



COURSE CONTENT – CANTONESE LEVEL 1

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TOPIC	LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS	LANGUAGE STRUCTURES
Introduction of Cantonese and its Sound System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying 6 tones Recognizing spoken and written Cantonese 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of Pinyin with initials and finals The Cantonese sound system
Numbers Date and Time Daily Routine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asking / Telling the time Asking / Expressing day, dates, month and year Asking / Telling one's daily routine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cardinal numbers 0-100 Use of <i>dím, géi (dō) díng</i> Days and dates with <i>nihn, yuht, houh, sīng kèih / láih baai</i>. Use of Question Particles <i>ga / a</i>)
Greetings and Useful Expressions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greeting and leave taking Introducing oneself Using formal and informal language Using / Following classroom expressions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forms of address: <i>sīn sāang, síu jé, taai táai</i> Use of the verb <i>haih</i>
Introducing Friends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asking / Answering yes/no questions Asking and exchanging information Asking / Telling one's nationality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of <i>mh</i> to indicate negation of verbs and adjectives Indicating possession with <i>ge</i>

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Shopping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asking for prices Describing colours and sizes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of <i>géi dō chín</i> Indicating possession with the verbs <i>yáuh</i> and <i>móuh</i>
Dining Out Yum Cha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ordering food and drinks Inviting Making suggestions Expressing likes and dislikes Expressing preferences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orders with <i>mh gōi</i> Invitations with <i>céng</i> Requests with <i>séung yiu</i> Connecting items with <i>túhng</i> Stating preference with <i>jūng yi</i>
Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telling where one works and lives Making affirmative and negative statements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questions with <i>zyuh hái bīn douh</i> Use of <i>hái</i> for affirmative and <i>mh hái</i> for negative statements. Use of <i>hóu mh hóu</i> for suggestions
Getting Around	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asking for / Giving directions Asking about / Indicating locations Asking about / Stating means of transport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forming plural personal pronouns with <i>deih</i> Asking and telling destination using <i>heui</i> and <i>hái</i>
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