn | 3 |
| hohkhaauh [gàan] | 學校(間) | school | 12 |
| hohksāang [go] | 學生(個) | student | 1 |
| houh | 號 | number; 'size' (for some articles of clothing) | 8 |
| houh | 號 | number (for street number in giving an address) | 12.2 |

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| hòuh(jí) | 毫子 | dime (represents the dime place in a money expression when the figure is less than a dollar) | 7 |
| hóu | 好 | very, quite | 2CP;8 |
| hóu | 好 | well, good | 2CP;8 |
| Hóu | 好 | OK, All right, Fine, Agreed. (Response phrase indicating agreement.) | 4 |
| Hóu aak. | 好呢 | OK. Agreed. (Lively response phrase indicating agreement.) | 5.7 |
| hóudò | 好多 | a lot | 11.11 |
| Hóu ma? | 好嗎 | Is that OK? | 14 |
| hóu mhhóu a? | 好唔好呀 | OK?, is (that) all right? | 8 |
| hóusihk | 好食 | good to eat; tasty | 8.2 |
| hóusíu | 好少 | very little | 11.11 |
| hóuyám | 好飲 | good to drink; tasty | 8.2 |
| ja | 啱 | sen. suf: a fusion of sen. suffixes <u>jē</u> and <u>a</u> , implying not much, merely | 11.11 |
| jà | 揸 | to clutch in the hand(s), grab | 13.15 |
| jà chē | 揸車 | to drive a car | 13.15 |
| jaak | 窄 | narrow | 8.3 |
| jaahm | 站 | stop, station, as in 'bus stop,' 'train station' | 10.3 |
| jáau | 找 | give change | 11 |
| jáaufàan | 找翻 | give back change [change-return] | 11 |
| jái [go] | 仔[個] | son | 12.2 |
| jáinéui [dī] | 子女[的] | children of a family, sons and daughters of a family | 12.2 |
| jànhaih | 真係 | really, indeed | 5 |
| jauh | 就 | then; and; immediately; soon | 3CP;13 |
| jáu | 走 | leave, depart | 5 |
| jáu [jèun] [bùì] | 酒[樽][杯] | alcoholic beverage | 5.2 |
| jáudim [gàan] | 酒店[間] | hotel | 10 |
| jáugā [gàan] | 酒家[間] | Chinese style restaurant | 14.8 |
| jē | 啱 | sen. suf: only, merely; that's all | 3 |
| jē [bá] | 遮 | umbrella | 6.1 |
| je | 借 | lend, borrow | 11 |
| je jyuh | 借住 | lend or borrow temporarily | 11 |

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| jek | 隻 | M. for shoe, sock, ship, cup, spoon, chicken and others. | 7.1 |
| jeuk | 著 | wear; put on (clothes) | 8 |
| jéun | 準 | accurate, right | 2CP;4 |
| Jèung | 張 | Cheung (sur.) | 1.1 |
| jèung | 張 | M. for banknote, table, chair, newspaper, and other sheet-snaped objects | 11 |
| jih [go] | 字(個) | written figure; word; used in telling time, indicates the 5-minute divisions of the hour, thus:
<u>yāt go jih</u> = 5 minutes; 5 min. past the hour. | 4;7CP |
| jihgéi | 自己 | my-, your-, him-self; our-, your-, them-selves | 2CP |
| ji | 支 | M. for pens, pencils, bottles, and other things that are small thin and striplike in size | 6.1 |
| ji(dou) | 知 | to know (something) | 3 |
| ji [jèung] | 紙(張) | banknote; paper | 11 |
| jidou | 知道 | point to | 3CP |
| jip | 接 | meet, fetch, pick up (a person) | 12 |
| jīu [jek] [sō] | 蕉(隻)(梳) | banana | 5.1 |
| -jó | 咗 | verb suf. indicating accomplishment of performance undertaken | 9 |
| jó | 左 | left (direction) | 13 |
| jóbihn | 左邊(邊) | left side | 13 |
| -jógán | 左近 | nearby, (t)hereabouts | 10 |
| jósáubihn | 左手邊(邊) | lefthand side | 13 |
| joi | 再 | again | 1CP;3 |
| joi dá làih | 再打嚟 | call back (on the phone) | 9.3 |
| Joigin. | 再見 | Goodbye. | 1 |
| joi góng yāchi | 再講一次 | say it again | 3 |
| jouh | 做 | do; work; act as | 2CP;3CP;
12.2 |
| jouh sāam | 做衫 | make clothes, have clothes made | 12.12 |
| jouh sih | 做事 | to work, have a job | 12.2 |
| jouh yéh | 做嘢 | do chores, have a job | 14.7 |
| Jóusàhn. | 早晨 | Good morning. | 1 |
| jūng [go] | 鐘(個) | clock | 6.1 |

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| juhng | 重 | still, in addition, also (+ verb) | 14 |
| Jùngchoi | 中菜 | Chinese food | 14.2 |
| Jùnggwok choi | 中國菜 | Chinese food | 14.13 |
| Jùnggwokyàhn | 中國人 | Chinese person | 2.1 |
| Jùngmàhn | 中文 | Chinese (written) language | 3.3 |
| Jùngwàahn | 中環 | Central District (in Hong Kong) | 10.3 |
| Jùngwàahn Gàaihsih | 中環街市 | Central Market (in Hong Kong) | 15 |
| jùngyi | 鍾意 | like; prefer; like to | 8 |
| júng | 種 | type, kind | 8 |
| gyuh | 住 | live, reside | 12 |
| -gyuh | 住 | V. suf. indicating temporarily, for a short time | 11 |
| gyüyuhk [gân] [bohng] [dī] | 豬肉(介)(磅)(的) | pork | 7 |
| gyúyàhn [wái] [go] | 主人(個)(個) | host, hostess | 5 |
| gyun | 轉 | turn | 13 |
| -k | | glottal stop ending to certain sen. suffixes, giving sentence a lively air | 5 |
| kàhmyaht | 琴日 | yesterday | 4CP |
| kámàaih | 咁埋 | to close, shut (as of books) | 1CP |
| kéuih | 佢 | he/him, she/her, it | 2 |
| kéuihdeih | 佢地 | they, them, their | 2.1 |
| kwàhn [tíuh] | 裙(條) | skirt | 6.1 |
| lā | 啦 | sen. suf. for polite imperative, polite suggestion. | 4 |
| lā | 啦 | sen. suf. <u>la</u> for change + raised intonation for casualness | 4 |
| la | 啦(嘍) | sen. suf. indicating change-- (that change has occurred, or is about to occur, or may occur) | 4CP; 4;
5 |
| la | 啦(嘍) | sen. suf. to imperative sentence, giving connotation of friendly advice | 13.12 |
| laak | 嘍 | sen. suf. <u>la</u> indicating change or potential change + suffix <u>-k</u> indicating lively mood (<u>la</u> + <u>-k</u> = <u>laak</u>) | 2CP; 5 |
| lāangsāam [gihn] | 冷衫(件) | sweater | 8.1 |
| laih | 例 | example | 7CP |
| laihgeui | 例句 | example, example sentence | 3CP |

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| lâih | 嚟 | for the purpose of | 7CP |
| lâih | 嚟(來) | come | 12 |
| -lâih | 嚟 | attaches to verbs of motion,
indicating direction towards
the speaker | 15 |
| ...lâih ge | 嚟嘅 | see: <u>haih...lâih ge</u> | 7 |
| Lâuh | 樓 | Lau (sur.) | 1.1 |
| lâuhhah | 樓下 | downstairs [floor-below] | 15.1 |
| lâuhseuhng | 樓上 | upstairs [floor-above] | 15.1 |
| láu | 樓 | floor, story of a building | 12.2 |
| léh | 咧 | sen. suf. for definiteness | 5 |
| Léih | 李 | Lee (sur.) | 1 |
| leng | 靚 | pretty, good-looking; good, nice
(for edibles) | 8 |
| lèhng | 零 | '-and a little bit' in a time
phrase following <u>dím</u> , thus: -dím
lèhng jung = a little after
the hour | 9 |
| léuhng | 兩 | two | 4.1 |
| lihnjaahp [go] | 練習(個) | exercise, drill | 3CP |
| lihng | 零 | zero | 9 |
| lô | 攤 | fetch, go get (something) | 9 |
| ló chín | 攤錢 | withdraw money (from bank) | 10.9 |
| lohk | 落 | descend | 15 |
| lohkheui | 落去 | go down | 15 |
| louhyâhn [go] | 路人(個) | pedestrian | 15 |
| luhk | 六 | six | 4.0 |
| ma? | 嗎 | sen. suf. making a question of
the sentence it attaches to | 14 |
| mähmā | 媽媽 | mother | 12 |
| Máh | 馬 | Ma (sur.) | 1.1 |
| máh | 碼 | yard (in length) | 7.1 |
| máhtàuh [go] | 碼頭(個) | pier | 10 |
| maaih | 賣 | sell | 7 |
| Maaihsaai laak. | 賣晒勒 | All sold out. | 8 |
| -māaih | 埋 | V. suf. meaning together, close | 1CP |
| Māaihdaan! | 埋單 | The check please! (said to a
waiter in restaurant) | 14 |

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| máaih | 買 | buy | 6 |
| maahn | 慢 | slow | 4.8 |
| mān | 蚊 | dollar | 6 |
| mahn | 問 | ask | 2CP;10 |
| mahn̄taih [go] [dī] | 問題(個)(的) | question | 3CP |
| Mahnwàh Jáudim | 文華酒店 | Mandarin Hotel | 10 |
| mātyéh? | 乜嘢 | what? | 2 |
| maht [deui] [jek] | 襪(對)(隻) | socks | 6.1;7.1 |
| mē? | 咩 | interrogative sen. suf. indicating surprise | 3 |
| mēyéh? | 咩嘢 | what? | 2 |
| meih | 未 | neg: not yet | 4 |
| Méihgwok Jáudim | 美國酒店 | American Hotel (in HK, another name for the Hong Kong Hilton) | 10.3 |
| Méihgwok Ngàhnhòhng | 美國銀行 | Bank of America | 10.3 |
| Méihgwokyàhn | 美國人 | American person | 2.1 |
| méng [go] | 名(個) | name; for persons = given name (in contrast to surname) | 13 |
| m̄h- | 唔 | not | 1 |
| m̄hcho | 唔錯 | good, 'not bad' [not-mistake] (said in commenting favorably about something) | 14 |
| Mhngányiu. | 唔緊要 | That's all right; It doesn't matter; Never mind. | 1 |
| m̄hgeidāk | 唔記得 | forget (not remember) | 11 |
| m̄hginjǒ | 唔見咗 | lose, lost; 'nowhere to be seen' | 11 |
| m̄hgòì | 唔該 | Thank you (for a service) | 5 |
| Mhngòì néih... | 唔該你 | Please..., Would you please... (sen. preface preceding a request) | 3 |
| m̄hhaih géi Adj | 唔係幾... | not very Adj, not Adj | 8.1 |
| m̄hhaih hóu Adj | 唔係好... | not very Adj | 8.4 |
| m̄hhóu .V. | 唔好... | don't .V. (as a command) [not good to .V.] | 1CP;3CP;
5 |
| V. dāk m̄hhóu | 得唔好 | badly, not well | 2CP |
| Mhhou haakhei. | 唔好客氣 | 'Don't be polite.' Polite phrase used by host to urge guest to have something that he has just politely declined. | 5 |

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| Mhóu yisi. | 唔好意思 | I'm sorry; It's embarrassing.
(used in apologizing for social gaffe) | 4 |
| Mhji(dou)...a? | 唔知道..呀 | I wonder...? | 6.1 |
| mhsái | 唔使 | no need to, not necessary | 5 |
| Mhsái haakhei. | 唔使客氣 | [don't need to be polite.]
'No thanks!' (to an offer)
'You're welcome.' (when someone thanks you) | 5 |
| Mhsái la. | 唔使啦 | [Not necessary] No thanks.
polite phrase used in declining a courtesy or a gift. | 5 |
| Mhsái mngòì. | 唔使唔該 | [Not necessary to (say) thanks]
Polite response when someone thanks you for something you have done for him. | 5 |
| míyèh? | 乜嘢 | what? | |
| móuh | 冇 | not have, there isn't (aren't) | 3CP;8 |
| Móuh cho. | 冇錯 | That's right. | |
| móuhdāk ... | 冇得... | not have available for V-ing,
there's none to ... , not have available to ... (used in combination with following verb) | 11 |
| móuhgéidò | 冇幾多 | not much, not many | 11.11 |
| mùnhháu [go] | 門口(個) | doorway | 10.6 |
| nàahmpähngyáuh [go] | 男朋友(個) | boyfriend | 12.3 |
| Nàh! | 喺 | Here! (expression accompanying giving something to someone) | 11 |
| nē? | 呢 | interrogative sen. suf. | 2 |
| Nē! | 呢 | There! (expression accompanying pointing out something to someone) | 10 |
| Nèihdēun Douh | 彌敦道 | Nathan Road | 12.2 |
| néih | 你 | you, your | 2 |
| néihdeih | 你哋 | you (plu.) | 1CP;2 |
| néui [go] | 女(個) | daughter | 12 |
| néuihpähngyáuh [go] [wái] | 女朋友(個)(位) | girlfriend | 12.3 |
| ng̃h 五 | | five | 3 |
| ngāam | 啱 | fitting, proper, right | 2CP |
| ngāamjeuk | 啱著 | well-fitting (for clothes), fits well | 8.2 |

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| ngāamngāam (var: āam āam) | 啱啱 | exactly, just | 4.5 |
| ngaan (var: aan) | 晏 | noon, midday | 9 |
| ngāhnchín [go] | 銀錢 (個) | money [silver-money] | 7 |
| ngāhnhòhng [gāan] | 銀行 (間) | bank | 10 |
| ngán | 銀 | coin | 11.1 |
| ngāhngéng [fu] | 眼鏡 (個) | eyeglasses | 11.13 |
| ngāhngéngdóí [go] | 眼鏡袋 (個) | eyeglasses case | 11.13 |
| ngahp táu | 領頭 | nod the head | 3CP |
| ngāuhnáaih [dǐ] | 牛奶 (的) | milk [cow-milk] | 5.2 |
| ngāuhyuhk [gàn] [bohng] | 牛肉 | beef | 7 |
| [dǐ] | (斤) (磅) (的) | | |
| ngóh | 我 | I, me, my | 1 |
| ngóhdeih | 我哋 | we, our, us | 2.1 |
| ngoi (var: oi) | 愛 | want, want to have, want to possess | 7 |
| ngoihgwokyáhn [go] | 外國人 (個) | foreigner [outside-country-person]
(in practice, this word refers to Caucasians only) | 14 |
| ngūk (var: ūk) [gāan] | 屋 (間) | house | 10.3 |
| ngūkkéi (var: ūkkéi) | 屋企 | home | 9.3 |
| nǐ | 呢 | this | 6 |
| nǐ bihn | 呢邊 | this side | 10.3 |
| nǐ dǐ | 呢的 | these (in reference to individual nouns), this (in reference to mass nouns) | 7 |
| nǐdouh | 度 | here [this-place] | 10.1 |
| nǐjógán | 左近 | close by, hereabouts | 10.3 |
| nihng táu | 擰頭 | shake the head | 3CP |
| ning | 拎 | carry (something) | 14 |
| ningheui, ning...heui | 拎去 拎去 | take, carry something away | 14 |
| ninglaih, ning...laih | 拎來 拎來 | bring something here | 14 |
| oi (var: ngoi) | 愛 | want, want to have, want to possess | 7 |
| paak | 泊 | park (a car) | 13 |
| paak chē | 泊車 | to park a car | 13 |
| pāhngyáuh [go] | 朋友 (個) | friend | 2 |
| pèhng | 平 | cheap | 8 |
| píhnggwó [go] | 蘋果 (個) | apple | 5.1 |
| -saai | 晒 | completely | 8 |

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| sàam | 三 | three | 3 |
| sàam go gwat | 三個骨 | three quarters after the hour | 4.6 |
| sáanngán [dǐ] | 散銀(的) | small coins, small change | 11 |
| Sàang | 生 | Mr. | 1 |
| Sāichāan [go] | 西餐(個) | Western meal | 14.2 |
| sai | 細 | small | 8.2 |
| saimúi [go] | 細妹(個) | younger sister | 11 |
| sàn | 新 | new | 8.1 |
| sahp | 十 | ten | 4.0 |
| sahpyāt | 十一 | eleven | 4.1 |
| sahpyih | 十二 | twelve | 4.1 |
| sauhfoyühn [go] | 售貨員(個) | salesclerk [sell-goods-personnel] | 6 |
| sáudói [go] | 手袋(個) | (woman's) handbag | 11.13 |
| sèsíu | 些少 | a little | 3 |
| sé | 寫 | write | 3 |
| séjhlàuh [gàan] | 寫字樓(間) | office [write-words-building] | 10.2 |
| sei | 四 | four | 3 |
| seuhngbihn | 上便(邊) | above, upstairs | 15.1 |
| seuhngchi | 上次 | last time, the previous time | 4CP;15.3 |
| Seuhnghói | 上海 | Shanghai | 2 |
| Seuhnghói choi | 上海菜 | Shanghai food | 14.2 |
| Seuhnghóiwá | 上海話 | Shanghai dialect (spoken language) | 3 |
| Seuhnghóiyáhn [go] | 上海人(個) | person from Shanghai | 2 |
| séung | 想 | be of a mind to, wish to, would like to, want to, considering.
(always followed by Verb) | 3 |
| séuhng | 上 | ascend | 15 |
| séui [búi] [dǐ] | 水(杯)(的) | water | 5.2 |
| séui búi [jek] | 水杯(隻) | water glass | 14.10 |
| sēutsāam [gihh] | 恤衫(件) | shirt | 6 |
| sǐgēi [go] | 司機(個) | taxi driver; chauffeur | 11 |
| si | 試 | try | 5 |
| siháh | 試吓 | give it a try | 5 |
| sih | 事 | business, affair, matter | 9 |
| Sihdaahn lā. | 是但啦 | Phrase used when offered a choice,
meaning: As you wish; Either one;
Both equally preferable. | 14 |

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| sihhauh | 時候 | time | 7CP |
| sík | 識 | know how (to do something) | 3 |
| sík | 識 | know someone | 3.11 |
| sík | 色 | color (n.) | 8 |
| sihk | 食 | eat | 5 |
| sihk (ng)aan | 食晏 | eat lunch | 2.1 |
| sihk yīn | 食烟 | to smoke [eat-tobacco] | 5 |
| sīnsàang [go] | 先生(個) | husband | 12.2 |
| sīnsàang [go] [wái] | 先生(個)(位) | man, gentleman | 1N;2 |
| Sīnsàang | 先生 | Mr. | 1N |
| Sīnsàang | 先生 | 'Sir,' polite term of direct address | 2 |
| sīnsàang [go] | 先生(個) | teacher | 1 |
| sin | 線 | line, thread (n.) | 9 |
| sīn | 先 | first | 3CP;9 |
| ...sīn, yīnhauh... | ...先,然後... | ...first, then... | 15 |
| sīnji | 先至 | then | 7CP |
| sing | 姓 | be surnamed, have the surname;
surname | 1 |
| siujé [wái] [go] | 小姐(個)(位) | unmarried woman; woman, lady | 1N;2 |
| Siujé | 小姐 | Miss (polite term of direct address;
also, title following surname) | 1 |
| Síu sihk. | 少食 | Thanks, I don't smoke. [seldom-
smoke] (response by non-smoker
when offered a cigarette.) | 5.8 |
| Síusing... | 小姓 | My surname is... (polite) | 2 |
| suhk | 熟 | ripe (in regard to speech = smoothly
and with understanding of the
content) | 2CP |
| sung | 送 | deliver | 12.10 |
| -syu | 處 | place (PW boundword) | 10N |
| syù [bún] | 書(本) | book | 1CP;3CP;
7.1 |
| tāai [tīuh] | 呔(條) | tie | 6.2 |
| Təaitāai | 太太 | Mrs. | 1N;1 |
| taaitāai [go] [wái] | 太太(個)(位) | married woman; wife | 1N;12.2 |
| Təai | 太 | Mrs. (title to surname) | 1 |
| taam | 探 | to visit | 12 |
| tái | 睇 | look, look at | 1CP;3CP;
10 |

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| táidóu | 睇倒 | see (look-successfully) | 10 |
| táiháh | 睇吓 | have a look | 14 |
| tái syù | 睇書 | read (a book) | 10.14 |
| tái yīsāng | 睇醫生 | see a doctor | 12.2 |
| tanhauh | 退後 | back (a car) up, move back,
reverse [move-back] | 13.1 |
| táu = tàuh | 頭 | head | 3CP |
| tèng | 聽 | hear, listen (to) | 1CP; 3CP;
3 |
| tèng dihnwá | 聽電話 | talk [listen] on the telephone | 9 |
| tím | 添 | sen. suf. indicating speaker is
taken by surprise by a situation
contrary to his expectation | 11 |
| tím | 添 | in addition, also, more | 4 |
| Tínsīng Mántàuh | 天星碼頭 | Star Ferry Pier | 10 |
| tíhng | 停 | to stop | 13 |
| tíuh | 條 | M. for trousers, ties, and certain
other objects long and narrow
in shape | 6.1 |
| Tòih sāan | 台山 | Taishan, a county in Southern
Kwangtung about 100 mi.
west of Hong Kong | 2.1 |
| Tòih sāanwá | 台山話 | Taishan dialect | 3.7 |
| Tòih sāanyàhn | 台山人 | person from Taishan | 2.1 |
| tòng [go] [wún] | 湯(個)(碗) | soup | 14 |
| tòng mihn [go] [wún] | 湯麵(個)(碗) | soup noodles | 14.1 |
| tòhng | 糖 | sugar | 7 |
| Tòhngchoi | 唐菜 | Chinese food | 14N |
| tòuhsyùgwún [gàan] | 圖書館(間) | library | 10.2 |
| tùhng | 同 | and (connects nouns) | 3 |
| tùhng | 同 | on behalf of, for | 11 |
| tùhng | 同 | with | 12.11 |
| ūk (var: ngūk) [gàan] | 屋(間) | house | 10.3 |
| ūkkéi (var: ngūkkéi) | 屋企 | home | 9.3 |
| wá | 話 | spoken language; dialect | 3 |
| wá? | 話 | interrogative sen. suf. calling
for repeat of the preceding
sentence | 4 |
| waahkjé | 或者 | maybe | 4 |

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| wah | 話 | say; opine | 8.3 |
| wah yáhn jí | 話...知 | tell someone (any personal noun or pronoun can fill <u>yáhn</u> position) | 9 |
| wah yáhn têng | 話...聽 | tell someone | 9.8 |
| wái | 位 | polite M. for persons | 6.1 |
| wái [go] | 位[個] | a place, seat | 13 |
| wánjaahp | 溫習 | to review | 4CP |
| wán | 搵 | look for, search | 9 |
| Wán bínwái a? | 搵邊位呀 | (on telephone:) Who do you wish to speak to? | 9 |
| wán yáhn | 搵人 | look someone up | 9.9 |
| laih wán person | 黎搵... | come/go see someone | 9.9 |
| heui wán person | 去搵... | | |
| Wéi! | 喂 | Hello! (telephone greeting) | 9 |
| WíngŌn Gūngsī | 永安公司 | Wing On Department Store | 13.1 |
| Wòhng | 黃(王) | Wong (sur.) | 1.1 |
| wuihwá | 會話 | conversation | 4CP |
| wuhn | 換 | to change. <u>re</u> money, to change into... (followed by denomination of money desired); to exchange one national currency for another (followed by currency desired) | 11 |
| wuhn sām | 換衫 | change clothes | 15.11 |
| wún [go] [jek] | 碗[個][隻] | bowl (n.) | 14.1 |
| wún | 碗 | a bowl of... (m) | 14.1 |
| wúnjái [go] [jek] | 碗仔[個][隻] | small bowl | 14.10 |
| yám | 飲 | to drink | 5 |
| yáhn [go] | 人[個] | person | 2,6 |
| yáhn [go] | 人[個] | someone | 15 |
| yáhnhaak [wái] | 人客[位] | guest | 5 |
| yahp | 入 | enter | 13 |
| yahpbihn | 入便(邊) | inside | 13 |
| yahpheui | 入去 | go in; enter | 13 |
| yāt | 一 | one | 1CP;3 |
| yātchàih | 一齊 | together | 1CP |
| yātchi | 一次 | once, one time | 3 |
| yāt chi dōu meih... | 一次都未 | ...not even once | 14 |

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| yāt .M. dōu .Neg:..V. 一...都... | not even one... | 14 |
| yāt go gwāt 一個骨 | a quarter after the hour | 4.6 |
| yāt go jih 一個字 | five minutes; five minutes after the hour | 4.7 |
| yāt go yāt go 一個一個 | one by one | 1CP |
| yātjihk 一直 | straight a) in a straight direction
b) without being interrupted or diverted. | 13 |
| yātyeuhng 一樣 | same | 7 |
| Yahtbún choi 日本菜 | Japanese food | 14.12 |
| Yahtbúnwá 日本話 | Japanese (spoken) language | 3.1 |
| Yahtbúnyáhn 日本人 | Japanese person | 2.1 |
| Yahtmán 日文 | Japanese (written) language | 3.6 |
| Yahtmáhn 日文 | Japanese (written) language | 3.6 |
| yauh 右 | right (direction) | 13 |
| yauh 又 | also (connects Verb Phrases) | 3.9 |
| yauh .V..yauh.V. 又...又... | both..., and.... | 3.9 |
| yauhbihn 右便(邊) | right side | 13.7 |
| yauhsáubihn 右手便(邊) | right hand side | 13.4 |
| yàuh.PW. 由... | from .PW. | 15 |
| yàuhhaak [go] 遊客(個) | tourist | 10 |
| yáuh 有 | has/have; there is/are | 3CP;8 |
| yáuhdāk.V. 有得 | to have available to .V., have available for .V-ing. (used in combination with following verb) | 11.7 |
| (Yáuh) mēyéh sih a? (有)咩嘢事呀 | What is it you want?
(on the phone: May I take a message?) | 9 |
| yáuh sih 有事 | have something to attend to; have errand, business | 9 |
| yéh 嘢 | work; chores | 14.7 |
| yéh 嘢 | things, stuff | 12.2 |
| yeuhng 樣 | kind, type | 14.12 |
| yīsāng [go] 醫生(個) | doctor | 12.2 |
| yih 二 | two | 3 |
| yīngā 而家 | now, at this moment | 1CP;2CP;
3CP;4 |
| Yi! 噫! | Exclamation of distress | 11 |

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| ...yikwaahk...? | ...抑或... | ..., or...? (connects two verbal expressions) | 14 |
| yīn [bāau] [dī] | 烟(包)的 | tobacco | 5 |
| yīnjái [jī] | 烟仔(支) | a cigarette | 7.1 |
| yīhn(jī)hauh | 然(之)後 | then; immediately afterwards | 15 |
| Yīngmán | 英文 | English language | 3 |
| Yīngmáhn | 英文 | English language | 3 |
| Yīnggwokyáhn [go] | 英國人(個) | Englishman, person from England | 2.1 |
| yīhp. | 頁 | page | 4CP;15.3 |
| yiú | 要 | want, require | 2CP |
| yiú | 要 | must; need; have to | 5 |
| yiú + money expression | 要 | want <u>X</u> amount, costs <u>X</u> amount.
(i.e., the asking price is <u>X</u> amount) | 6.1 |
| yiú | 要 | going to, intend to | 9 |
| yú | 魚 | fish | 7.1 |
| yúnjyū [jek] | 乳豬(隻) | roast suckling pig | 14 |
| yúhlāu [gihn] | 雨褸(件) | raincoat | 6.1 |
| yùnbāt [jī] | 鉛筆(支) | pencil | 6.1 |
| yùnjībāt [jī] [dī] | 原子筆 | ballpoint pen | 6.2 |
| yuhng 用 | 用 | (支)的 use | 7CP;11 |

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