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Beginner lessons for Vocabulary

Master Essential Cantonese Vocabulary for Beginners!

DEFINITION

> Cantonese vocabulary consists of words and phrases used in everyday conversation. Learning these basics helps you communicate effectively in Cantonese-speaking environments.

KEY CONCEPTS

Common Greetings

Learn basic greetings like 'hello' and 'thank you' to start conversations.

Numbers

Understanding numbers is crucial for shopping, telling time, and counting.

Food Vocabulary

Familiarize yourself with food-related words to order meals and discuss preferences.

Family Terms

Learn vocabulary related to family members to talk about your loved ones.

Colors

Knowing color names helps in describing objects and making choices.

EXAMPLES

→ □□ (nǐ hǎo) - Hello

→ □□ (xièxiè) - Thank you

→ □□□□ (wǒ xiǎng yào shuǐ) - I want water

MEMORY TIPS

★ Associate words with images, like picturing a family member when learning their title.

★ Use flashcards with pictures for food vocabulary to create visual connections.

★ Practice counting with everyday objects to reinforce number recognition.

COMMON MISTAKES

✗ Mispronouncing tones, which can change the meaning of words.

✗ Confusing similar-sounding words, like 'mā' (mother) and 'má' (hemp).

✗ Forgetting to use polite forms when greeting or thanking someone.

QUICK RECAP

Beginner Cantonese vocabulary includes essential greetings, numbers, food terms, family words, and colors. Mastering these basics will enhance your communication skills in Cantonese-speaking settings.