

點解你想學廣東話 (dim2 gaai2 lei5 soeng2 hok6 gwong2 dung1 waa2)

Why do you want to learn Cantonese?

Verbs

想 (soeng2) *to want*

要 (jiu3) *to need*

想要 (soeng2 jiu3) *would like*

買 (maai5) *to buy*

使 (sai2) *to spend*

學 (hok6) *to learn*

讀 (duk6) *to study; to read*

教 (gaau3) *to teach*

佢哋想要一杯凍咖啡。(keoi5 dei6 soeng2 jiu3 jat1 bui1 dung3 gaa3 fe1)

They would like a cup of coffee.

呢個 (lei1 go3) *this*

禮拜 (lai5 baai3) *week*

𢳂 (gui6) *tired*

Single-syllable adjective: Adj. + 唔 (ng4) + Adj. *Is it...? (yes or no question)*

A: 你呢個禮拜𢳂唔𢳂? (lei5 lei1 go3 lai5 baai3 gui6 ng4 gui6) *Are you tired this week?*

B: 我呢個禮拜好𢳂。(ngo5 lei1 go3 lai5 baai3 hou2 gui6) *I am very tired this week.*

我呢個禮拜唔𢳂。(ngo5 lei1 go3 lai5 baai3 ng4 gui6) *I am not tired this week.*

我呢個禮拜唔係好𢳂。(ngo5 lei1 go3 lai5 baai3 ng4 hai6 hou2 gui6)

I am not very tired this week.

A: 你鐘唔鍾意學廣東話? (lei5 zung1 ng4 zung1 ji3 hok6 gwong2 dung1 waa2)

Do you like learning Cantonese?

B: 麻麻哋。(maa4 maa2 dei2) *So-so.*

點解 (dim2 gaai2) *why*

因為 (jan1 wai6) *because*

A: 點解你學廣東話? (dim2 gaai2 lei5 hok6 gwong2 dung1 waa2)

Why do you learn Cantonese?

B: 因為你教。(jan1 wai6 lei5 gaau3)

Because you are the one teaching. / Because someone teaches it.

同...過 (tung4...gwo3) *to spend time with sbd.*

同...傾計 (tung4...king1 gai2) *to chat with sbd.*

我學廣東話因為我想同我媽媽傾計。

(ngo5 hok6 gwong2 dung1 waa2 jan1 wai6 ngo5 soeng2 tung4 ngo5 maa4 maa2 king1 gai2)

I want to learn Cantonese because I want to talk to my mom.

我學廣東話因為我鍾意去唐人街。

(ngo5 hok6 gwong2 dung1 waa2 jan1 wai6 ngo5 zung1 ji3 heoi3 tong4 jan4 gaai1)

I want to learn Cantonese because I like to go to Chinatown.

我學廣東話因為我鍾意去唐人街買嘢。

(ngo5 hok6 gwong2 dung1 waa2 jan1 wai6 ngo5 zung1 ji3 heoi3 tong4 jan4 gaai1 maai5 je5)

I want to learn Cantonese because I like to go to Chinatown and shop.

冇點解。(mou5 dim2 gaai2) *There is no reason. / Just because.*