

## 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 mhjí \_\_\_\_ dím gáai. I don't know what \_\_\_\_ means.  
[lit. I don't know how \_\_\_\_ is explained.]
2. Mhgòi néih gáaisikháh. Please explain.
3. Mhgòi néih géui go laih  
laih tácháh. Please give an example to demonstrate.
4. Mhgòi néih yuhng \_\_\_\_ jouh  
yat geui bái ngóh tèngháh. Please use \_\_\_\_ to make a sentence for me to hear.
5. Hái méméyéh sihhauh sinji  
góng? When do you say that? (i.e., in what kind of situation?)
6. Hái méméyéh chihngyihang sinji  
góng? In what circumstances is that said?
7. A túhng B yáuh móuh  
fànbiht? Is there any difference between A and B?
8. A túhng B yáuh méméyéh  
fànbiht? What is the difference between A and B?
9. Ngóh ní geui yáuh dí  
mahntáih. I have a question about this sentence.
10. Ngóh ní go jih yáuh dí  
mahntáih. I have a question about this word.
11. Gám góng dák mhák a? Is it OK to say it this/that way?
12. \_\_\_\_ hóu mhóu tèng? Does \_\_\_\_ sound right?
13. \_\_\_\_ duhk méméyéh sìng a? What tone is \_\_\_\_?

## I. BASIC CONVERSATION

A. Buildup:

(Customer and clerk in a grocery store:)

Fógei

fógei

clerk

Máaih mēyéh a?

What will you have?

Guhaak

haih ... làih ge

is...(grammatical structure  
emphasizing enclosed noun.)

haih mēyéh làih ga?

is what?

dī

mass measure; plural

nī dī

measure

Nī dī haih mēyéh làih ga?

this (mass); these (units)

What's this?Fógei

ngàuhuyhk

beef

Nī dīhaih ngàuhuyhk.

This is beef.

oi, or ngoi

want, want to possess,

oi m̄hoi, or ngoi m̄ngoi

want to have

Néih oi m̄hoi nē?

want/net want?

Do you want some?

Guhaak

jyùyuhk

pork

dī jyùyuhk

some pork

M̄hoi, ngóh sēung oi dī jyùyuhk.

No, I don't; I want to get  
some pork.

gàn

catty (unit of measure =  
600 gms. ca. 1 1/3 pounds)

Géidō chin gàn a?

How much is it per catty?

Fógei

sei go luhk

\$4.60 [4 measure 6 (dimes),

ngāhnchin

money [silver-money]

sei go luhk ngāhnchin

\$4.60 [4 dollars 6 (dimes)]

sei go luhk ngāhnchin gàn

\$4.60 per catty

Nī dī sei go luhk ngāhnchin

This is \$4.60 per catty.

gàn.

Guhaak

béi ngóh lā  
léuhng gàn  
Béi léuhng gàn ngóh lā.  
(They go over to the fruit section.)

give (it to) me please  
two catties  
Please give me two catties.

Guhaak

maaih  
dím maaih nē?  
cháang dím maaih nē?  
Dí cháang dím maaih nē?

sell  
how sell?  
oranges--how sell?  
What do the oranges sell for?

Fógei

hòuh(jí)  
Ngh hòuhjí go.

dime  
50¢ [5 dimes] each.

Guhaak

Dí pihanggwó nē?

And the apples?

Fógei

yātyeuhng  
Yātyeuhng--ngh hòuhjí go.

same  
The same--50¢ each.

Guhaak

tòhng  
bohng tòhng  
léuhng bohng tòhng  
A! Ngóh dōu séung máaih léuhng  
bohng tòhng.  
géi chín a?  
Géidō chín bohng a?

sugar  
a pound of sugar  
two pounds of sugar  
Oh! I also want to buy two  
pounds of sugar.  
how much money?  
How much is it per pound?

Fógei

luhk hòuh bun  
luhk hòuh bun jí  
Luhk hòuh bun jí bohng.

65¢ [6 dimes + half]  
65¢ [6 dimes half dime]  
65¢ per pound.

**B. Recapitulation:**Fógei

Máaih mèyéh a?

What will you have?

Guhaak

Ní dī haih mēyéh làih ga? What's this?

Fōgei

Ní dī haih ngāuhuyuhk. Néih oi àhoi nē? This is beef. Do you want some?

Guhaak

Àhoi, ngóh séung oi dī jyùyuhk. Géidō chin gàn a? No, I don't; I want to get some pork. How much is it per catty?

Fōgei

Ní dī sei go luhk ngāhnchin gàn. This is \$4.60 per catty.

Guhaak

Béi léuhng gàn ngóh lá. Please give me two catties.  
(They go over to the fruit counter.)

Guhaak

Dī chāang dīm maaih nē? What do the oranges sell for?

Fōgei

Àgh hòuhjí go. 50¢ [5 dimes] each.

Guhaak

Dī pihnggwó nē? And the apples?

Fōgei

Yātyehung--àgh hòuhjí go. The same--50¢ each.

Guhaak

A! Ngóh dōu séung máih léuhng bohng tòhng. Géidō chin bohng a? Oh! I also want to buy two pounds of sugar. How much is it per pound?

Fōgei

Luhk 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. máh (= yard (in length) (3 times)
  2. yāt jí , yāt bá , yāt go ; yāt tiuh , yāt máh , yāt gihñ .
  3. yāt jí, yāt bá, yāt go ; yāt tiuh, yāt máh, yāt gihñ
  4. yāt jí, yāt tiuh , (3 times)
  5. yāt go, yāt gihñ (3 times); yāt gihñ, yāt go . (3 times)
  6. yāt bá, yāt máh (3 times); yāt máh, yāt bá . (3 times)
  7. yāt gihñ, yāt tiuh (3 times)
  8. chēut (= M. for movie) . (3 times)
  9. yāt chēut, yāt go, yāt gihñ ; yāt gihñ, yāt go, yāt chēut .
  10. jí bá go chēut , tiuh máh gihñ .
  11. jí bá go chēut tiuh máh gihñ .

## B. Tone practice with Numbers:

1. lihng (= 'zero') . (3 times)
2. sàam, gáu sei ; lihng, ñgh, yih .
3. sàam, gáu, sei, lihng, ñgh, yih .
4. sàam, gáu, sei, chāt ; lihng, ñgh, yih .
5. sàam, gáu, sei, chāt, lihng, ñgh, yih .
6. chāt sei , sei chāt ; yih sei , sei yih .
7. gáu ñgh , ñgh gáu .
8. lihng yih , yih lihng .
9. chāt go, baat go, sahp go , sahp go, baat go, chāt go .
10. sahp go, baat go; baat go, sahp 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 鸣 , tāai tāai tāai 嘴 .
2. gāi tāai , tāai gāi .
3. hāih hāih hāih , māaih māaih māaih .
4. hāih māhāih a? , māaih māmāaih a? .
5. hāih māhāih a? , māaih māmāaih a? .
6. Gó wái taaitáai hāih māhāih māaih hāaih a?
7. Jānhāih māsái māaih hāaih.

### 3. māaih and máaih

Listen and repeat:

1. māaih, māaih , māaih, māaih .
2. máaih, máaih , māaih, māaih .
3. māaih māmāaih a? , māaih māmāaih a? .
4. māaih māmāaih a? , māaih māmāaih a? .
5. māséung māaih , māséung māaih .
6. māaih lēuhng go, māaih lēuhng go ,  
māaih lēuhng go , māaih lēuhng 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. jyùyuhk jyùyuhk 豚肉
  2. yuhk yuhk 肉肉
  3. luhk luhk 六肉
  4. yuhk luhk (2 times) 肉六
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## 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 pihnggwō = the apple, an apple  
dī pihnggwō = the apples, some apples
  2. nī go pihnggwō = this apple  
nī dī pihnggwō = 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. tiuh tāai = the tie, a tie  
dī tāai = the ties, some ties
3. go chāang = the orange, an orange  
dī chāang = 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 chāang 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: spt+nu +m +n

- nī dī jē = these umbrellas  
sāam bá jē = three umbrellas  
nī sāam bá jē = these three umbrellas  
(-) sāam dī jē -- doesn't occur  
(-)nī sāam 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:

|                |   |         |
|----------------|---|---------|
| <u>tòhng</u>   | - | 'sugar' |
| <u>séui</u>    | - | 'water' |
| <u>jyùyuhk</u> | - | '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  | pái   | = 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 |
|          | 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. dí, general measure for mass nouns.

When mass nouns are particularized but not counted by number, the plural measure dí 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 ni or gó compound, it translates as 'this' or 'that' in both subject and object positions.

- Ex: 1. Nídí ngáuhuyuhk yiu luhk  
man gán.  
2. Dí faahn dungjó.  
3. Ngóh séung máaih dí  
ngáuhuyuhk.  
4. Néih séung yám dí mēyéh  
a?

1. This beef costs \$6.00  
a catty.  
2. The rice has gotten cold.  
3. I'd like to buy some beef.  
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 ... làih ga?  
ge.

haih ... <sup>X</sup> laih ga? (& ge) is a phrase frame which has the effect of emphasizing the noun it envelopes.

- Ex: Ni di haih mēyéh a? What's this?

- Ní dí haih mēyéh làih      What in the world is this?  
ga?

- Gó go haih bingo laih Who in the world is that?  
ga?

(See BC and Drill 14)

Note that the question: Ní dí hah 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.



- A: Ni ji haih yuhnbāt      It's a pencil.  
              lāih ge.

- or Q: Ní dí haih mēyéh                    What's this?  
lāih ga?

- A: Nǐ dī haih yùhnbat      It's a pencil.  
              lāih ge.

## 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. man = 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 ngāhnchin = 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 ngāhnchin is 'money,' [literally 'silver-money']

Ex: sāam gō ngāhnchin = three dollars

3. go = measure for 'dollar' when the figure is not a round number.

Ex: \$3.10 = sāam go yāt = three dollars one (dime)  
= \$3.10

4. hōuh(jī) = measure for 'dime,' used when the amount is less than one dollar.

Ex: sāam hōuh(jī) = 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 hōuh 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: sāam 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)

| <u>Nu</u>         | <u>M</u> | <u>Nu</u> | <u>M</u> | <u>Nu</u> | <u>M</u>            |
|-------------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|---------------------|
| 1. sei go sei     |          | ngāhnchin |          | bá        | 4 dollars 4 dimes   |
| 2. sei go sei     |          |           | yāt      | bá        | for one [M] =       |
| 3. sei go sei     |          | ngāhnchin | yāt      | bá        | \$4.40 each.        |
| (-) 4. sei go sei |          |           |          | bá        | (not said this way) |
| 5. sei go sei     |          | ngāhnchin | 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 ngāhnchin bohng = a dollar ten cents a pound  
or go yāt 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 hōuh bun jí bohng = \$1.85 per pound  
yāt go baat hōuh bun = \$1.85

6. Words belonging to more than one grammatical category.

Ex: ngāhnchin = noun and measure: 'money' [silver-money]

nu + m + nu + m (+ n) + nu + m.

1. sei go sāam ngāhnchin léuhng bohng = \$4.30 for 2 pounds
2. sāam go ngāhnchin léuhng bohng = \$3.00 for 2 pounds
3. sāam mān léuhng bohng = \$3.00 for 2 pounds

In Sentence #1 above, ngāhnchin 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:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. a. Gàn.  | 1. a. Catty (1-1/3 pounds)                                |
| b. Géidō chin gàn a?  | b. How much per catty?                                    |
| c. Ngàuhuyuhk géidō chin gàn a?   | c. How much is beef per catty.                            |
| d. Dī ngàuhuyuhk géidō chin gàn a?  | d. How much is the beef per catty?                        |
| e. Dī ngàuhuyuhk maaih géidō chin gàn a?  | e. How much does the beef sell for per catty?             |
| f. Gó dī ngàuhuyuhk maaih géidō chin gàn a?                                       | f. How much does that beef sell for per catty?            |
| g. Gó dī ngàuhuyuhk maaih ágh mān 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) or These fish.                  |
| c. Ní dī yú.  | c. This fish (in the mass) or These fish.                 |
| d. Ní dī yú géidō chin gàn a?   | d. How much is this fish per catty? or ...are these fish. |
| e. Ní dī yú saam go sei ngåhnchin gàn.  | e. This fish is \$3.40 per catty. or These are ...        |
| 3. a. Go yih.<br>(go + number, in a money phrase = one dollar and X number dimes) | 3. a. \$1.20  |
| b. Go yih ngåhnchin.  | b. \$1.20   |
| + c. Go yih ngåhnchin <u>båau</u> .   | c. \$1.20 per <u>pack(age)</u>                            |
| + d. <u>yínjái</u> go yih ngåhnchin båau.   | d. <u>Cigarettes</u> are \$1.20 per pack.                 |
| e. Dī yínjái go yih ngåhnchin båau.   | e. The cigarettes are \$1.20 per pack.                    |
| f. Ní dī yínjái go yih ngåhnchin båau.  | f. These cigarettes are \$1.20 per pack.                  |
| g. Kéuih wah ní dī yínjái go yih ngåhnchin båau.                                  | g. He says these cigarettes are \$1.20 per pack.          |
| + 4. a. <u>máh</u>  | 4. a. <u>yard</u> (in length)                             |
| b. Géidō chin máh a?  | b. How much per yard?                                     |
| + c. Dī <u>bou</u> géidō chin máh a?<br>[cloth, fabric, material]                 | c. How much is the cloth per yard?                        |

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|--|---|
| d. Ní dí bou géidō chin máh a?                                 | d. How much is this cloth per yard?                                       |
| e. Ní dí bou géidō chin léuhng máh a?                          | e. How much is this cloth for 2 yards? How much is 2 yards of this cloth? |
| f. Ní dí bou yahgáu mān léuhng máh.                            | f. This cloth is \$29 for 2 yards.  |
| + 5. a. <u>syù</u>   | 5. a. <u>book</u>   |
| + b. <u>bún syù</u> ( <u>M.</u> for book)                      | b. a/the book   |
| c. Ní bún syù  | c. this book  |
| d. Ní bún syù dím maaih a?                                     | d. How much is this book?<br>or How much does this book sell for?         |
| e. Ní léuhng bún syù dím maaih a?                              | e. How much do these 2 books sell for?                                    |
| f. Ní léuhng bún syù maaih yah mān.                            | f. These two books are \$20.00.   |
| g. Ní léuhng bún syù maaih yihsahp mān bun.                    | g. These two books are \$20.00 each.                                      |
| + 6. a. <u>Gāi</u> .   | 6. a. <u>Chicken</u> .  |
| + b. <u>Jek gāi</u> . ( <u>M.</u> for chicken)                 | b. A/the chicken.   |
| c. Léuhng jek gāi.   | c. 2 chickens   |
| d. Ní léuhng jek gāi.  | d. These 2 chickens.  |
| e. Ní léuhng jek gāi sei mān gàn.                              | e. These 2 chickens are \$4 a catty.                                      |
| f. Ní léuhng jek gāi maaih sei mān gàn.                        | f. These 2 chickens sell for \$4 per catty.                               |
| g. Ní léuhng jek gāi maaih sei go bun ngāhnchin gàn.           | g. These 2 chickens sell for \$4.50 per catty.                            |
| h. Kéuih wah ní léuhng jek gāi maaih sei go bun ngāhnchin gàn. | h. He says these 2 chickens sell for \$4.50 per catty.                    |
| + 7. a. <u>Hàaih</u> .   | 7. a. <u>Shoe</u>   |
| b. Jek hàaih.  | b. the/a shoe   |
| c. Béi jek hàaih ngóh.   | c. Give me the shoe.  |
| d. Mhgói néih béi jek hàaih ngóh.                              | d. Please give me the shoe.   |

Comment: jek is also the M. for maht, 'socks,' 'stockings.'

## 2. Response Drill

Ex: T: Ngóh séung máaih  
dī ngàuhuyhk.  
T: I want to buy some beef.

S: Kéuih dōu séung  
máaih dī ngàuhuyhk.  
S: He also wants to buy some beef.

- |                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Ngóh séung máaih bá jē.          | 1. Kéuih dōu séung máaih bá jē.             |
| 2. Ngóh séung máaih dī jyùyuhk.     | 2. Kéuih dōu séung máaih dī<br>jyùyuhk.     |
| 3. Ngóh séung máaih bāau yīnjái.    | 3. Kéuih dōu séung máaih bāau<br>yīnjái.    |
| 4. Ngóh séung máaih dī tòhng.       | 4. Kéuih dōu séung máaih dī<br>tòhng.       |
| 5. Ngóh séung máaih tiuh yú.        | 5. Kéuih dōu séung máaih tiuh<br>yú.        |
| 6. Ngóh séung máaih jí bējáu.       | 6. Kéuih dōu séung máaih jí<br>bējáu.       |
| 7. Ngóh séung máaih gihng sēutsāam. | 7. Kéuih dōu séung máaih gihng<br>sēutsāam. |

## 3. Conversation Drill

Ex: T: /dī jyùyuhk/  
S1: Máaih mēyéh a?  
S2: Ngóh séung máaih dī  
jyùyuhk.  
T: /some pork/  
S1: May I help you?  
S2: I'd like to buy some pork.

- |                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| 1. /dī ngàuhuyhk/ | 1. A. Máaih mēyéh a?<br>B. Ngóh séung máaih dī<br>ngàuhuyhk. |
| 2. /bāau yīnjái/  | 2. A. Máaih mēyéh a?<br>B. Ngóh séung máaih bāau<br>yīnjái.  |
| 3. /jek gāi/      | 3. A. Máaih mēyéh a?<br>B. Ngóh séung máaih jek gāi.         |
| 4. /bohng tòhng/  | 4. A. Máaih mēyéh a?<br>B. Ngóh séung máaih bohng<br>tòhng.  |
| 5. /dī jyùyuhk/   | 5. A. Máaih mēyéh a?<br>B. Ngóh séung máaih dī<br>jyùyuhk.   |

6. /tiuh yú/

6. A. Máaih mēyéh a?

B. Ngóh séung máaih tiuh yú.

7. /deui hàaih/

7. A. Máaih mēyéh a?

B. Ngóh séung máaih deui  
hàaih.

## 4. Transformation Drill

Ex: T: Ní gihn sēutsāam  
geidō chin a?How much is this shirt?  
~~~~~S: Ní dī sēutsāam géidō  
chin gihn a? How much are these shirts  
apiece?

1. Ní bāau yīnjái géidō chin a?

1. Ní dī yīnjái géidō chin  
bāau a?

2. Ní bá jē géidō chin a?

2. Ní dī jē géidō chin bá a?

3. Ní deui hàaih géidō chin a?

3. Ní dī hàaih géidō chin  
deui a?

4. Ní gihn yúhlāu géidō chin a?

4. Ní dī yúhlāu géidō chin  
gihn a?

5. Ní tiuh fu géidō chin a?

5. Ní dī fu géidō chin tiuh a?

6. Ní gihn sāam géidō chin a?

6. Ní dī sāam géidō chin gihn  
a?

Comment: The individual Measures mean 'apiece,' 'each,'  
following a money phrase: Standard Measures mean  
'per M.'

Ex: Ní dī gāi sei  
mān gān.These chickens are \$4.00  
per catty.Ní dī yūhnbāt  
sāam hòuhjí jí.

These pencils are 30¢ each.

Ní dī yūhnbāt  
luhk hòuhjí  
léuhng jí.These pencils are 60¢ for  
two.

## 5. Substitution Drill

Ex: T: jyùyuhk /gàn/

T: pork /catty/

S: Ní dī jyùyuhk géidō  
chin gān a? S: How much is this pork per  
catty?

1. /ngàuhuyuhk /gàn/

1. Ní dī ngàuhuyuhk géidō chin  
gān a?

- |                    |                                         |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 2. /sēutsāam/gihŋ/ | 2. Nī dī sēutsāam géidō chin<br>gihŋ a? |
| 3. /gāi/jek/       | 3. Nī dī gāi géidō chin jek a?          |
| 4. /bējāu/ji/      | 4. Nī dī bējāu géidō chin ji a?         |
| 5. /yīnjái/bāau/   | 5. Nī dī yīnjái géidō chin bāau<br>a?   |
| 6./tòhng/bohng/    | 6. Nī dī tòhng géidō chin<br>bohng a?   |
| 7. /cháang/go/     | 7. Nī dī cháang géidō chin go a?        |
| 8. /pīhnggwó/go/   | 8. Nī dī pīhnggwó géidō chin<br>go a?   |
| 9. /jīu/gàn/       | 9. Nī dī jīu géidō chin gàn a?          |
| 10. /dáifu/tiuh/   | 10. Nī dī dáifu géidō chin tiuh<br>a?   |

## 6. Transformation Drill

Ex: T: Nī dī ngāuhuyuhk  
sāam go luhk  
ngāhnchin gàn.  
T: This beef is \$3.60 per catty.

S1: Nī dī ngāuhuyuhk géidō S1: How much is this beef per  
chin gàn a? catty?

S2: Sāam go luhk  
ngāhnchin gàn.  
\$3.60 per catty.

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|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Nī dī jyūyuhk sei mān gàn.               | 1. A. Nī dī jyūyuhk géidō chin<br>gàn a?<br>B. Sei mān gàn.             |
| 2. Nī dī ngāuhuyuhk ágh mān bohng.          | 2. A. Nī dī ngāuhuyuhk géidō<br>chin bohng a?<br>B. Ágh mān bohng.      |
| 3. Nī dī yīnjái go yih ngāhnchin<br>bāau.   | 3. A. Nī dī yīnjái géidō chin<br>bāau a?<br>B. Go yih ngāhnchin bāau.   |
| 4. Nī dī dáikwāhn léuhng mān tiuh.          | 4. A. Nī dī dáikwāhn géidō<br>chin tiuh a?<br>B. Léuhng mān tiuh.       |
| 5. Nī dī dáikwāhn go yih ngāhnchin<br>gihŋ. | 5. A. Nī dī dáikwāhn géidō<br>chin gihŋ a?<br>B. Go yih ngāhnchin gihŋ. |

## 2. Alteration Drill

Ex: T: Ni di ngauhyuhk  
dim maaih a? T: How do you sell this beef? or  
What does this beef sell for?

S: Ni dí ngauhyuhk géi- S: How much is this beef per  
dó chin gán a? catty?

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Ní dí jyùyuhk dím maaih a?<br>/gàn/ | 1. Ní dí jyùyuhk géidō chin<br>gàn a? |
| 2. Ní dí gāi dím maaih a? /gàn/        | 2. Ní dí gāi géidō chin gàn a?        |
| 3. Ní dí yú dím maaih a? /gàn/         | 3. Ní dí yú géidō chin gàn a?         |
| 4. Ní dí bējáu dím maaih a? /jì/       | 4. Ní dí bējáu géidō chin jì a?       |
| 5. Ní dí tòhng dím maaih a?<br>/bohng/ | 5. Ní dí tòhng géidō chin<br>bohng a? |
| 6. Ní dí yīnjái dím maaih a?<br>/bàau/ | 6. Ní dí yīnjái géidō chin<br>bàau a? |

8. Response Drill: Answer with '2' each time.

Ex: T: Néih oi m̥hoi yInjái T: Do you want cigarettes?  
a?

S: Oi - Béi léuhng baau ngóh lá. S: Yes - Give me two packs please.

- |                                 |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Néih oi m̄hoi bējáu a?       | 1. Oi - Béi léuhng jí ngóh lā.    |
| 2. Néih oi m̄hoi yīnjái a?      | 2. Oi - Béi léuhng bāau ngóh lā.  |
| 3. Néih oi m̄hoi ngàuhuyuhk a?  | 3. Oi - Béi léuhng gàn ngóh lā.   |
| 4. Néih oi m̄hoi tòhng a?       | 4. Oi - Béi léuhng bohng ngóh lā. |
| 5. Néih oi m̄hoi heiséui a?     | 5. Oi - Béi léuhng jí ngóh lā.    |
| 6. Néih oi m̄hoi yīnjái a? /jí/ | 6. Oi - Béi léuhng jí ngóh lā.    |

(M for one cigarette)

### 9. Response Drill

Ex: 1. T: Ngoh bohng gau      T: Is five pounds enough?  
              m̥hgau a? /nod/

S: Gau laak. S: That's enough.

2. T: Nḡh bohng gau      T: Is five pounds enough?  
       mhgau a? /shake/

S: Mhgau. 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 mhgau a? /nod/     | 1. Gau laak.                  |
| 2. Léuhng bāau gau mhgau a? /shake/ | 2. Mhgau. Ngóh oi sàam bāau.  |
| 3. Luhk gàn gau mhgau a? /shake/    | 3. Mhgau. Ngóh oi chāt gàn.   |
| 4. Sàam jí gau mhgau a? /nod/       | 4. Gau laak.                  |
| 5. Yāt jek gau mhgau a? /shake/     | 5. Mhgau. Ngóh oi léuhng jek. |
| 6. Chāt gihn gau mhgau a? /nod/     | 6. Gau laak.                  |
| 7. Nḡh tiuh gau mhgau a? /nod/     | 7. Gau laak.                  |
| 8. Baat deui gau mhgau a? /shake/   | 8. Mhgau. Ngóh oi gáu deui.   |
| 9. Gáu go gau mhgau a? /shake/      | 9. Mhgau. Ngóh oi sahp go.    |

#### 10. Conversation Drill

Ex: A: Ní dí yinjái dím  
       maaih a?

A. What do these cigarettes sell  
       for?

B: Go yih ngāhnchin  
       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. Ní dí jyùyuhk .....

1. A. Ní dí jyùhyuhk dím  
       maaih a?

B. Nḡh go sei ngāhnchin gàn.

B. Nḡh go sei ngāhnchin gàn.  
       Néih máaih géidō gàn  
       a?

A. Yāt .....

A. Yāt gàn gau laak.

2. A. Ní dí bējáu .....

2. A. Ní dí bējáu dím maaih a?

B. Go baat ngāhnchin jí.

B. Go baat ngāhnchin jí.  
       Néih máaih géidō jí a?

A. Luhk .....

A. Luhk jí gau laak.

3. A. Ní dí fu .....

3. A. Ní dí fu dím maaih a?

B. Yahluhk go baat ngāhnchin  
       tiuh.

B. Yahluhk go baat ngāhnchin  
       tiuh. Néih máaih géidō  
       tiuh a?

A. Yāt .....

A. Yāt tiuh gau laak.

- |                                          |                                                                  |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4. A. Ní dí bou .....                    | 4. A. Ní dí bou dím maaiah a?                                    |
| B. Sahpchát mān máh .....                | B. Sahpchát mān máh.<br>Néih maaiah géidō máh a?                 |
| A. Sàam .....                            | A. Sàam máh gau laak.                                            |
| 5. A. Ní dí tòhng .....                  | 5. A. Ní dí tòhng dím maaiah a?                                  |
| B. Luhk hòuhjí bohng....                 | B. Luhk hòuhjí bohng.<br>Néih maaiah géidō bohng<br>a?           |
| A. Yāt .....                             | A. Yāt bohng gau laak.                                           |
| 6. A. Ní dí maht .....                   | 6. A. Ní dí maht dím maaiah a?                                   |
| B. Léuhng go bun ngàhnchin<br>deui ..... | B. Léuhng go bun ngàhnchin<br>deui. Néih maaiah géidō<br>deui a? |
| A. Léuhng .....                          | A. Léuhng deui gau laak.                                         |
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## 11. Combining Drill

Ex: T: Ní dí haih tòhng.  
Béi sàam bohng  
ngóh lā.  
T: This is sugar.  
Give me three pounds.

S: Béi sàam bohng ní  
dí ngóh lā.  
S: Give me three pounds of this.

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|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Ní dí haih pihnggwó.<br>Béi luhk go pihnggwó ngóh lā. | 1. Béi luhk go ní dí ngóh lā.<br>Give me six of these. |
| 2. Ní dí haih bou.<br>Béi léuhng máh bou ngóh lā.        | 2. Béi léuhng máh ní dí ngóh<br>lā.                    |
| 3. Ní dí haih yùhnbāt.<br>Béi sei jí yùhnbāt ngóh lā.    | 3. Béi sei jí ní dí ngóh lā.                           |
| 4. Ní dí haih syù.<br>Béi bún syù ngóh lā.               | 4. Béi bún ní dí ngóh lā.                              |
| 5. Ní dí haih heiséui.<br>Béi sàam jí heiséui ngóh lā.   | 5. Béi sàam jí ní dí ngóh lā.                          |
| 6. Ní dí haih yú.<br>Béi tiuh yú ngóh lā.                | 6. Béi tiuh ní dí ngóh lā.                             |
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## 12. Response Drill

Ex: T: Nī dī haih jē.  
S: Mhgòi néih bái bá  
ngóh lā!

T: These are umbrellas.  
S: Please give me one.

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Nī dī haih bāt.      | 1. Mhgòi néih bái jí ngóh lā!  |
| 2. Nī dī haih syù.      | 2. Mhgòi néih bái bún ngóh lā! |
| 3. Nī dī haih yùhnbāt.  | 3. Mhgòi néih bái jí ngóh lā!  |
| 4. Nī dī haih pihnggwó. | 4. Mhgòi néih bái go ngóh lā!  |
| 5. Nī dī haih béng.     | 5. Mhgòi néih bái go ngóh lā!  |
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## 13. Conversation Drill:

Ex: T: géi jek jiū  
S1: Mhgòi bái géi jek  
jiú ngóh lā.  
S2: Béi géi jek mēyéh wá?  
S1: Géi jek jiú.

a few bananas  
Please give me a few bananas.  
Give a few whats, did you say?  
A few bananas.

|                     |                                                                                                      |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. géi go pihnggwó  | 1. S1: Mhgòi bái géi go pihng-<br>gwó ngóh lā.<br>S2: Béi géi go mēyéh wá?<br>S1: Géi go pihnggwó.   |
| 2. géi tiuh tāai    | 2. S1: Mhgòi bái géi tiuh tāai<br>ngóh lā.<br>S2: Béi géi tiuh mēyéh wá?<br>S1: Géi tiuh tāai.       |
| 3. géi go chāang    | 3. S1: Mhgòi bái géi go chāang<br>ngóh lā.<br>S2: Béi géi go mēyéh wá?<br>S1: Géi go chāang.         |
| 4. géi jí yùhnjibāt | 4. S1: Mhgòi bái géi jí yùhn-<br>jibāt ngóh la.<br>S2: Béi géi jí mēyéh wá?<br>S1: Géi jí yùhnjibāt. |
| 5. géi bāau yīn     | 5. S1: Mhgòi bái géi bāau yīn<br>ngóh lā.<br>S2: Béi géi bāau mēyéh wá?<br>S1: Géi bāau yīn.         |

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 dí haih mēyéh  
lāih ga?

S1: What's this?

S2: Yūhnbat. Gó dí  
haih yūhnbat.

S2: A pencil. That's a pencil. or  
Pencils. Those are pencils.

S1: Géidō jí nē? /4/  
(holds up fingers)

S1: How many? /unit/

S2: Sei ji.

S2: 4.

1. (apple)

1. A. Ní dí haih mēyéh lāih ga?

B. Pihanggwó. Gó dí haih  
pihanggwó.

A. Géidō go nē? /3/

B. Sàam go.

2. (orange)

2. A. Ní dí haih mēyéh lāih ga?

B. Cháang. Gó dí haih cháang.

A. Géidō go nē? /1/

B. Yāt go.

3. (ball point pen)

3. A. Ní dí haih mēyéh lāih ga?

B. Yūhnjibat. Gó dí haih  
yūhnjibat.

A. Géidō jí nē? /6/

B. Luhk ji.

4. (pack of cigarettes)

4. A. Ní dí haih mēyéh lāih ga?

B. Yīnjái. Gó dí haih yīnjái.

A. Géidō bāau nē? /2/

B. Léuhng bāau.

5. (book)

5. A. Gó dí haih mēyéh lāih ga?

B. Syù. Gó dí haih syù.

A. Géidō bún nē? /1/

B. Yāt bún.

15. Substitution Drill: Teacher writes numbers on the blackboard to cue the students.

Ex: T: \$12.40

T: \$12.40

15. Substitution Drill: Teacher writes numbers on the blackboard to cue the students.

Ex: T: \$12.40

T: \$12.40

S: Nī gihns ēutsāam  
maaih sahpyih go  
sei.

S: This shirt sells for \$12.40.

1. \$12.20

1. Nī gihns ēutsāam maaih  
sahpyih go yih.

2. \$13.60

2. Nī gihns ēutsāam maaih  
sahpsāam go luhk.

3. \$13.20

3. Nī gihns ēutsāam maaih  
sahpsāam go yih.

4. \$13.50

4. Nī gihns ēutsāam maaih  
sahpsāam go bun.

5. \$15.90

5. Nī gihns ēutsāam maaih  
sahpñgh go gáu.

a. Continue, with other numbers.

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16. Expansion Drill

1. a. ngàuhnáaih.

a. milk

b. Dī ngàuhnáaih.

b. the milk, or some milk

c. Dī ngàuhnáaih go baat  
ngähnchin ji.

c. The milk is \$1.80 a bottle.

d. Dī ngàuhnáaih yiu go baat  
ngähnchin ji.

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 ñgh hòuhjí gàn.

c. the bananas are 50¢ a catty.

d. Dī jīu maaih ñgh hòuhjí  
gàn.

d. The bananas sell for 50¢ a  
catty.

e. Dī jīu haih m̄hhaiah maaih  
ñgh hòuhjí gàn a?

e. Do the bananas sell for  
50¢ a catty?

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## IV. CONVERSATIONS FOR LISTENING

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

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## V. SAY IT IN CANTONESE

A. In a grocery store, the clerk      B. And the customer answers:  
asks:

- |                                                   |                                                      |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. What do you want to buy?                       | 1. I want some beef, and also<br>some pork and milk. |
| 2. Is 5 pounds of sugar enough?                   | 2. 5 pounds is not enough--<br>give me 10 pounds.    |
| 3. Whether you'd like to buy<br>some fish.        | 3. Yes, I'd like to buy one<br>fish.                 |
| 4. How many packs (of cigarettes)<br>do you want? | 4. Two packs are enough.                             |

C. In a grocery store, the

customer asks:

D: And the clerk answers:

- |                                                   |                                                                            |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. How much does the beef sell<br>for?            | 1. It's \$5.80 a catty.                                                    |
| 2. How much are these cigarettes?                 | 2. They're \$1.20 a pack.                                                  |
| 3. Is this fish \$3.00 a catty?                   | 3. No, this is \$2.80 a catty--<br>those (pointing) are \$3.00<br>a catty. |
| 4. What is this?                                  | 4. That's pork--would you like<br>some?                                    |
| 5. These bananas are 80¢ a<br>catty, aren't they? | 5. Yes, 80¢ a catty.--how many<br>catties would you like?                  |
| 6. These apples are 30¢ each,<br>aren't they?     | 6. No, the apples are 50¢ each--<br>the oranges are 30¢ each.              |
| 7. How much is the sugar per<br>pound?            | 7. It's 75¢ a pound.                                                       |
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## Vocabulary Checklist for Lesson 7

|                        |                                                                             |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. báau                | m: package, M. for cigarette pack                                           |
| 2. bohng               | m: pound                                                                    |
| 3. bou                 | n: cloth                                                                    |
| 4. búñ                 | m: M. for book                                                              |
| 5. -bun                | nu: half                                                                    |
| 6. dí                  | m: some, the                                                                |
| 7. gái                 | n: chicken                                                                  |
| 8. gán                 | m: catty, unit of weight ca 1 1/3 lb                                        |
| 9. gó dí               | sp+m: those (in reference to unit nouns); that (in reference to mass nouns) |
| 10. haih...láiH ge Ph: | is...(grammatical structure giving emphasis to enclosed noun)               |
| 11. hòuh(jí)           | m: dime                                                                     |
| 12. jek                | m: M. for chicken, shoe, sock, ship.                                        |
| 13. ji                 | m: M. for cigarette                                                         |
| 14. jyùyuhk            | n: pork                                                                     |
| 15. ...láiH ge         | see: haih...láiH ge                                                         |
| 16. maaih              | v: sell                                                                     |
| 17. máh                | m: yard (in length)                                                         |
| 18. ngähnchin          | n/m: money [silver-money]                                                   |
| 19. ngàuhhyuhk         | n: beef                                                                     |
| 20. ní dí              | 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. syú                | n: book                                                                     |
| 24. tóhng              | n: sugar                                                                    |
| 25. yátyeuhng nuM/adj: | same                                                                        |
| 26. yínjái             | 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?<br>is there? are there?                 |
| yáuh móuh maht?           | do (you) have socks?                                                |
| yáuh móuh baahk dyún maht | do you have white socks?<br><u>or</u> are there any white<br>socks? |

Yáuh móuh baahk dyún maht  
maaih a?

Do you have white socks for  
sale?

Sauhfoyuhn

|                            |                                              |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Yáuh.                      | Yes. [Have]                                  |
| jeuk                       | wear (clothes)                               |
| Haih m̄hhaih néih jeuk ga? | Are they for you? [ones for<br>you to wear?] |

Guhaak

Haih.

That's right.

Sauhfoyuhn

|                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|
| houh             | number; size           |
| géi houh?        | what size?             |
| Jeuk géi houh a? | What size do you wear? |

Guhaak

Gáu houh.

Number nine.

Sauhfoyuhn

|       |        |
|-------|--------|
| pèhng | cheap  |
| leng  | pretty |
| yauh  | also   |

## 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?<br>is there? are there?                 |
| yáuh móuh maht?           | do (you) have socks?                                                |
| yáuh móuh baahk dyún maht | do you have white socks?<br><u>or</u> are there any white<br>socks? |

Yáuh móuh baahk dyún maht  
maaih a?

Do you have white socks for  
sale?

Sauhfoyuhn

|                            |                                              |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Yáuh.                      | Yes. [Have]                                  |
| jeuk                       | wear (clothes)                               |
| Haih m̄hhaih néih jeuk ga? | Are they for you? [ones for<br>you to wear?] |

Guhaak

Haih.

That's right.

Sauhfoyuhn

|                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|
| houh             | number; size           |
| géi houh?        | what size?             |
| Jeuk géi houh a? | What size do you wear? |

Guhaak

Gáu houh.

Number nine.

Sauhfoyuhn

|       |        |
|-------|--------|
| pèhng | cheap  |
| leng  | pretty |
| yauh  | also   |

|                             |                                  |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| yauh pèhng yauh leng        | both cheap and pretty            |
| Ní dí yauh pèhng yauh leng. | These are both cheap and pretty. |
| jùngyi                      | like; like to                    |
| jùng mìngjùngyi a?          | do you like (it/them)?           |
| Néih jùng mìngjùngyi a?     | Do you like them?                |

Guhaak

|                                   |                                                 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| hóu                               | good, nice                                      |
| géi hóu                           | quite nice, pretty nice                         |
| daaih                             | big                                             |
| mìhgau daaih                      | not big enough                                  |
| Géi hóu, daahnhaiah mìhgau daaih. | They're quite nice, but they're not big enough. |
| -dī                               | somewhat--, a little bit--                      |
| daaihdī                           | a little larger                                 |
| daaihdī ge                        | larger one ( <u>or</u> ones)                    |
| Yáuhmóuh daaihdī ge nē?           | Do you have any little bit larger ones?         |

Sauhfoyhūn

|                            |                                 |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| -saai                      | completely                      |
| maaihsaai laak.            | all sold out                    |
| Deuimhjyuh--daaihdī ge dōu | I'm sorry, the larger ones are  |
| maaihsaai laak.            | all sold out.                   |
| hāak-                      | black                           |
| hāaksīk                    | black color                     |
| hóu mìhhóu?                | is (that) all right?            |
| Hāaksīk, hóu mìhhóu a?     | Would black be all right?       |
| Hāaksīk dōu hóu leng ga.   | The black are also very pretty. |

Guhaak

Hóu aak.

All right.

Sauhfoyhūn

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Ní dí sàam mān, nídi sàam go | These are three dollars, and |
| bun.                         | these are three and a half.  |
| bīn-?                        | which?                       |
| júng                         | kind, type                   |

|                       |                                                                               |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Néih ngoi bīn jūng a? | Which ones do you want?                                                       |
|                       | <u>Guhaak</u>                                                                 |
| sāam go bun ge        | the three-fifty ones (or<br>one)                                              |
| Oi sāam go bun ge lā. | I'd like the \$3.50 ones.                                                     |
|                       | <u>Sauhfoyuhn</u>                                                             |
| dā                    | dozen                                                                         |
| máaih bun dā          | buy half a dozen                                                              |
| āh                    | sentence suffix adding force<br>of 'I suppose' to sentence<br>it attaches to. |
| Máaih bun dā āh.      | You'll take a half a dozen, I<br>suppose.                                     |
|                       | <u>Guhaak</u>                                                                 |
| dō                    | much, many                                                                    |
| Mhsái gam dō.         | (I) don't need that many.                                                     |
| Sāam deui gau laak.   | Three pairs are enough.                                                       |

B. Recapitulation:

|                                                       |                                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                       | <u>Guhaak</u>                                         |
| Yáuh móuh baahk dyún maht<br>máaih a?                 | Do you have white socks for<br>sale?                  |
|                                                       | <u>Sauhfoyuhn</u>                                     |
| Yáuh. Haih mhhaih néih jeuk ga?                       | Yes. Are they for you?                                |
|                                                       | <u>Guhaak</u>                                         |
| Haih.                                                 | That's right.                                         |
|                                                       | <u>Sauhfoyuhn</u>                                     |
| Jeuk géi houh a?                                      | What size do you wear?                                |
|                                                       | <u>Guhaak</u>                                         |
| Gáu houh.                                             | Number nine.                                          |
|                                                       | <u>Sauhfoyuhn</u>                                     |
| Ní dí yauh pèhng yauh leng.<br>Néih jūng mhhjungyi a? | These are both cheap and<br>pretty. Do you like them? |
|                                                       | <u>Guhaak</u>                                         |
| Géi hóu, daahnhaih mhgau                              | They're quite nice, but they're                       |

daaih.

not big enough.

Yáuh móuh daaihdí ge nē?

Do you have any larger ones?

Sauhfoyuhn

Deuimhjyh--daaihdí ge

I'm sorry, the larger ones are  
all sold out.

dōu maalhsaai laak.

Would black be all right?

Háaksík, hóu mhkhóu a?

The black are also very pretty.

Háaksík dōu hóu leng ga.

Guhaak

Hóu aak.

All right.

Sauhfoyuhn

Ní dí sàam mān, ní dí sàam

These are three dollars, these  
are \$3.50.

go bun.

Néih ngoi bīm júng nē?

Which ones do you want?

Guhaak

Oí sàam go bun ge lā.

I'd like the three-fifty ones,  
please.Sauhfoyuhn

Máaih bun dā áh.

Half a dozen, I suppose.

Guhaak

Mhsái gam dò. Sàam deui gau

I don't need so many. Three  
pairs are enough.

laak.

+ + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +

## 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 .

短 長 2. yùhnbat (5 times separately)

短 長 3. dyún yùhn , yùhn dyún . 長 短

短 短 4. yùhn dyún , dyún yùhn . 短 短

2. yu/yun contrasts

Listen and repeat: (Watch the teacher)

1. yú yú 約, dyún dyún 級.
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--[k<sup>1</sup> ]. 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 .
- 嚙著 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 chèuhng , 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 sāam , sēutsāam .
3. sēutsāam , jeuk sāam .

6. ek as in jeck

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--[k<sup>1</sup> ]. 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:

je<sup>k</sup> (5 times) 集

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 離    |
| 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.ū] [u.ūt].

Listen and repeat:

褲 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.ūt].

Listen and repeat:

褲 1. fu fu fu , fu fu fu .

泊 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:út], [u:ún].

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:k'], [u:út'].

Listen and repeat:

1. fut fut , luhk luhk .  
2. ngáuhyuhk yuhk, yuhk , fut fut .  
3. fut yuhk , fut luhk , luhk yuhk fut  
fut .

12. ak/aak contrasts

Listen and repeat:

1. dák dák 肚 , hāak hāak 黑 .  
2. dák hāak , hāak dák .  
3. jaak jaak ('narrow') 窄 , jaak dák .  
4. hāak dák , jaak dák , baahk dák .  
5. hāak hāak , jaak jaak , baahk baahk ,  
dák dák .
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## II. NOTES

1. The verb yáuh, 'have,' 'there is/are'

a. yáuh is irregular in that its negative is not 'mhyáuh' 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

géi quite

m̄hhaih géi not very

m̄hhaih 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 gihñ séutsāam = This shirt fits well.

hou ngāamjeuk. [This shirt is very well-fitting.]

hóusikh '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, 'géi,' 'hóu,' etc. that modify adjectives.

1. Ní go pihnggwó hóu This apple is very tasty.  
housikh. (i.e., tastes good.)

2. Dí 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.      |
| Nǐ gihn           | daaih.           | This one        | is big.          |
| Nǐ 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 mh, '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 gèi 'quite' or hòu 'very' carries the force which an unmodified adjective does in English:

Ex: Ni gihn géi leng.

This one is pretty.

Nī gihn hóu leng.

2. An unmodified adjective indicates an implied comparison in a Cantonese sentence with a single adjective as predicate.

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: Ni go pihnggwó yauh pehng 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 mhV, yielding Adj mhAdj.

Ex: Ni gihn gwai mhgwai a? Is this one expensive?

(See Drills 3, 11)

To say 'Is this one very expensive?' requires a haih mhhaih question:

Ex: Ni gihn haih mhhaih Is this one very expensive?  
hou 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. Mhhaih 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 daaihdi 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. di as adj. suffix, 'a little,' 'Adj-er.'

In Cantonese Adj-di has a comparative sense, but the English equivalents are translated variously, depending on context as: 'somewhat,' 'a little;' and also the comparative '-er.'

Ex: Ngoh go biu faaidi. [My watch is a bit faster (than the right time).]  
My watch is a little fast.

Ni gihn laangsaam [This sweater is a little  
daaihdi. larger (than the size I  
need).]  
This sweater is a little too  
large.

Yauh móuh saidi ge ne? 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 m, and the whole word after:

|                                         |                                                                      |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>V/Adj.</u>                           | <u>Choice question</u>                                               |
| jùngyi like                             | jùng m <hjung>yi a? (do you) like (it)?</hjung>                      |
| ng <small>aam</small> jeuk well-fitting | ng <small>aam</small> mhng <small>aam</small> jeuk a? (Does it) fit? |

(See BC)

5. ah sentence suffix, adding force of 'I suppose' to sentence it attaches to. It makes the sentence a rhetorical question. The speaker indicates with the ah 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: Máaih bún dā ah. (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 ah 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 né?

A question sentence which continues a topic already being discussed often uses the sentence suffix né?, with force of:  
'...then?; '...And...?'

Ex: Yáuh móuh daaihdí ge né? Do you have any larger ones,  
then? (Having been shown  
smaller ones)

(See BC and Drill 16)

This né? is the same final you encountered in Lesson 2 in the sentence composed of Noun + né:

Sínsàang né? 'And you, Sir?'

The use of né in this lesson is new in that it is here a final in a sentence which is itself a question. This use of né 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 né in all cases in which né 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:

|                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Ex: Yinggwok hàaih | English shoes |
| Yahtbún bējáu      | Japanese beer |
| bou hàaih          | cloth shoes   |
| pihnggwó 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:

Ex: a. Ngóh 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?  
 mhóu 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:

Ex: 1. Néih gihn sán Your new shirt is pretty.  
 séutsáam hóu leng.

2. Ngóh mhjungyi 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:

1. chèuhng yùhnbat long pencil  
 2. hóu chèuhng ge yùhn- very long pencil  
 bat

3. hóu gwai ge chèuhng very expensive long pencil  
 yùhnbat

(See Drill 1.3)

8. dò 'many'

1. dò, 'many,' patterns like an adjective in taking the adjective modifiers hóu, géi, etc. and the adjective suffix dí, but within the larger framework of the sentence it patterns differently from adjectives. dò is a boundword, bound either to a preceding adverb or a following measure; adjectives are free words. Adjectives when pre-modified add ge when modifying a following noun, but dò does not:

Ex: hóu pèhng ge syù      very cheap books  
hóu dò syù      very many books

A dò phrase patterns like a noun in that it can be the object of a verb without adding ge; but adjectives add ge when nominalized.

Ex: Kéuih yáuh hóu dò.      He has many.  
Kéuih yáuh hóu      He has a big one (or ones.)  
daaih ge.

dò also shares some characteristics with numbers and can be viewed as an indefinite number. It is, in fact, a case unto itself, and you will learn its various faces bit by bit.

9. bín- M? = 'which M?'

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bín-? is an interrogative boundword, bound to a following measure. It occupies the same position in a sentence as ni-, 'this' and gó-, 'that' and is classed with them as a specifier.

Ex: A: Néih séung máaih bín gihn a?    Which one are you going to buy?

B: Ngóh      máaih ní gihn laak. I'll buy this one.

(See BC and Drill 14)

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## III. DRILLS

1. Expansion Drill: Students repeat after the teacher.

- |                                                                 |                                                                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| + 1. a. <u>chèuhng</u> .                                        | 1. a. <u>long</u> .                                                |
| b. <u>chèuhng fu</u> .                                          | b. slacks, trousers.<br>[long trousers]                            |
| c. <u>yáuh tiuh chèuhng fu</u> .                                | c. Have a pair of slacks.                                          |
| d. <u>Yáuh tiuh hāak chèuhng fu</u> .                           | d. Have a pair of black<br>slacks.                                 |
| e. <u>Yáuh tiuh hāak sīk ge<br/>chèuhng fu</u> .                | e. Have a pair of black<br>coloured slacks.                        |
| + 2. a. <u>gwai</u>                                             | 2. a. <u>expensive</u> .                                           |
| + b. <u>géi gwai</u>                                            | b. <u>rather expensive</u> ,<br><u>quite expensive</u>             |
| + c. <u>m̄hhaih géi gwai</u>                                    | c. <u>not very expensive</u> , <u>not<br/>expensive</u>            |
| d. <u>Dī bou m̄hhaih géi gwai</u> .                             | d. The cloth is not too<br>expensive.                              |
| e. <u>Dī Yahtbún bou m̄hhaih<br/>géi gwai</u> .                 | e. The Japanese cloth is not<br>expensive.                         |
| 3. a. <u>Jí yùhnbāt</u> .                                       | 3. a. A ( <u>or</u> The) pencil.                                   |
| b. <u>Yáuh jí yùhnbāt</u> .                                     | b. Have a pencil.                                                  |
| c. <u>Ngóh yáuh jí yùhnbāt</u> .                                | c. I have a pencil.                                                |
| d. <u>Ngóh yáuh jí chèuhng yùhnbāt</u> .                        | d. I have a long pencil.                                           |
| e. <u>Ngóh yáuh jí hóu gwai ge<br/>chèuhng yùhnbāt</u> .        | e. I have a very expensive<br>long pencil.                         |
| + 4. a. <u>Gihn lāangsaām</u> .                                 | 4. a. The ( <u>or</u> a) <u>sweater</u> .                          |
| + b. <u>Gihn sàñ lāangsaām</u> .                                | b. The <u>new</u> sweater.                                         |
| c. <u>Ngóh gihn sàñ lāangsaām</u> .                             | c. My new sweater.                                                 |
| d. <u>Ngóh gihn sàñ lāangsaām<br/>hóu gwai</u> .                | d. My new sweater is very<br>expensive.                            |
| e. <u>Kéuih m̄hjídou ngóh gihn sàñ<br/>lāangsaām hóu gwai</u> . | e. He does not know (that)<br>my new sweater is very<br>expensive. |
| + 5. a. <u>gauh</u>                                             | 5. a. <u>old</u>                                                   |
| b. <u>gauh bāt</u>                                              | b. old pen.                                                        |
| c. <u>Jí gauh bāt</u> .                                         | c. The old pen (or pencil).                                        |
| d. <u>Jí gauh yùhnjibāt</u> .                                   | d. The old ball-point pen.                                         |

## 2. Substitution Drill: Adjectives

Ex: T: Ní dí géi daaih.  
/leng/

S: Ní dí géi leng.

T: These are (or this (mass) is)  
quite big. /pretty/

S: These are very pretty. or  
This (mass) is very pretty.

1. Ní dí géi gwai. /pèhng/

+ 2. /sai/  
(small)

3. /daaih/

+ 4. /hóuyám/  
(tasty, good to drink.)

+ 5. /hóusihk/  
(tasty, good to eat.)

+ 6. /ngāamjeuk (or āamjeuk)  
(well fitting, fits properly)

1. Ní dí géi pèhng.

2. Ní dí géi sai.  
These are (or This (mass)  
is) quite small.

3. Ní dí géi daaih.

4. Ní dí géi hóuyám.  
These are (or This is)  
very tasty. - very good to  
drink.

5. Ní dí géi hóusihk  
These are (or This is)  
very tasty. - very good  
to eat.

6. Ní dí 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?  
(say, think)

Do you think it's pretty?

2. T: Hóu mhhousihk a?

Is it tasty?

S: Néih wah hóu  
mhhousihk a?

Do you think it's tasty?

1. Ngāam mhngāamjeuk a?

1. Néih wah ngāam mhngāam  
jeuk a?

2. Gwai mhgwai a?

2. Néih wah gwai mhgwai a?

3. Pèhng mphèhng a?

3. Néih wah pèhng mphèhng a?

4. Sai mhsai a?

4. Néih wah sai mhsai a?

5. Daaih mhdaaih a?

5. Néih wah daaih mhdaaih a?

6. Hóu mhóuyám a?

6. Néih wah hóu mhóuyám a?

7. Hóu mhhousihk a?

7. Néih wah hóu mhhousihk a?

8. Leng mhleng a?

8. Néih wah leng mhleng a?

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9. Gauh mhgauh a?  
+ 10. Fut mhfut a? (wide)  
+ 11. Jaak mhjaak a? (narrow)
9. Néih wah gauh mhgauh a?  
10. Néih wah fut mhfut a?  
11. Néih wah jaak mhjaak a?
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#### 4. Substitution Drill: Pre-modifiers of Adjectives

- Ex: T: Gó tiuh fu géi pèhng. /hou/  
S: Gó tiuh fu hóu pèhng.
- Those slacks are quite cheap.  
Those slacks are very cheap.
1. Gó tiuh fu géi pèhng. /hou/  
2. Gó tiuh fu hóu gwai.  
/mhhaiah géi/
1. Gó tiuh fu hóu pèhng.  
2. Gó tiuh fu mhhaiah géi gwai.  
Those slacks aren't very expensive.
3. Gó tiuh fu mhhaiah géi gwai.  
/géi/
3. Gó tiuh fu géi gwai.
4. Gó tiuh fu géi pèhng. /mh/  
+ 5. Gó tiuh fu mh pèhng.  
/mhhaiah hóu/ (not very)
4. Gó tiuh fu mh pèhng.  
5. Gó tiuh fu mhhaiah hóu pèhng.
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#### 5. Substitution Drill: Mixed: Nouns and Adjectives

- Ex: 1. T: Gó tiuh yú géi pèhng. /hou/  
S: Gó tiuh yú hóu pèhng.
- That fish is pretty cheap.  
That fish is very cheap.
2. T: Gó tiuh yú hóu pèhng. /go biu/  
S: Gó go biu hóu pèhng.
- That fish is very cheap.  
That watch is very cheap.
1. Kéuih deui maht hóu leng.  
/mhhaiah géi/  
2. /tiuh dyún fu/  
3. /hóu gwai/  
4. /ní dí yínjái/  
5. /hóu hóusikh/
1. Kéuih deui maht mhhaiah géi leng.  
2. Kéuih tiuh dyún fu mhhaiah géi leng.  
3. Kéuih tiuh dyún fu hóu gwai.  
4. Ní dí yínjái hóu gwai.  
5. Ní dí yínjái hóu hóusikh.
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## 6. Substitution Drill: Adjectives as predicates

Ex: T: Ni gihn laangsaam      T: This sweater is pretty.  
       hou leng. /hou  
          jaak/

S: Ni gihn laangsaam      S: This sweater is narrow.  
       hou jaak.

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. N <small>i</small> gihn l <small>aang</small> s <small>aa</small> m hou jaak.<br>hou ng <small>aa</small> amjeuk. | 1. N <small>i</small> gihn l <small>aang</small> s <small>aa</small> m hou<br>ng <small>aa</small> amjeuk. |
| 2. Hou gwai.                                                                                                         | 2. N <small>i</small> gihn l <small>aang</small> s <small>aa</small> m hou gwai.                           |
| 3. Gwaidi.                                                                                                           | 3. N <small>i</small> gihn l <small>aang</small> s <small>aa</small> m gwaidi.                             |
| 4. Sai s <small>e</small> siu.                                                                                       | 4. N <small>i</small> gihn l <small>aang</small> s <small>aa</small> m sai s <small>e</small> siu.         |
| 5. Daaihd <i>i</i> .                                                                                                 | 5. N <small>i</small> gihn l <small>aang</small> s <small>aa</small> m daaihd <i>i</i> .                   |
| 6. Hou p <small>e</small> hng.                                                                                       | 6. N <small>i</small> gihn l <small>aang</small> s <small>aa</small> m hou p <small>e</small> hng.         |
| 7. Mhhaih g <i>ei</i> gwai.                                                                                          | 7. N <small>i</small> gihn l <small>aang</small> s <small>aa</small> m mhhaih<br>g <i>ei</i> gwai.         |
| 8. Mhhaih hou leng.<br>Not very pretty.                                                                              | 8. N <small>i</small> gihn l <small>aang</small> s <small>aa</small> m mhhaih<br>hou leng.                 |
| 9. Hou jaak.                                                                                                         | 9. N <small>i</small> gihn l <small>aang</small> s <small>aa</small> m hou jaak.                           |
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## 7. Substitution Drill: Repeat the first sentence, then substitute as directed.

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| 1. K <u>é</u> uih m <hjung>yi</hjung> jeuk dy <u>ú</u> n fu.<br>She doesn't like to wear shorts. | 1. K <u>é</u> uih m <hjung>yi</hjung> jeuk dy <u>ú</u> n fu.                                                               |
| + 2. /ch <u>é</u> uhngs <small>aa</small> m/(cheongsam)                                          | 2. K <u>é</u> uih m <hjung>yi</hjung> jeuk ch <u>é</u> uhng-s <small>aa</small> m.<br>She doesn't like to wear cheongsams. |
| 3. /dy <u>ú</u> n maht/(socks)                                                                   | 3. K <u>é</u> uih m <hjung>yi</hjung> jeuk dy <u>ú</u> n maht.                                                             |
| 4. /ch <u>é</u> uhng maht/(stockings)                                                            | 4. K <u>é</u> uih m <hjung>yi</hjung> jeuk ch <u>é</u> uhng maht.                                                          |
| 5. /l <a>aa</a> ngs <small>aa</small> m/                                                         | 5. K <u>é</u> uih m <hjung>yi</hjung> jeuk l <a>aa</a> ng-s <small>aa</small> m.                                           |
| 6. /ch <u>é</u> uhng fu/(long pants)                                                             | 6. K <u>é</u> uih m <hjung>yi</hjung> jeuk ch <u>é</u> uhng fu.                                                            |

Comment: A cheongsam 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?  
       /pihnggwó/  
             T: Are there oranges for sale  
             [to sell] (here)? or  
             (Do you) have oranges for  
             sale? /apples?

S: Deuimhjyuh, maaih-  
       saai laak. Pihng-  
       gwó hóu mhhóu a?  
             S: Sorry, they're all sold out.  
             Would apples be OK?

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Yáuh móuh Yinggwok hääih maaih<br>+ a? /Méihgwok ge/<br>Do you have English shoes<br>for sale? /American ones/<br>( <u>ge</u> as noun substitute) | 1. Deuimhjyuh, maaihsaai laak.<br>Méihgwok ge hóu mhhóu a?<br>I'm sorry, they're all<br>sold out. Would American<br>ones be all right? |
| 2. Yáuh móuh Méihgwok yínjái<br>maaih a? /Yinggwok ge/                                                                                               | 2. Deuimhjyuh, maaihsaai laak.<br>Yinggwok ge hóu mhhóu a?                                                                             |
| 3. Yáuh móuh jyùyuhk maaih a?<br>/ngàuhhyuhk/                                                                                                        | 3. Deuimhjyuh, maaihsaai laak.<br>Ngàuhhyuhk hóu mhhóu a?                                                                              |

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 mān 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 mān a?  
       /shake/  
             2. T: Do you have \$10?

S: Móuh a. Deui-  
       mhjyuh laak.  
             S: No I don't, I'm sorry.

1. Néih yáuh móuh tòhng a?  
       /shake/  
             1. Móuh a. Deuimhjyuh laak.

2. Néih yáuh móuh yínjái a?  
       /shake/  
             2. Móuh a. Deuimhjyuh laak.

3. Néih yáuh móuh jē a? /shake/  
             3. Móuh a. Deuimhjyuh laak.

4. Néih yáuh móuh go bun ngàhn-  
       chín a? /nod/  
             4. Yáuh. Néih yiu àh.

5. Néih yáuh móuh yih sahp mān  
       a? /shake/  
             5. Móuh a. Deuimhjyuh laak.

6. Néih yáuh móuh léuhng go bun  
ngähnchin a? /nod/  
7. Néih yáuh móuh yāt dā bējáu  
a? /nod/

6. Yáuh. Néih yiu àh!  
7. Yáuh. Néih yiu àh!

Comment: Móuh a, and Móuh laak, compared as follow sentences to a yauh 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 pihnggwó hóu pēhng. /housihk/ T: This apple is cheap. /delicious/

S: Ni go pihnggwó yauh S: This apple is both cheap and  
pēhng yauh hōusihk. delicious.

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|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Ní go cháang hóu gwai.<br>/mhhóusihk/       | 1. Ní go cháang yauh gwai yauh<br>mhhóusihk.       |
| 2. Ní go bieu hóu pèhng. /jéun/                | 2. Ní dí bieu yauh pèhng yáuh<br>jéun.             |
| 3. Gó dí beng hóu sai. /gwai/                  | 3. Gó dí beng yauh sai yauh<br>gwai.               |
| 4. Kéuih gihn sêutsâam hóu<br>chèuhng. /daaih/ | 4. Kéuih gihn sêutsâam yauh<br>chèuhng yauh daaih. |
| 5. Ní tiuh kwâhn hóu fut.<br>/daaih/           | 5. Ní tiuh kwâhn yauh fut yauh<br>daaih.           |
| 6. Ní júng bât hóu pèhng. /leng/               | 6. Ní júng bât yauh pèhng yauh<br>leng.            |

#### 11. Transformation Drill

Ex: T: Kéuih gihn yúhlāu      T: Her raincoat is pretty.  
                hóu leng.

S: Kéuih gihn yúhláu      S: Is her raincoat pretty?  
leng mhleng a?

1. Kéuih gó tiuh fu hóu ngáam-  
jeuk.  
Those trousers of his fit  
very well.

1. Kéuih gó tiuh fu ngáam-  
mhngáamjeuk a?

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- |                                    |                                            |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 2. Sahp mān mhgwai.                | 2. Sahp mān gwai mhgwai a?                 |
| 3. Nī dī maht hóu pèhng.           | 3. Nī dī maht pèhng mhpehng a?             |
| 4. Hāak sīk ge mhhaiah géi leng.   | 4. Hāak sīk ge leng mhengleng a?           |
| 5. Gó dī jyùyuhk gei hóusihk.      | 5. Gó dī jyùyuhk hóu mhhou sihk a?         |
| 6. Gó tiuh saidī.                  | 6. Gó tiuh sai mhsai a?                    |
| 7. Nī gihn baahk sēutsāam daaihdī. | 7. Nī gihn baahk sēutsāam daaih mhdaaih a? |
| 8. Kéuih gihn sāam hóu leng.       | 8. Kéuih gihn sāam leng mhengleng a?       |
| 9. Kéuih gó deui hàaih hóu jaak.   | 9. Kéuih gó deui hàaih jaak mhjaak a?      |
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12. Transformation Drill: Transform the cue sentence into a wá? question sentence, following the pattern of the example.

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|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Ex: T: Kéuih sing Wòhng.                                 | His name is Wong.                                         |
| S: Kéuih sing mēyéh wá?                                  | You said his name was what?                               |
| 1. Wòhng Sàang séung máaih tiuh fu.                      | 1. Wòhng Sàang séung máaih mēyéh wá?                      |
| 2. Léih Siujé jùngyi ngóh.                               | 2. Léih Siujé jùngyi bIngo wá?                            |
| 3. Kéuih máaih ní gihn.<br>She wants this one.           | 3. Kéuih máaih bīn gihn wá?<br>which one does she want?   |
| 4. Kéuih séung oi gó tiuh.<br>He wants to have that one. | 4. Kéuih séung oi bIn tiuh wá?<br>Which one does he want? |
| 5. Kéuih sihk bēng.                                      | 5. Kéuih sihk mēyéh wá?                                   |
| 6. Kéuih jeuk gáu houh.                                  | 6. Kéuih jeuk géidō houh wá?                              |
| 7. Yìhgā daahp yāt.                                      | 7. Yìhgā daahp géi wá?                                    |
| 8. Yìhgā sāam dím bun.                                   | 8. Yìhgā géidimjùng wá?                                   |
| 9. Kéuih máaih sei deui.                                 | 9. Kéuih máaih géidō deui wá?                             |
| 10. Kéuih yáuh sahp mān.                                 | 10. Kéuih yáuh géidō chín wá?                             |
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## 13. Expansion Drill

Ex: T: Ní gihn yúhláu saidí. This raincoat is a bit small.

S: Ní gihn yúhláu saidí, yauh móuh daaihdí ge nē? This raincoat is a bit small; do you have any larger ones?

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|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Ní dí yú gwaidí.                               | 1. Ní dí yú gwaidí, yáuh móuh pèhngdí ge nē?            |
| 2. Ní tiuh fu daaihdí.                            | 2. Ní tiuh fu daaihdí, yáuh móuh saidí ge nē?           |
| 3. Ní gihn lāangsāam chèuhngdí.                   | 3. Ní gihn lāangsāam chèuhngdí, yáuh móuh dyündí ge nē? |
| + 4. Ní gihn <u>dáisāam</u> saidí.<br>(underwear) | 4. Ní gihn dáisāam saidí, yáuh móuh daaihdí ge nē?      |
| 5. Ní tiuh fu jaak dí.                            | 5. Ní tiuh fu jaak dí, yáuh móuh fut dí ge nē?          |
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## 14. Response Drill

Ex: T: Néih oi bīn gihn sēutsāam ne? Which shirt do you want?  
/baahk sīk/  
/white color/

S: Ngóh oi baahk sīk gó gihn. I want that (or the) white one.

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|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Néih oi bīn deui maht nē?<br>/hāak sīk/ | 1. Ngóh oi hāak sīk gó deui.  |
| 2. Néih oi bīn bá jē nē? /daaihdí/         | 2. Ngóh oi daaihdí gó bá.     |
| 3. Néih oi bīn tiuh fu nē?<br>/chèuhngdí/  | 3. Ngóh oi chèuhngdí gó tiuh. |
| 4. Néih oi bīn bāau yīnjái nē?<br>/saidí/  | 4. Ngóh oi saidí gó bāau.     |
| 5. Néih oi bīn jek gāi nē?<br>/gwaidí/     | 5. Ngóh oi gwaidí gó jek.     |
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## 15. Alteration Drill

Ex: T: Ngóh ngoi gih<sup>n</sup>  
daaihdī ge.

I want a larger one.

S: Béi gih<sup>n</sup> daaihdī  
ge ngóh lā!

Give me a larger one.

- |                                             |                                               |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 1. Ngóh ngoi tiuh futdī ge.                 | 1. Béi tiuh 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 jí saidī ge.                   | 4. Béi jí saidī ge ngóh lā!                   |
| 5. Ngóh ngoi go pèhngdī ge.                 | 5. Béi go pèhngdī ge ngóh lā!                 |
| 6. Ngóh ngoi géi gih <sup>n</sup> saidī ge. | 6. Béi géi gih <sup>n</sup> saidī ge ngóh lā! |
| 7. Ngóh ngoi géi tiuh chèuhngdī<br>ge.      | 7. Béi géi tiuh chèuhngdī ge<br>ngóh lā!      |
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## 16. Response Drill

Ex: T: Ngóh séung máaih  
léuhng tiuh tāai.

T: I want to buy two ties.

S: Máaih bīn léuhng  
tiuh nē?

S: Which two do you want?

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Ngóh séung máaih tiuh tāai.                                                     | 1. Máaih bīn tiuh nē?   |
| 2. Ngóh séung máaih dī yùhnbāt.                                                    | 2. Máaih bīn dī nē?     |
| 3. Ngóh séung máaih dī bou.                                                        | 3. Máaih bīn dī nē?     |
| 4. Ngóh séung oi sàam deui<br>dyún maht.<br>I want to get three pairs<br>of socks. | 4. Oi bīn sàam deui nē? |
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## IV. CONVERSATIONS FOR LISTENING

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

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## V. SAY IT IN CANTONESE

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A. In a store, the customer says:                                                        | B. And the clerk responds:                                                   |
| 1. These shoes are pretty--<br>do you have (are there?)<br>size eight for sale?          | 1. I'm sorry, size eight is<br>all sold out.                                 |
| 2. I don't like the black ones--<br>are there white ones<br>(do you have white ones)?    | 2. Yes, what size do you want?                                               |
| 3. This sweater is a little<br>too wide--I want a smaller<br>one.                        | 3. This one is narrower--try<br>it.                                          |
| 4. I'll take a dozen of these<br>socks.                                                  | 4. Fine, what size do you wear?                                              |
| 5. This sweater is pretty, but<br>it doesn't fit--do you<br>have larger one?             | 5. Yes.                                                                      |
| 6. These shoes are a bit ex-<br>pensive, do you have any<br>cheaper ones?                | 6. Yes, those are cheaper--do<br>you like them?                              |
| 7. How much do these shorts<br>cost?                                                     | 7. This one is \$15.00 and that<br>one is \$15.50--which one<br>do you want? |
| 8. This one (sweater) is pretty<br>and fits well, but it's a<br>bit expensive--\$30, OK? | 8. OK.                                                                       |
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## Vocabulary Checklist for Lesson 8

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|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. āamjeuk     | adj: fits well, well-fitting                                                                        |
| 2. āh          | ss: sen. suf. with force of 'I suppose'                                                             |
| 3. baahk       | adj: white                                                                                          |
| 4. bīn?        | QW: which?                                                                                          |
| 5. chèuhng     | adj: long (in length)                                                                               |
| 6. chèuhngsāam | n: cheongsaam                                                                                       |
| 7. dā          | m: dozen                                                                                            |
| 8. daaih       | adj: large                                                                                          |
| 9. daaihdī     | Ph: a little larger                                                                                 |
| 10. dāisaam    | 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 mhhóu 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. jùngyi         | auxV/v: | like, prefer; like to                                              |
| 30. lāangsaam      | n:      | sweater                                                            |
| 31. leng           | adj:    | pretty; good-looking; good, nice (for foods)                       |
| 32. Máaihsaai laak | Ph:     | All sold out.                                                      |
| 33. m̄hhaiah géi   | adv:    | not very..., not....                                               |
| 34. m̄hhaiah hóu   | adv:    | not very                                                           |
| 35. móuh           | v:      | not have, there isn't (aren't)                                     |
| 36. ngāamjeuk      | adj:    | well fitting (for clothes), fits well (var.<br>of <u>aamjeuk</u> ) |
| 37. pèhng          | adj:    | cheap                                                              |
| 38. -saai          | Vsuf:   | completely                                                         |
| 39. sai            | adj:    | small                                                              |
| 40. sàñ            | adj:    | new                                                                |
| 41. sìk            | (bf)n:  | color                                                              |
| 42. wah            | v:      | say, opine                                                         |
| 43. yáuh           | v:      | have, there is (are)                                               |