

I. BASIC CONVERSATION

A. Buildup:

(Walking from the bus stop on his way to work in the morning, a foreigner who is a new resident in Hong Kong meets a friend, a native resident:)

sàn lǎih ge yàhn

newcomer, new arrival

Sàn lǎih ge yàhn

A, Léih Sāang, jóusàhn.

Good morning, Mr. Lee.

jóuchāan

breakfast [early-meal]

Sihkjó jóuchāan meih a?

Have you had breakfast yet?

Búndeihyàhn

Meih a.

Not yet.

jíng

fix; make

Mhgaau síhgaan hái ngūkkéi jíng.

There wasn't enough time to fix it at home.

Sàn lǎih ge yàhn

ngāam

fitting, suitable

yārchàih

together

Ngāam laak--yārchàih lā!

Great! (We can eat) together!

Búndeihyàhn

Hóu aak.

Fine.

(The two enter a cafe and take a table)

wán ngūk

look for a house

wánjó hóu noih

searched for a long time

Tèngginwah néih wán ngūk, wánjó

I hear you've been looking

hóu noih--

for a house for quite a while--

wándóu

find [search-succeed]

Wándóu meih a?

Have you found one?

Sàn lǎih ge yàhn

Wándóu laak.

Yeah, we did.

sínji (var.: ji)

finally, (not until) then,
(only) then

Seuhng go láihbaai sínji

Last week we finally found one.

wándóu jē.

Búndeihyàhn

Gám, néih dásyun géisih bún nē?

When do you plan to move?

Sàn làih ge yàhn

chéng

invite, request

chéngdóu

hire, employ [invite-attain]

chéngdóu gùngyàhn

employ servants

ji

(not until) then (same as

sinji)

Dáng ngóhdeih chéngdóu gùngyàhn

We won't move until after we

jihauh, ji bún.

hire servants.

Búndeihyàhn

Néih yáuh móuh máaih yéh a?

Have you bought things (for the house)?

Sàn làih ge yàhn

Yáuh--

Yes--

díp

plates

chēunglím

curtains

chēunglím bou

curtain material

a

suffix to members of series

in parallel construction

Seuhng go láihbaai ngóh taaitáai

Last week my wife bought some

máaihjó dĩ búi a, díp a,

glasses, and plates, and some

chēunglím bou a--

curtain material--

gám

that kind of thing, such things

Seuhng go láihbaai ngóh

Last week my wife bought some

taaitáai máaihjó dĩ búi a,

glasses, and plates, and

díp a, chēunglím bou a, gám

some curtain material--that

jē.

kind of stuff, that's all.

gāsi

furniture

tou gāsi

set of furniture

jòu

to rent

jòu tou gāsi

rent a set of furniture

Kéuih juhng jòu tou gāsi tím

She also rented a set of

bo.

furniture, too.

Búndeihyáhn

-hóu

verb suffix: bring to
satisfactory conclusion

Dí yéh jínghóusaai meih a?

Is everything fixed up by now?

Sàn lǎih ge yáhn

yíhging

already

Yíhging jínghóusaai laak.

(Yes, it's) already all fixed
up.

Dākhàahn chéng heui choh lā.

When you have time, please go
visit.Búndeihyáhn

Hóu aak.

Fine!

yātdihng

definitely, certainly

yātdihng yiu máaih ché

certainly want to buy a car

Gám, néih hái Hèunggóng yātdihng

Say, in Hong Kong you'll

yiu máaih ché ga.

definitely have to buy a car.

Máaihjó meih a?

Have you bought one yet?

Sàn lǎih ge yáhn

Ngóh meih máaihdou bo.

I haven't gotten around to
buying one yet.

Néih ga hái bíndouh máaih ga?

Where was yours bought?

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Maybe I'll go there and have
a look.B. Recapitulation:(Walking from the bus stop on his way to work in
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Búndeihyáhn

Meih a.

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There wasn't enough time to
fix it at home.

Sàn lǎih ge yǎhn

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Búndeihyǎhn

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wándóu jē.

Búndeihyǎhn

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When do you plan to move?

Sàn lǎih ge yǎhn

Dǎng ngóhdeih chéngdóu gǔngyǎhn

We won't move until after we

jǐhauh, jǐ bǔn.

hire servants.

Búndeihyǎhn

Néih yáuh móuh máaih yéh a?

Have you bought things (for
the house)?Sàn lǎih ge yǎhn

Yáuh--

Yes--

Seuhng go lǎihbaai ngóh taai-

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táai máaihjó dĩ bǔi a, dĩp a,

glasses, and plates, and

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kind of stuff, that's all.

Kéuih juhng jōu tou gāsí tǐm bo.

She also rented a set of
furniture, too.Búndeihyǎhn

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Yíhging jǐnghóusaaí laak.

Yes, (it's) already all fixed
up.

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visit.

Bundeihyahn

Hóu aak.

Fine!

Gám, néih hái Hèunggóng yātdihng
yiu máaih chè ga.Say, in Hong Kong you'll
definitely want to buy a car.

Máaihjó meih a?

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a look.

II. NOTES

1. Verb forms for talking about what happened in the past: affirmative, negative, and question forms.

- a. Affirmative forms for talking about the past: V, V-jó, V-gwo, V-hóu, V-ge, and others.

The way the verb is inflected (whether it is plain or how it is suffixed) depends in part on what aspect of the activity the speaker wishes to focus on.

- 1) Focus on general activity: V(O)

- Ex: 1. Ngóh kàhmyaht gwo hói I went across the harbour
 haahng gungsi. yesterday to windowshop.
 2. Tèngginwah néih wán I hear you've been house-
 nguk. hunting.

- 2) Focus on a particular experience: V-gwo

- Ex: Ngóh táigwo yísāng, daahnhaih I went to the doctor, but
 kéuih wah mouh meyh. he said it wasn't anything.

- 3) Focus on the success of a particular performance: V-hóu

- Ex: Dī chēunglīm jínhóusaai The curtains are all fixed.
 laak.

- 4) Focus on accomplishment of a particular performance: V-jó

- Ex: 1. Kéuih máaihjó ga sán chè. He bought a new car.
 2. Kéuih kàhmyaht heuijó He took off for America
 Mèihgwok. yesterday.
 3. Kéuih nīpāai chéngjó He recently hired a
 gungyahn. servant.

- 5) Focus on attainment of a particular objective (though it was hard, you did it): V-dóu

- Ex: Ngóh kàhmyaht sīnji chéngdóu I finally hired a servant
 gungyahn laak. yesterday.

- 6) Focus on the time or place the action happened: Tw+V+ge; Pw+V+ge

- Ex: 1. Kéuih kàhmyaht heui ge. He went yesterday.
 2. Nīdī yéh hái bīndouh máaih ga? Where was this bought?

Basically the verb forms are set by the grammar of the language, and the speaker has only limited flexibility within grammatical confines. For example, time spent doing something in the past is expressed as V-jó + time-span phrase, or V-gwo + time-span phrase. The -jó or -gwo is required in such cases by the grammar. If the speaker uses the V + time-span pattern, he must use either -jó or -gwo, whichever is appropriate.

Ex: Ngóh {duhkjó } léuhng nihh I studied at college for two
 {duhkgwo} daaihohk. years.

Money transactions accomplished are also expressed in VO form, with a -jó or -gwo suffix to the V, and a nu.-M money expression as O.

Ex: Ní ga chè yiu maaih maahn This car (we) wanted to sell for
 ngh mǎn, sāumēi maaihjó \$15,000, but finally closed the
 maahn yih mǎn. deal (sell-accomplish) for
 \$12,000.

(See Drill 12)

b. Negative forms for talking about the past: móuh V and meih V.

1) móuh V

Móuh Verb (ex. móuh máaih, móuh sihk, móuh heui) concerns a certain time in the past and asserts that the action expressed by the verb phrase did not take place at that time.

Ex: Ngóh gǎmyahnt móuh sihk I didn't eat breakfast today.
 jóuchāan. (said in the afternoon)

2) meih V

Meih Verb (ex. meih máaih, meih sihk, meih heui) concerns an action which the speaker expects/expected to happen, but which hasn't/hadn't happened at the moment of speaking/moment spoken about, but which is/was still planned.

Ex: 1. Ngóh meih sihk I haven't eaten breakfast. (implies
 jóuchāan. that you're planning to)
 2. Ngóh góján meih At that time I hadn't graduated.
 bātyihp. (implies that you later did graduate)

c. Choice-question forms for talking about the past: yáuh móuh V?, and

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \underline{V-jó} \\ \underline{V-gwo} \\ \underline{V-hóu} \\ \text{Etc.} \end{array} \right\} \text{ meih?}$$

1) yáuh móuh V?

This form concerns time prior to the time of speaking, and inquires whether an action expressed by the verb phrase took place. The speaker has no preconception of whether the action did or did not occur.

- Ex: 1. Néih yáuh móuh máaih Have you bought a new car? (I
sàn chē a? don't know that you plan to.)
2. Kéuih yáuh móuh daaih- Did he graduate from college? (Is
hohk bātyihp ga? he a college graduate?-- I don't
have any knowledge of his
educational attainments)
3. Néih yáuh móuh tái Have you seen a doctor?
yīsāng a?

2) V-jó/gwo/hóu, etc. meih?

In using the meih form the speaker indicates that he knows the action of the verb has happened or will happen at some time. The question is not whether the action occurred, but whether it has/had occurred at the time he is talking/talking about.

- Ex: 1. Néih máaihjó ga sàn Have you bought (or did you buy)
chē meih? a/the new car yet? (I know you
plan to.)
2. Kéuih gójahnsìh bātjò Had he graduated at that time?
yihp meih a?
3. Néih táigwo yīsāng Have you seen a doctor (yet)?
meih a?

2. meih 'not (yet)' in sentences of future reference.

meih occasionally occurs in negative and question sentences referring to future events. The sentence patterns in such cases are:

Neg: future-TW meih V = will not have V-ed by future TW time

Q: future-TW V meih? = will have V-ed or not by future TW time?

Example sentences:

Neg: Tíngyaht meih fàanlāih. He won't have come back by to-
morrow. [Tomorrow not yet return.]

Q: Tíngyaht fàanlāih meih a? Will he have come back by
tomorrow? (You expected him back
yesterday and have just been told
that he is still not back.)

These are not garden variety futures-- (the garden variety futures being mhV and V mhV?). The negative expresses that something which you would normally expect to happen by a certain time will not have happened by then. The question indicates that you expected something to have happened by the time indicated by the timeword, but you now have reason to doubt that it will have happened by then.

(See Drill 5)

3. sínji (variant: ji) 'finally;' '(only) then;' '(not until) then'

(sín)ji implies 'later than one would expect or desire.' It functions as an adverb in a single clause sentence, and as a conjunction in a double clause sentence.

- Ex: 1. Kéuih tǐngyaht (sín)ji Tomorrow he finally leaves.
 jáu. Not until tomorrow does he leave.
2. Dǎng ngóhdeih chéngdóu We'll wait till after we get
 gungyahn jǐhauh, (sín)ji servants hired, only then will
 bún. we move.

(See BC and Drills 4,5,6)

4. a = suffix to members of series in parallel construction

Example:

1. Ngóh máaihjó dǐ bǐi a, dǐp a, I bought some cups, and plates,
 chéunglím a. and curtains.
2. Ngóh kǎhmyaht síhkháh yéh a, Yesterday I ate, and read, and
 táiháh syù a, fanháh gaau a. slept.

(See BC)

5. S $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{hái bǐndouh} \\ \text{tùhng bǐngo} \\ \text{géisí} \end{array} \right\}$ V ge/ga = S is/was $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{where} \\ \text{with whom} \\ \text{when} \end{array} \right\}$ V-ed.

a. The central point of a sentence is sometimes not the 'who does what' of it, but the 'where, when, from or with whom' of it. For example, compare the following two English sentences:

1. I bought plates at Wing On, not at Sincere.
 2. I bought plates at Wing On, not glasses.

When the point of the sentence is where, when, from whom, with whom something is done, the Cantonese preference is to split the basic VO phrase and reconstruct the sentence, putting the O of the VO into subject position, making the when/where part central and the verb last, followed by the sentence suffix ge/ga 'that's the way it is.'

Example:

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| 1. Néih ga chē (haih) hái
bīndouh maaaih ga? | Where was your car bought? |
| 2. Néih ga chē (haih) géisi
maaaih ga? | When was your car bought? |
| 3. Néih ga chē (haih) tūhng
bīngo maaaih ga? | From whom was your car bought? |
| 4. Néih ga chē tūhng bīngo
maaaih ga? | For (on behalf of) whom was your car bought? |

(See BC and Drill 16)

- b. For convenience in referring to this pattern we will call it the hái bīndouh V ge pattern, though as you see hái bīndouh is not the only phrase that fills the position.
- c. It usually turns out that this pattern translates into English in a past tense form, because ordinarily what is talked about using this pattern are things that have already happened. The form is, however, not a past reference form, and can be used for non-past situations.

Ex: Nī jūng bējáu hái Weihòhng This kind of beer is sold
maaaih ga. at Wellcome Company.

(Compare with:)

Nī dĩ bējáu hái Weihòhng This beer was bought at
maaaih ga. Wellcome Company.

(See Drill 14)

- d. When one wishes to highlight the 'what' part, rather than the 'where/when/from whom' part, the sentence is phrased in standard SVO form instead of the hái bīndouh V ge form.

Ex: Ngóh hái Wíhng Ōn Gūngsī I bought some glasses at
maaaihjo dĩ bui. Wing On Company.

(Compare with:)

Nī dĩ búi hái Wíhng Ōn These glasses were bought at
Gūngsī maaaih ge. Wing On Company.

6. -hóu = V.suf. indicating that the action expressed by the performance verb preceding is brought to a satisfactory conclusion.

Ex: jǐng = to work on, to make, to fix
jǐnghóu = to fix up, to fix so that it's OK
góng = speak
góngghóu = to talk it over and come to an agreement
gwa = to hang
gwahóu = to hang up

III. DRILLS

1. Expansion Drill

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| <p>+ 1. a. <u>ngūkjòu</u>, ngūkjōu</p> <p>b. géi(dō) chín ngūkjōu a?</p> <p>c. béi géi(dō) chín ngūkjōu a?</p> <p>d. yiu béi géi(dō) chín ūkjōu a?</p> <p>e. yāt go yuht yiu béi géi(dō) chín ūkjōu a?</p> <p>f. Néih yāt go yuht yiu béi géi(dō) chín ūkjōu a?</p> | <p>1. a. <u>house rent</u></p> <p>b. how much rent?</p> <p>c. how much rent (do you) pay? [give]</p> <p>d. have to pay how much rent?</p> <p>e. have to pay how much rent per month?</p> <p>f. How much rent do you pay a month?</p> |
| <p>+ 2. a. <u>yàhngūng</u>, yàhngūng</p> <p>b. géidō chín yàhngūng a?</p> <p>c. béi géidō chín yàhngūng a?</p> <p>d. yiu béi géidō chín yàhngūng a?</p> <p>e. yāt go yuht yiu béi géidō chín yàhngūng a?</p> <p>f. Néih yāt go yuht yiu béi géidō chín yàhngūng a?</p> <p>g. Néih yāt go yuht yiu béi géidō chín yàhngūng néih gūngyáhn a?</p> | <p>2. a. <u>wages</u> (of servants, day laborers)</p> <p>b. how much wages?</p> <p>c. how much wages (do you) pay?</p> <p>d. How much wages do you have to pay?</p> <p>e. How much wages (do you) have to pay per month?</p> <p>f. How much wages do you have to pay per month?</p> <p>g. How much wages do you have to pay your servant per month? <u>or</u> What do you pay your servant per month?</p> |
| <p>+ 3. a. <u>sànséui</u></p> <p>+ b. <u>maahn</u> lèhng mǎn sànséui gamseuhnghá
(<u>maahn</u> = <u>ten thousand</u>)</p> <p>c. yáuh maahn lèhng mǎn sànséui gamseuhnghá</p> <p>d. yāt nihh yáuh maahn lèhng mǎn sànséui gamseuhnghá</p> <p>e. Kéuih yāt nihh yáuh maahn lèhng mǎn sànséui gamseuhnghá.</p> | <p>3. a. <u>salary</u> (of white collar workers)</p> <p>b. approximately ten thousand and some dollars salary</p> <p>c. gets approximately \$10,000 and some salary</p> <p>d. gets approximately \$10,000 and some salary a year</p> <p>e. He gets a salary of approximately \$10,000 and some per year.</p> |

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| 4. a. jòu ge, jōu ge | 4. a. rented one, rented |
| b. haih jòu ge | b. is a rented one |
| c. gāan ngūk haih jòu ge | c. The house is rented, is a rented one |
| d. Gó gāan ngūk haih jòu ge | d. That house is a rented one |
| e. Gó gāan ngūk haih m̃haih jòu ga? | e. Is that house a rented one? |
| f. Néih jyuh gó gāan ngūk haih m̃haih jòu ga? | f. Is the house you are living in a rented one? |
| g. Néih chānchīk jyuh gó gāan ngūk haih m̃haih jòu ga? | g. Is the house your relative lives in a rented one? |
| + 5. a. <u>jyú</u> | 5. a. <u>cook</u> |
| + b. <u>jyú faahn</u> | b. cook rice, i.e., <u>cook (Chinese style) food</u> |
| c. sīk jyú faahn | c. knows how to cook (Chinese) food |
| d. sīk m̃sīk jyú faahn a? | d. know how to cook Chinese food? |
| e. go gūngyāhn sīk m̃sīk jyú faahn a? | e. Does the servant know how to cook (Chinese) food? |
| f. Gó go gūngyāhn sīk m̃sīk jyú faahn a? | f. Does that servant know how to cook (Chinese) food? |
| g. Néih gó go gūngyāhn sīk m̃sīk jyú faahn a? | g. Does your servant know how to cook (Chinese) food? |
| 6. a. jīng | 6. a. fix |
| + b. <u>jīng chāan</u> | b. <u>make, cook (Western) meals</u> |
| c. m̃sīk jīng chāan | c. can't cook Western style food |
| d. m̃sīk jīng jóuchāan | d. doesn't know how to cook breakfast |

2. Response Drill

Ex: 1. T: Kéuih bātjǎo yihp T: Has she graduated yet?
 meih a? /gauhnín/ /last year/

S: Bātjǎo laak. Gauhnín bāt ge. S: Yes, she has -- (she) graduated last year.

2. T: Kéuih bātjǎo yihp T: Has she graduated yet?
 meih a? /chēutnín/ /next year/

S: Meih. Chēutnín sǐnji bātyihp. S: Not yet. She graduates [not until] next year.

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| 1. Kéuih fàanjǎo làih meih a?
/seuhnggo làihbaai/ | 1. Fàanjǎo laak. Seuhnggo làihbaai fàan ge. |
| 2. Néih sǐnsàang fàanjǎo heui
Méihgwok meih a?
/hahgo yuht/ | 2. Meih. Hahgo yuht sǐnji fàan heui. |
| 3. Néih go néui bātjǎo yihp meih a?
/cheut nín sàam yuht/ | 3. Meih. Chēut nín sàam yuht sǐnji bātyihp. |
| 4. Néih go jái bātjǎo yihp meih a?
/gauh nín luhk yuht/ | 4. Bātjǎo laak. Gauh nín luhk yuht bāt ge. |
| 5. Chàhn Siujé dǎjǎo dihnwá bái
néih meih a? /kàhmyaht/ | 5. Dǎjǎo laak. Kàhmyaht dá ge. |
| + 6. Néih táijǎo <u>boujǐ</u> meih a?
/dǎngjǎn/
Have you read the <u>newspaper</u>
yet? /in a (short) while/ | 6. Meih. Dǎngjǎn sǐnji tái.
Not yet. I'm going to read it in a little while. |
| 7. Yihgā chāt dǐm laak. Wòhng
+ Sǎang sihkjǎo <u>máahnfaahn</u>
meih a? /baat dǐm/
(evening meal) | 7. Meih. Baat dǐm sǐnji sihk.
Not yet -- He's going to eat at 8. |
| 8. Yihgā bāat dǐm laak. Hōh
+ Tái <u>héijǎo sǎn</u> meih a?
/chāt dǐm/
(néi sǎn =
<u>get up</u> (from sleeping)) | 8. Héijǎo laak. Chāt dǐm héi ge. |

3. Expansion Drill

Ex: 1. T: Kéuih seuhnggo
láihaai móuh
heui. /hahgo
láihaai/

T: He didn't go last week.
/next week/

S: Kéuih seuhnggo
láihaai móuh
heui, hahgo láih-
baai sinji heui.

S: He didn't go last week, (he)
will go [not until] next
week.

2. T: Kéuih nígo yuht
meih heui.
/hahgo yuht/

T: He hasn't gone this month.
/next month/

S: Kéuih nígo yuht
meih heui, hahgo
yuht sinji heui.

S: He hasn't gone this month,
(he) will go [not until]
next month.

3. T: Kéuih seuhnggo
yuht móuh síh-
gaan heui.
/hahgo yuht/

T: He didn't have time to go
last month. /next month/

S: Kéuih seuhnggo
yuht móuh síh-
gaan heui, hahgo
yuht sinji heui.

S: He didn't have time to go
last month, (he'll) go [not
until] next month.

1. Ngóh taaitái yāt houh meih
heui. /sàam houh/

1. Ngóh taaitái yāt houh meih
heui, sàam houh sinji heui.

2. Ngóh go jái gámnin meih bāt-
yihp. /chēutnin/

2. Ngóh go jái gámnin meih
bātyihp, chēutnin sinji
bātyihp.

3. Ngóh sínsàang kàhmyaht móuh
fàangung. /gāmyaht/

3. Ngóh sínsàang kàhmyaht
móuh fàangung, gāmyaht
sinji fàan.

4. Ngóh dí sailógō seuhng go
láihaai móuh heui yāuhséui.
/nígo láihbaai/

4. Ngóh dí sailógō seuhng go
láihaai móuh heui yāuh-
séui, nígo láihbaai sinji
heui.

5. Wòhng Sàang nígo yuht móuh
síhgaan bún uk. /hahgo yuht/

5. Wòhng Sàang nígo yuht móuh
síhgaan bún uk, hahgo
yuht sinji bún.

6. Hòh Táai nígo láihbaaiyaht móuh
síhgaan jòuh sām. /hahgo
láihaaiyaht/

6. Hòh Táai nígo láihbaaiyaht
móuh síhgaan jòuh sām,
hahgo láihbaaiyaht sinji
jòuh.

4. Response Drill

Ex: 1. T: Kéuih héijó sà
meih a? /shake;
gáu dímjūng/

T: Has he gotten up yet?
/shake; 9 o'clock/

S: Meih. Kéuih dá-
ayun gáu dímjūng
ji heisàn.

S: Not yet. He plans to get up
at 9 o'clock. [only then]

2. T: Kéuih fàanjógùng
meih a? nod;
baat dímjūng/

T: Has he gone to work yet?
/nod; 8 o'clock/

S: Fàanjó laak.
Kéuih baat dím-
jūng jauh fàanjó
laak.

S: Yes, he has. He went back at
8. [that soon]

1. Kéuih sihkjó ngaanjau meih a?
/nod/ yāt dímjūng/
2. Néih sīnsàang fàanjólàih meih
a? /shake/ luhk dím géi/
3. Néih go jái heuijó dá bō meih
a? /nod/ gáu dímjūng/
4. Néih taaitāai heuijó yám chàh
meih a? /shake/ gáu dím bun/
5. Wòhng Sàang héijó sà meih a?
/nod/ baat dím/
6. Léih Táai sihkjó mǎahnfaahn
meih a? /nod/ baat dím
yātgowāt/

1. Sihkjó la. Kéuih yāt dím-
jūng jauh sihkjó laak.
2. Meih. Kéuih dásyun luhk dím
géi ji fàan.
3. Heuijó la. Kéuih gáu dím-
jūng jauh heuijó laak.
4. Meih. Kéuih dásyun gáu dím
bun ji heui.
5. Héijó la. Kéuih baat dím
jauh héijó laak.
6. Sihkjó la. Kéuih baat dím
yātgowāt jauh sihkjó
laak.

Comment: The action expressed in a clause introduced by (sīn)ji
is felt to be later than one might expect.

5. Alteration Drill

Ex: T: Kéuih tīngyaht fàan
mhfàanlāih a?

T: Will he be back tomorrow?

S: Kéuih tīngyaht fàan-
lāih meih a?

S: Will he be back by tomorrow?

1. Kéuih tīngyaht jáu mhjáu a?
2. Kéuih sīnsàang tīngyaht fàan
mhfàangùng a?
3. Néih tīngyaht heui mhheui ló
chín a?

1. Kéuih tīngyaht jáu meih a?
2. Kéuih sīnsàang tīngyaht
fàangùng meih a?
3. Néih tīngyaht heui ló chín
meih a?

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| 4. Néih taaitáai tǐngyaht heui
m̀hheui tái yīsāng a? | 4. Néih taaitáai tǐngyaht heui
tái yīsāng meih a? |
| 5. Kéuih gáu dǐm héi m̀hhéisàn a? | 5. Kéuih gáu dǐm héisàn meih a? |
| 6. Kéuih dǐ jǎinéui tǐngyaht
fàan m̀hfàanlāih a? | 6. Kéuih dǐ jǎinéui tǐngyaht
fàanlāih meih a? |

6. Response Drill

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| Ex: 1. T: Kéuih tǐngyaht
fàanlāih meih
a? /nod/ | T: Will he be back by tomorrow?
/nod/ |
| S: Fàan laak. | S: Yes, he will have returned by
then. |
| 2. T: Kéuih tǐngyaht
fàanlāih meih
a? /shake/ hahgo
lāihbaai/ | T: Will he be back by tomorrow?
/shake/ next week/ |
| S: Meih a, hahgo
lāihbaai sǐnji
fàan. | S: It'll be next week before he
gets back. <u>or</u>
No, he's not coming back
until next week. |
| 1. Kéuih tǐngyaht heui meih a?
/nod/ | 1. Heui laak. |
| 2. Kéuih taaitáai tǐngyaht jáu
meih a? /nod/ | 2. Jáu laak. |
| 3. Kéuih sǐnsāang tǐngyaht làih
meih a? /shake/ hahgo lāih-
baai/ | 3. Meih a, hahgo lāihbaai
sǐnji làih. |
| 4. Néih tǐngyaht fàangùng meih a?
/shake/ hahgo lāihbaaiyāt/ | 4. Meih a, hahgo lāihbaaiyāt
sǐnji fàan. |
| 5. Néih go jái tǐngyaht heui tái
yīsāng meih a? /nod/ | 5. Heui laak. |
| 6. Kéuihdeih tǐngyaht b̀un ūk
meih a? /shake/ hahgo yuht/ | 6. Meih a, hahgo yuht sǐnji
b̀un. |
| 7. Hòh Táai tǐngyaht máaih dǐp
meih a? /nod/ | 7. Máaih laak. |

7. Alteration Drill: Transform the sentences from géisih Verb to Verb-jó meih.

Ex: Kéuih géisih làih a?

T: When is he coming?

S: Kéuih làihjó meih a?

S: Has he come yet?

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| 1. Kéuih géisih chēutgāai a? | 1. Kéuih chēutjó gāai meih a? |
| 2. Néih sīnsāang géisih heui Méihgwok a? | 2. Néih sīnsāang heuijó Méihgwok meih a? |
| 3. Wòhng Táai géisih bunn ūk a? | 3. Wòhng Táai bunnjó ūk meih a? |
| 4. Néih géidimjūng sihk ngaanjau a? | 4. Néih sihkjó ngaanjau meih a? |
| 5. Néih géidimjūng sihk faahn a? | 5. Néih sihkjó faahn meih a? |
| 6. Néih taaitāai géisih fàan-làih a? | 6. Néih taaitāai fàanjólàih meih a? |
| 7. Kéuih géisí máaih sǎn ch̀e a? | 7. Kéuih máaihjó sǎn ch̀e meih a? |
| 8. Kéuih géisí jáu a? | 8. Kéuih jáujó meih a? |
| 9. Kéuih géisí heui Yahtbún.a? | 9. Kéuih heuijó Yahtbún meih a? |
| 10. Kéuih géisí heui dá bō a? | 10. Kéuih heuijó dá bō meih a? |
| 11. Kéuih géisí fāangùng a? | 11. Kéuih fāanjó gùng meih a? |
| 12. Kéuih géisí héisàn a? | 12. Kéuih héijó sǎn meih a? |
| 13. Kéuih géisí gitfan a? | 13. Kéuih gitjó fan meih a? |

8. Response Drill

Ex: T: Kéuih bunnjó uk meih
a? /tingyaht/

T: Has he moved house yet?
/tomorrow/

S: Meih. Waahkjé ting-
yaht lā.

S: Not yet -- maybe tomorrow.

1. Kéuih sihkjó faahn meih a?
/yāt dīmjung/

1. Meih. Waahkjé yāt dīmjung
lā.

2. Kéuih héijó sán meih a?
/gáu dīm bun/

2. Meih. Waahkjé gáu dīm bun lā.

3. Néih sīnsāang fāanjó Méihgwok
meih a? /hahgo yuht/

3. Meih. Waahkjé hahgo yuht
lā.

4. Néih taaitāai wāndōu gūngyāhn
meih a? /hahgo láihbaai/

4. Meih. Waahkjé hahgo láih-
baai lā.

5. Wòhng Táai làihjó Hèunggóng
meih a? /hahgo yuht yāt
houh/

5. Meih. Waahkjé hahgo yuht
yāt houh lā.

6. Néih go jái maaiahjó chē meih
a? /uigo láihbaai/

6. Meih. Waahkjé nigo láihbaai
lā.

9. Transformation Drill: Transform the sentences from séung Verb to Verb-jó.

Ex: T: Tèngginwah kéuih
séung maaiah ga
sán chē.

T: I hear he plans to buy a new
car.

S: Tèngginwah kéuih
maaihjó ga sán
chē laak.

S: I hear he bought a new car.

1. Tèngginwah kéuih séung bunn
nguk.

1. Tèngginwah kéuih bunnjó
nguk laak.

2. Tèngginwah néih sīnsāang
séung fāan Méihgwok.

2. Tèngginwah néih sīnsāang
fāanjó Méihgwok laak.

3. Tèngginwah néih taaitāai séung
maaih tou sán gāsí.

3. Tèngginwah néih taaitāai
maaihjó tou sán gāsí laak.

4. Tèngginwah Léih Sāang séung
heui Méihgwok.

4. Tèngginwah Léih Sāang heui-
jó Méihgwok laak.

5. Tèngginwah Jèung Táai séung
maaih gāan uk.

5. Tèngginwah Jèung Táai
maaihjó gāan uk laak.

6. Tèngginwah néih go jái séung
maaih ga chē.

6. Tèngginwah néih go jái
maaihjó ga chē laak.

7. Tèngginwah Chàhn Siujé séung
wan ngūk.

7. Tèngginwah Chàhn Siujé
wandóu ngūk laak.
I hear Miss Chan found a
house.

8. Tèngginwah Hòh Táai séung chéng
gungyàhn. /chéngdóu/

8. Tèngginwah Hòh Táai chéng-
dóu gungyàhn laak.
I hear Mrs. Ho engaged a
servant.

10. Expansion Drill: Expand the sentences with the given time expressions.

Ex: T: Hòh Sàang yíhging
dájó dihnwá bái
ngóh laak.
/kàhmyaht/

T: Mr. Ho already called me.
/yesterday/

S: Hòh Sàang kàhmyaht
yíhging dájó dihn-
wá bái ngóh laak.

S: Mr. Ho already called me
yesterday.

1. Kéuih yíhging héijó sán laak.
/chāt dīm bun/
He's already gotten up.
/7:30/

1. Kéuih chāt dīm bun yíhging
héijó sán laak.
He's already gotten up
by half past seven.

2. Ngóh sīnsàang yíhging máaihjó
ga sán chē laak. /seuhnggo
yuht/

2. Ngóh sīnsàang seuhnggo
yuht yíhging máaihjó ga
sán chē laak.

3. Chàhn Táai yíhging chéngdóu
gungyàhn laak. /seuhnggo
lāihbaaisām/

3. Chàhn Táai seuhnggo lāih-
baaisām yíhging chéngdóu
gungyàhn laak.

4. Wòhng Siujé yíhging bunjó ūk
laak. /seuhnggo yuht sei
houh/

4. Wòhng Siujé seuhnggo yuht
sei houh yíhging bunjó
ūk laak.

5. Ngóh taaitái yíhging heuijó
yám chàh laak. /gáu dīm bun/

5. Ngóh taaitái gáu dīm bun
yíhging heuijó yám chàh
laak.

6. Ngóh go jái yíhging heuijó
dá bō laak. /baat dīmjung/

6. Ngóh go jái baat dīmjung
yíhging heuijó dá bō
laak.

11. Response Drill

Ex: T: Kéuih heuijó meih a? T: Has he gone yet? /last month/
/seuhnggo yuht/

S: Heuijó laak. Kéuih S: Yes - He went last month.
seuhnggo yuht
heui ge.

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| 1. Kéuih làihjó meih a?
/seuhnggo làihbaai/ | 1. Làihjó laak. Kéuih seuhng-
go làihbaai làih ge. |
| 2. Néih sīnsàang fàanjó Méihgwok
meih a? /nigo yuht/ | 2. Fàanjó laak. Kéuih nigo
yuht fàan ge. |
| 3. Wòhng Sàang máaihjó chē meih
a? /seuhnggo làihbaaisàam/ | 3. Máaihjó laak. Kéuih seuhng-
go làihbaaisàam máaih ge. |
| 4. Néih taaitāai chéngjó gūngyahn
meih a? /kàhmyaht/ | 4. Chéngjó laak. Kéuih kàhmyaht
chéng ge. |
| 5. Chàhn Sīujé sīhkjó nganjanau
meih a? /dīm bun jūng/ | 5. Sīhkjó laak. Kéuih dīm bun
jūng sīhk ge. |

12. Expansion Drill

Ex: T: /chē/maahn yih
mān/

S: Nī ga chē máaihjó
maahn yih mān.

T: /car/12 thousand dollars/

S: This car was bought for \$12,000.
or
This car (I) bought (it) for
\$12,000.

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| 1. /ūk/\$56,000/ | 1. Nī gāan ūk máaihjó ngh
maahn luhk mān. |
| 2. /faaijī/\$8/ | 2. Nī deui faaijī máaihjó
baat mān. |
| 3. /gāng/\$6.50/ | 3. Nī jek gāng máaihjó luhk
go bun. |
| 4. /dáfógēi/\$46.50/ | 4. Nī go dáfógēi máaihjó sei-
sahp luhk go bun. |
| 5. /chē/\$35,000/ | 5. Nī ga chē máaihjó sàam
maahn ngh mān. |
| + 6. /jèung tói/\$16.00/
(table) | 6. Nī jèung tói máaihjó sahp-
luhk mān. |
| 7. /gāsi/\$10,000/ | 7. Nī tou gāsi máaihjó yāt
maahn mān. |

13. Alteration Drill

- + Ex: 1. T: Yāt mǎn Méihgām hóyih wuhn luhk
mǎn góngjǐ gamseuhnghá.
(American money)
(Hong Kong money)
- T: One dollar U.S. can be exchanged for about six dollars Hong Kong.
- S: Yāt mǎn Méihgām jíkhaih luhk
mǎn góngjǐ gamseuhnghá.
- S: One dollars U.S. -- well, that's about six dollars Hong Kong
2. T: Léuhng mǎn Méihgām hóyih wuhn
gái chín góngjǐ a?
- T: How much in Hong Kong money can you get for two dollars U. S.?
- S: Léuhng mǎn Méihgām jíkhaih gái chín góngjǐ a?
- S: Two dollars U.S. is how much in Hong Kong money?
- + 1. Yāt Yíngbohng hóyih wuhn sahpluhk mǎn Góngjǐ.
(English pound (sterling))
1. Yāt Yíngbohng jíkhaih sahpluhk mǎn Góngjǐ.
2. Sahpyih mǎn Góngjǐ hóyih wuhn gái chín Méihgām a?
2. Sahpyih mǎn Góngjǐ jíkhaih gái chín Méihgām a?
3. Ngh Yíngbohng hóyih wuhn gái chín Góngjǐ a?
3. Ngh Yíngbohng jíkhaih gái chín Góngjǐ a?
4. Yāt Yíngbohng hóyih wuhn gái chín Méihgām a?
4. Yāt Yíngbohng jíkhaih gái chín Méihgām a?
5. Yāt Yíngbohng hóyih wuhn léuhng go gái ngàhnchín Méihgām gamseuhnghá.
5. Yāt Yíngbohng jíkhaih léuhng go gái ngàhnchín Méihgām gamseuhnghá.
6. Ngh mǎn Méihgām hóyih wuhn sàam-sahp mǎn góngjǐ gamseuhnghá.
6. Ngh mǎn Méihgām jíkhaih sàam-sahp mǎn góngjǐ gamseuhnghá.
7. Yāt maahn mǎn góngjǐ hóyih wuhn gái chín Yíngbohng a?
7. Yāt maahn mǎn góngjǐ jíkhaih gái chín Yíngbohng a?
8. Sahp maahn mǎn Méihgām hóyih wuhn luhksahp maahn góngjǐ.
8. Sahp maahn mǎn Méihgām jíkhaih luhksahp maahn góngjǐ.
9. Yāt maahn Yíngbohng hóyih wuhn sahpluhk maahn góngjǐ.
9. Yāt maahn Yíngbohng jíkhaih sahpluhk maahn góngjǐ.
10. Yāt baak maahn góngjǐ hóyih wuhn gái chín Yíngbohng a?
10. Yāt baak maahn góngjǐ jíkhaih gái chín Yíngbohng a?

Comment: Note that Yingbohng 'English pound (sterling)' (also pronounced Yingbong) has the grammatical status of a Measure, whereas Méihgām, 'American money', and Góngjī, 'Hong Kong money' have the status of Nouns:

Number - Measure - Noun

sàam Yingbohng = 3

sàam mǎn Méihgām = US\$300

sàam mǎn Góngjī = HK\$300

14. Response Drill

Ex: T: Nǐ go dǎfógēi hái
bīndouh máaih ga?
/Yahtbún/

T: Where did you buy this lighter?
/Japan/

S: Nǐ go dǎfógēi hái
Yahtbún máaih ge.

S: I bought this lighter in Japan.

1. Nǐ go dǎfógēi géisǐ máaih ga?
/seuhnggo laihbaaiyāt/

1. Nǐ go dǎfógēi seuhnggo
laihbaiyāt máaih ge.

2. Nǐ jǐ bāt tūhng bīngō je ga?
/Léih Táai/

2. Nǐ jǐ bāt tūhng Léih Táai
je ge.

3. Nǐ gihn sēutsāam sung bēi
bīngō ga? /ngóh bàhbā/

3. Nǐ gihn sēutsāam sung bēi
ngóh bàhbā ge.

4. Nǐ jūng hàaih hái bīn gāan
gūngsǐ máaih ga? /Wihng
Ōn Gūngsǐ/

4. Nǐ jūng hàaih hái Wihng Ōn
Gūngsǐ máaih ge.

5. Nǐ jūng hàaih haih bīn gwok
jouh ga? /Yinggwok/

5. Nǐ jūng hàaih haih Yinggwok
jouh ge.

6. Nǐ dǐ bēng bīngō jǐng ga?
/ngóh taaitāai/

6. Nǐ dǐ bēng ngóh taaitāai
jǐng ge.

7. Nǐ ga chē hái bīndouh máaih ga?
/Hèunggóng/

7. Nǐ ga chē hái Hèunggóng
maaih ge.

Comment: The sentences above are not necessarily past in reference. For example #5 might be: This kind of shoe is made in what country? and #3: This shirt is one you're giving to whom?

15. Expansion Drill

Ex: T: Kéuih wán ūk.
/hóu noih/

T: He is looking for (or looked
for) a house. /very long
(time)/

S: Kéuih wán ūk, wánjó
hóu noih.

S: He's been looking (or looked)
for a house for a long time.

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| 1. Kéuih wán gùngyàhn. /hóu noih/ | 1. Kéuih wán gùngyàhn, wánjó
hóu noih. |
| 2. Kéuih sihk aan. /móuhgéinoih/ | 2. Kéuih sihk aan, sihkjó móuh-
géinoih.
He didn't take long to
eat lunch. |
| 3. Kéuih bün ūk. /gái go jūngtáuh/ | 3. Kéuih bün ūk, bünjó gái go
jūngtáuh.
He took several hours to
move. |
| 4. Kéuih fàan Gwóngjàu. /sei go
yuht/ | 4. Kéuih fàan Gwóngjàu, fàanjó
sei go yuht. |
| 5. Kéuih duhk Yíngmàhn. /baat
nìhn/ | 5. Kéuih duhk Yíngmàhn, duhkjó
baat nìhn. |
| 6. Kéuih heui Tòihwāan. /sàam go
yuht/ | 6. Kéuih heui Tòihwāan, heuijó
sàam go yuht. |
| 7. Kéuih jòuh sām. /yāt go láih-
baai/ | 7. Kéuih jòuh sām, jòuhjó
yāt go láihbaai. |
| + 8. Kéuih <u>jíng chē</u> . /léuhng yaht/
He <u>repairs cars</u> . | 8. Kéuih jíng chē, jíngjó
léuhng yaht. |
| 9. Kéuih jyú faahn. /bun go jūng-
táuh/ | 9. Kéuih jyú faahn, jyújó bun
go jūngtáuh. |
| + 10. Kéuih <u>sé jìh</u> . /yìhsahp fān-
jūng/
(write [write-words]) | 10. Kéuih sé jìh, séjó yìhsahp
fānjūng. |

16. Substitution Drill: Repeat the first sentence after the teacher, then substitute as directed.

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| 1. Néih ga chē tūhng bíngó jōu
ga?
Your car is/was rented from
whom?
i.e. Who'd you rent your
car from? | 1. Néih ga chē tūhng bíngó
jōu ga? |
| 2. /tou gāsi/ | 2. Néih tou gāsi tūhng bíngó
jōu ga? |

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| 3. /hái bīndouh/ | 3. Néih tou gāsi hái bīndouh
jōu ga? |
| 4. /māaih/ | 4. Néih tou gāsi hái bīndouh
māaih ga? |
| + 5. /tou būi-dīp/
(tea set; i.e., a set of
cups and saucers) | 5. Néih tou būidīp hái bīndouh
māaih ga?
Where did you buy your
tea set? |
| + 6. /tou wún-dihp/
(a set of dishes--bowls and
plates) | 6. Néih tou wún-dihp hái bīn-
douh māaih ga?
Where did you buy your
set of china? |
| 7. /jèung tóih/ | 7. Néih jèung tóih hái bīndouh
māaih ga? |
| 8. /jīng/ | 8. Néih jèung tóih hái bīndouh
jīng ga? |
| + 9. /jèung yí/ | 9. Néih jèung yí hái bīndouh
jīng ga?
Where was your chair made? |

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

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. A Sei, ngóh fu ngáhnghéng
wán mhdou gé.
A Sei! I can't find my
glasses! | 1. A Sei, ngóh fu ngáhnghéng
wán mhdou gé. |
| 2. /jek dīp/ | 2. A Sei, ngóh jek dīp wán
mhdou gé! |
| 3. /tíuh dáifu/ | 3. A Sei, ngóh tíuh dáifu wán
mhdou gé! |
| 4. /go ngáhnghéngdóih/ | 4. A Sei, ngóh go ngáhnghéngdóih
wán mhdou gé! |
| 5. /tíuh kwáhn/ | 5. A Sei, ngóh tíuh kwáhn wán
mhdou gé! |
| 6. /go sáudóih/ | 6. A Sei, ngóh go sáudóih wán
mhdou gé! |
| 7. /jek gāng/ | 7. A Sei, ngóh jek gāng wán
mhdou gé! |

Comment: The rising intonation of final gé connotes impatience.

IV. CONVERSATIONS FOR LISTENING

(On tape. Refer to wordlist below as you listen.)

Unfamiliar terms, in order of occurrence:

- 1) m̃hheuidāk = can't go
 - a) -dāk = 'can', 'able to', verb suffix
- 2) yāt go ngàhnchín = one dollar (\$1.00) (See L-21, Ex. 8)
- 3) síhk ngaanjau = eat lunch
- 4) séuhng bāan = start work
- 5) daaihkoi = probably
- 6) beisyù = secretary
- 7) hóu chíh = it seems
- 8) Hóu wah = Equivalent to 'You're welcome', 'Not at all',
Response to being thanked for a service.
- 9) ā ma? = 'isn't that right?' (being pretty sure it is)
- 10) gùngfo = lessons, homework
- 11) góndākchit = can make it in time; there will be time to
do it
- 12) fèi = ticket
- 13) -yùhn = finish
 - a) síhkyùhn = finish eating
 - b) duhkyùhn = finish studying
- 14) gónm̃hchit = can't make it in time
- 15) ngāamngāam = just
- 16) lauhdài = leave behind
- 17) hónàhng = probably
- 18) fóng = room
- 19) ā ma = sen. suf. for obviousness (see also 16-CL-1)
- 20) Lóuh Wóng = 'Old Wong' term of address used as form of
address to a man by good friends. (See
17-CL-3)
- 21) Hòì faahn = 'Dinner is ready'
- 22) Haih gām sìn la = 'That's all for now'
- 23) mēyéh dōu móuh = doesn't have anything
- 24) chàbātdō = chàmhđō
- 25) Maahn hàahng = 'Walk slowly' -- a polite goodbye form, said
to person leaving by person remaining.

V. SAY IT IN CANTONESE

A. You say to the person sitting next to you:

1. Has your younger sister graduated yet?
2. (on the phone:) Has Mr. Wong gone to work yet?
3. Have you moved yet?
4. How much rent do you pay a month?
5. How much is a US dollar in Hong Kong money?
6. How much is an English pound?
7. Has Mr. Ma come yet?
8. Have you hired a servant yet?
9. (on the phone:) Is Mr. Chan at home?
10. Where did you buy that table?
11. Your furniture is very nice-- did you buy it in Hong Kong?
12. Mrs. Lau didn't eat breakfast until 10:15.
13. Can your servant cook Chinese food?
14. Did someone come to fix the phone?
15. Have you cooked dinner yet?
16. I hear you've recently moved-- did you buy any new furniture?

B. And he replies:

1. Not yet--she doesn't graduate until next year.
2. Not yet, he doesn't go until 8:30.
3. Yes, we moved last week.
4. We pay HK\$2,000.
5. A US dollar is about HK\$6.00.
6. I'm not sure (not clear)-- maybe it's around HK\$14.40.
7. Not yet--when he arrives, I'll tell him to go see (look for) you.
8. Yes, we hired one last week.
9. No, he already went out-- at 8:00 o'clock--to have tea.
10. It was bought in Japan.
11. Yes, it was bought here, at a department store on the Kowloon side.
12. What time did she get up?
13. She can cook both Chinese food and Western food.
14. Yes, it's already been fixed.
15. I haven't started to make it yet.
16. Yes, we bought a table and several chairs.

Vocabulary Checklist for Lesson 19

1. a	bf: suf. to members of series in parallel construction
2. āam	adj: see ngāam
3. boujī	n: newspaper
4. būi-díp	n: tea set
5. chéng	v: invite, request
6. chéngdóu	v: invite and have the invitation accepted
7. chéng gúngyáhn	VO: hire servant(s)
8. chēunglím	n: curtain
9. díp	n: plate
10. ...gám	pro: that kind of thing, such things
11. gāsi	n: furniture
12. góngjī	n: Hong Kong money
13. héisàn	VO: get up (from bed)
14. -hóu	vs: verb suf. = bring to satisfactory conclusion
15. jī	adv: finally, (not until) then, (only) then
16. jīng	v: make, fix; repair
17. jīng chāan	VO: make, cook (Western) meals
18. jīng chē	VO: repair cars
19. jīnghóu	v: fix satisfactorily
20. v-jó meih a?	VP: a question form
21. jòu	v: rent
22. jóuchāan	n: breakfast
23. jyú	v: cook
24. jyú faahn	VO: cook Chinese style food
25. maahn	m: ten thousand
26. máahnfaahn	n: supper
27. méihgām	n: American money
28. ngāam	adj: fitting, suitable
29. Ngāam laak!	Ph: That's fine! That's as it should be!
30. ngūkjòu, ngūkjóu	n: house rent
31. sán làih ge yáhn	Ph: newcomer, new arrival
32. sànséui	n: salary
33. sé jīh	VO: write [write-words]

34. sɿnji	adv: (not until) then, (only) then, finally
35. tó1	n: table
36. tou	m: set, M. for furniture, dishes...
37. wándóu	v: find [search-succeed]
38. wún-dihp	n: a set of china
39. yàhngùng	n: wages
40. yārcháih	adv: together
41. yātdihng	adv: certainly, definitely
42. yí	n: chair
43. yihgìng	adv: already
44. yingbóng or -bohng	m: British pounds sterling

I. BASIC CONVERSATION

A. Buildup:

(Mr. Ma asks Miss Lee about her
boss, Mr. Cheung, and his family:)

Máh Sinsàang

gàyhahn	family
Jèung Sàang ge gàyhahn	Mr. Cheung's family
Yáuh yahn góng ngóh têng	somebody told me..
Yáuh yahn góng ngóh têng Jèung	Somebody told me Mr. Cheung's
Sàang ge gàyhahn kàhmyaht	family went back to America
fàanheui Méihgwok.	yesterday.

Léih Siujé

Haih a.

That's right.

Máh Sinsàang

tùhng person yārchāih verb	verb together with person
tùhng Jèung Sàang yārchāih	go with Mr. Cheung
heui	
díngáai?	why?
Kéuihdeih díngáai mhtùhng Jèung	Why didn't they go with Mr.
Sàang yārchāih heui nē?	Cheung?

Léih Siujé

-dāk	able to, can. Verb suffix
	indicating physical
	ability
m̀heuidāk	can't go
Jèung Sàang nī géi yaht dōu	Mr. Cheung was unable to go
m̀heuidāk a.	these few days.

Máh Sinsàang

Díngáai m̀heuidāk a? Why couldn't he go?

Léih Siujé

Kéuih nīpáai dōu hóu m̀hdākhaahn.	He's been awfully busy recently.
syùhn	ship
daap	catch, take (a train, plane,
	etc.)
daap syùhn	take a ship

gónm̀hchit	not have time [hurry-not make it]
gónm̀hchit daap syùhn	not have time to take a ship
Yùhgwó dǎng kéuih dǎkhàahn góján, jauh gónm̀hchit daap syùhn ge laak.	If they waited until he was free, then there wouldn't be time to take a ship.
fēigèi	airplane
daap fēigèi	catch, take a plane
pa	be afraid of
hóu pa daap fēigèi	afraid of taking a plane
yànwaih ...,	because, since
sóyih ...	so, therefore
yànwaih ..., sóyih ...	because ...
yànwaih Jèung Táai hóu pa daap fēigèi gé, sóyih ...	because Mrs. Cheung is afraid of taking the plane ...
yihché	furthermore
Yihché yànwaih Jèung Táai jauh hóu pa daap fēigèi gé, sóyih kéuih tùhng dī sailóugō daap syùhn heui sín.	Furthermore, because Mrs. Cheung also is afraid of taking planes, she went first with the children by boat.
Jèung Sàang hahgo láihbaaisàam ji daap fēigèi heui.	Mr. Cheung will go by plane next Wednesday.
<u>Máh Sīnsàang</u>	
yùhnloih	origin, source; reason why
O, yùhnloih haih gám gé.	Oh, so that's the reason.
yiuh (+ time expression)	takes (amount of time)
Daap fēigèi yiu géi nǎi a?	How long does it take by plane?
<u>Léih Sīujé</u>	
Yāt yaht dōdī jē.	Only a little over one day.
sahpgéi	ten-several = a few more than ten
Daap syùhn jauh yiu sahpgéi yaht ge la.	If you take a ship, then it takes more than ten days.

Máh Sînsàang

múih	every, each
múih go láihbaai	every week, each week
bāan	trip (voyage Measure)
Múih go láihbaai yáuh géidō bāan	How many flights each week are
fēigēi heui Méihgwok a?	there going to America?

Léih síujé

sāamsei	three or four
Yāt yaht yáuh sāamsei bāan lā.	There are three or four
	flights a day.

Máh Sînsàang

hòih	start, leave, take off,
	(on voyage)
gó bāan géisí hòih a?	what time does the flight
	leave?
Jèung Sàang daap gó bāan géisí	The flight Mr. Cheung is
hòih a?	taking--when does it leave?

Léih Síujé

Ngòh àhji ga--yiu mahnháh kéuih	I don't know--you'll have to
ji ji laak.	ask him to find out. [ask him
	and only then you'll know.]

B. Recapitulation:

(Mr. Ma asks Miss Lee about her boss, Mr. Cheung, and his family:)

Máh Sînsàang

Yáuh yáhn góng ngòh tēng Jèung	Somebody toldme Mr. Cheung's
Sàang ge gàyáhn kàhmyaht fàan-	family went back to America
heui Méihgwok.	yesterday.

Léih Síujé

Haih a.	That's right.
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Máh Sînsàang

Kéuihdeih dīngáai àhtúhng Jèung	Why didn't they go with Mr.
Sàang yārchàih heui nē?	Cheung?

Léih Síujé

Jèung Sàang ní gēi yaht dōu	Mr. Cheung couldn't leave
àhheuidāk a.	these few days.

Máh S'insàang

Dínggáai m̀hheuidāk a?

Why couldn't he leave?

Léih Siujé

Kéuih n'ípáai dōu hóu m̀hdākhaahn.

He's been awfully busy recently.

Yùngwó dāng kéuih dākhaahn góján,

If they waited until he was

jauh gónm̀hchit daap syùhn ge

free, then there wouldn't be

laak.

time to take a ship.

Yíhché, yànwaih Jèung Táai jauh

Furthermore, since Mrs. Cheung

hóu pa daap fēigèi gé, sóyih

also is afraid of taking

kéuih tùhng sailóungō daap

planes, she left first with

syùhn heui sín.

the children by ship.

Jèung Sàang hangō lāihbaaisàam

Mr. Cheung will go by plane

jí daap fēigèi heui.

next Wednesday.

Máh S'insàang

O, yùhnloih haih gám ge.

Oh, so that's the reason.

Daap fēigèi yiu géi n'oi a?

How long does it take by plane?

Léih Siujé

Yāt yaht dōdī jē.

Only a little over one day.

Daap syùhn jauh yiu sahpgéi

If you take a ship, then it

yaht ge la.

takes more than ten days.

Máh S'insàang

Múih go lāihbaai yáuh géidō

How many flights each week are

bāan fēigèi heui Méihgwok a?

there going to America?

Léih Siujé

Yāt yaht yáuh sàamsei bāan lā.

There are three or four flights

a day.

Máh S'insàang

Jèung Sàang daap gó bāan géisi

The flight Mr. Cheung is taking--

h'oi a?

when does it leave?

Léih Siujé

Ngóh m̀hji ga--Yiu mahnháh kéuih

I don't know--you'll have to ask

jí jí laak.

him to find out.

II. NOTES

1. -dāk as verb suffix, meaning 'able to,' 'can.'

Verb-dāk forms a unit meaning 'physically able to V,' 'can V.'

Examples, showing question, negative, and affirmative forms:

	Forms	Examples	English equivalents
q	VmhV-dāk?	Ga chē gam gauh-- <u>hàahng mhhaahngdāk</u> a?	The car is so old--can it run?
n	mhV-dāk	Ga chē gam gauh-- <u>mhhaahngdāk</u> tīm!	The car is so old--it isn't able to run!
a	V-dāk	Ga chē <u>hàahngdāk</u> ga--neih meih hoi sōih ja!	The car <u>can</u> run--it's simply that you haven't turned on the ignition!

By extension (Vmh)V-dāk can be used when the (in)ability is not strictly physical, as in a sentence from the BC of this lesson:

Ex: Jèung Sàang nī géi yaht Mr. Cheung couldn't get away
dōu mhheuidāk a. these few days.

(See BC)

2. yànwaih..., sóyih... = 'because..., so...'; 'since..., therefore...'

Yànwaih, sóyih form a set of paired conjunctions linking the two clauses of a 'because' sentence. Use of both yànwaih and sóyih in one sentence is, however, not required.

A common pattern is to use either one or the other but not both. The order of the two clauses is irreversible.

Ex: 1. Yànwaih ngóh hái Gáulùhng Because I work in Kowloon, I
jouh sìh, ngóh mhjùngyi wouldn't like to live in
hái Heunggóng jyuh. Hong Kong.

2. Ngóh hái Gáulùhng jouh I work in Kowloon, so I
sìh, sóyih ngóh mhjùngyi wouldn't like to live in
hái Heunggóng jyuh. Hong Kong. (or: so I don't
like to live in Hong Kong.)

(See BC and Drill 7)

3. **Number-Measure expressions: with fractions, partials, and approximate numbers.**

a. In Nu-M expressions concerning units greater than 1:

For numbers greater than 1, fractions and other partials fit into a number expression following the grammatical Measure word, preceding the Noun (if any).

Ex:	Nu.	M.	Fraction or Partial	N.	
1.	sàam	go		jūngt'auh	3 hours
	sàam	go	g'ei	jūngt'auh	3 hours and some
	sàam	go	bun	jūngt'auh	3 1/2 hours
	sàam	go	dō	jūngt'auh	more than 3 hours
2.	léuhng	gàn		ng'auhyuhk	2 catties of beef
	léuhng	gàn	bun	ng'auhyuhk	2 1/2 catties of beef
3.	sahp	n'ihn			10 years
	sahp	n'ihn	dō		more than 10 years

Note that the fraction part comes after the Measure, and that though most Chinese standard measures (for time, length, weight, etc.) are grammatically Measures, some standard measures are grammatically Nouns.

Thus:	Nu.	M.	1/2	(N)	
	sàam	n'ihn	bun		3 1/2 years
	sàam	go	bun	jūngt'auh	3 1/2 hours

You will probably need considerable practice to be able to produce the two types smoothly.

(See BC and Drill 11)

b. In number expressions for units less than 1:

bun, 'half' precedes the Measure word in number expressions concerning units less than 1.

Ex:	1/2 M	(N)	
	bun go jūngt'auh		half an hour
	bun go yuht		half a month
	bun gàn		half a catty
	bun m'áh		half a yard (of cloth, etc.)
	bun yaht		half a day
	bun n'ihn		half a year

c. Approximate numbers:

s'ámsei yaht	3 or 4 days
seíng'gh go y'ahn	4 or 5 people

Cantonese uses serial numbers as approximate numbers, as indicated above. Ordinarily the numbers used are adjacent numbers in series with the smaller first. Occasionally the larger number can be first;

for example: sàamléuhng geui, 'two or three sentences' [~~3-2-sentences~~]-
gáusahp is not used as an approximate number for 'nine or ten,' but is
used only as the specific number 'ninety.'

(See BC and Drill 14)

d. sahpgéi, [ten-several] 'ten some'

sahpgei is an approximate number representing 'ten and a few more'-- more than ten but less than twenty. All the round numbers--sahp, baak, chin--use this form in this way:

- Ex: 1. sahpgéi ten some, a few more than ten
2. yih sahpgéi twenty some
3. baakgéi a hundred some
4. yih baakgéi two hundred some
5. chīngéi a thousand some

(See BC)

4. múih, 'every,' 'each,' in Time Expressions.

muih 'every,' 'each,' occupies the position of specifying words

(ni. gó) before the number in a numbered Time Expression.

- Ex: 1. K'eiuh muih léuhng go
laihbaai heui Sangaa
yāt chi. 1. He goes to the New Territories
once very two weeks.
2. K'eiuh nī léuhng go
laihbaai heuijō
Sangaa léuhng chi. 2. He has taken off for the New
Territories twice these last
two weeks.

(See BC and Drills 8, 14)

When the number in the Time Expression is yāt 'one,' either the múih or the yāt can be omitted, or both can be said.

- Ex: 1. Kéuih múih nìhn heui Sàngaai
yāt chi.
2. Kéuih yāt nìhn heui Sàngaai
yāt chi.
3. Kéuih múih yāt nìhn dōu heui
Sàngaai yāt chi. } He goes to the
New Territories
once every year.

5. Duplication of Measure word to express 'each and every'

'Each and every,' 'every and all' may be expressed by saying the Measure word twice: yahtyaht, 'each and every day,' [day-day]; gogo láihbaai, 'each and every week,' [Measure-Measure week]. When the duplicated Measure is used, the phrase occurs in a set with a following dōu, the dōu appearing directly before the verb.

- Ex: 1. Kéuih yahtyaht dōu hohk He studies Cantonese
Gwóngdungwa. every day.
2. Kéuih gogo láihbaai dōu sihk He eats Chinese food once
yāt léuhng chi Jūngchoi. or twice every week.

(See Drills 2, 15)

The duplicated Measure is only used for 'every ____ without exception;' for 'every two ____,' etc., you must use múih.

- Ex: 1. Kéuih nìhnnìhn dōu heui Every year he goes to America
Méihgwok yāt chi máaih yéh. on a buying trip.
2. Kéuih múih/ léuhng nìhn He goes to America once every
dōu heui Méih- two years on a buying trip.
gwok yāt chi máaih yéh.

5. Voyage Measures

In English we may say:

- There are two planes taking off in an hour.
There are two flights taking off in an hour.
- There are two ships on June 15.
There are two sailings on June 15.

'Flight' and 'sailing' refer not to the vessel but to the voyage.

Cantonese makes the same distinction between vessel and voyage, but differs from English in that the distinction is compulsory. Referring to the vessel, Cantonese uses the individual measure for the vessel; when referring to a voyage, the voyage measure is used.

- Ex: 1. Gó ga fēigēi chōhdāk géidō yáhn a? How many people does that plane seat? [that individual-M plane]
2. Gó bāan fēigēi géidimjūng hòì a? When does that flight leave? [that voyage-M plane]

Chart of Carriers with individual and voyage Measures:

individual measure	voyage measure	carrier
ga	bāan	fēigēi airplane
ga	lèuhn	chē, bāsi, laahmchē, lócnē, dihnchē. car, bus, cablecar, train, tram.
jek	douh	syùhn ship

This division is not always strictly adhered to. hahyāt ga chē,
'the next [individual-M] car' is said interchangeably with hahyāt bāan cnē.

'the next [voyage-M] car,' referring to the next car (usually bus) leaving.

(See BC and Drills 1, 8)

6. dímjūng, 'hour' as Time Spent word.

dímjūng in 'time when' position, i.e., before the verb, translates into English as 'o'clock,' a point in time. dímjūng in 'time spent' position, i.e., following the verb, indicates 'hour(s),' a length of time. It occupies the same sentence position that jūngtáuh, 'hour,' does.

Ex: 1. Kéuih sàam dímjūng heui gódouh. He's going there at 3 o'clock.

2. Heui gódouh yiu sàam dímjūng. } It takes three hours
3. Heui gódouh yiu sàam go jūngtáuh. } to get there.

(See Drill 6)

7. mhVerb as 'refuses to Verb,' 'refused to Verb,' 'unwilling to Verb' and V mhV? as 'willing to V?'

Compare:

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1.a. Ngóh mǎhjí bo—
kéuih mouh wah ngóh
jí. | I'm sorry, I don't know—
she didn't tell me. |
| b. Ngóh mǎhjí bo—kéuih
mhwah ngoh jí. | I'm sorry, I don't know—
she wouldn't tell me. |
| 2.a. Kéuih kǎhmyaht dímgái
mouh túhng néih heui
a? | Why didn't he go with you
yesterday? (plainfact question) |
| b. Kéuih kǎhmyaht dímgái
mhtúhng néih heui a? | Why didn't he go with you
yesterday? (implication that he
refused to go—that he could
have, but he wouldn't) |
| 3.a. Kéuih gogo láihbaai
dou mhtúhng ngóh heui
gai ge. | She won't ever go out with me
on Sunday. |
| b. Gám, kǎhmyaht láihbaai—
kéuih túhng mhtúhng
néih heui a? | Well, yesterday was Sunday—
did she (was she willing to)
go out with you? |
| 4.a. Ngóh néuihpáhngyáuh go—
go láihbaai dou túhng
ngóh heui gai. | My girlfriend always goes out
with me on Sunday. |
| b. Gám, kǎhmyaht láihbaai—
kéuih yáuh mouh túhng
néih heui a? | Well, yesterday was Sunday—
did she go out with you? |

mhVerb may be used to express 'not willing to Verb,' in which case

the negative remains mh regardless of whether the sentence is one of past reference, non-past reference, or habitual action.

(See BC and Drill 19)

8. yiuh as 'cause or make (someone do something),' 'be caused or made (to do something)'

Ex: 1. Néih dím'gai yiu
háahng louh heui nē?

[you why made walk-road go eh?]

What makes you be walking?

or

What made you walk?

(Speaker indicates he expected addressee not to be walking and assumes something special made him walk.)

(Cf. English: 'What did you want to do that for?' when someone hits you unprovoked.)

2. Yiu néih d'ang ngóh
gam noih, mhhóu yisi.

Making you wait for me so long--
I'm very sorry.

yiuh which basically means 'require,' 'be required' has an extended meaning 'cause' or 'be caused.'

(See Drill 1,4)

9. SVO yáuh TS (time-spent) Expression.

Ex: Kéuih duhk Yíngmahn yáuh
sei nihñ.

His English study amounts to
four years.

He studied English four years.

In this type sentence the Subject is composed of an SVO phrase. There is a pause, then the Predicate, composed of yáuh TS Expression, follows.

We regard this type sentence as being derived from a V(jó) time-spent structure:

Ex: 1. Kéuih séung duhk
sei nihñ Yíngmahn.

He plans to study English
for four years.

2. Kéuih duhkjó sei nihñ
Yíngmahn.

He studied English for four
years.

In the SVO yáuh TS Expression, the time-spent expression has been separated from its verb. Its verb (duhk in the example above) becomes part of the Subject, and the TS expression (sei nihñ above) becomes Object in the Predicate. yáuh in this type sentence is an equating verb,

affirming that Subject 'amounts to' Object. (You will learn in later lessons that there are other sentence types in which yáuh is used as an equating verb.)

In this type sentence the verb of the SVO subject does not require (but can have) the verb suffix -jǎo, even when the action concerns one which began in the past. Talking of action which began in the past one may say:

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| 1. Kéuih duhk Yǐngmàhn
yauh sei nihh. | His English study--it amounted
to four years. |
| 2. Kéuih duhkjǎo Yǐngmàhn
yauh sei nihh ge la. | He's studied English--it's been
four years now. |
| or | |
| | He studied English--it was four years. |

(See Drill 15)

10. Noun Modification: Sp-M-N compound modified by VP

A verbal modifier in Cantonese directly precedes a Sp+M+N phrase:

V Sp+M N

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| Ex: Kéuih daap gó bān fēigēi
sei dím hoi. | The plane he is taking leaves
at 4 o'clock. (or took/left) |
| Kéuih máaih gó dī syù dōu hóu
gwai ga. | The books he bought were
all very expensive. |

(See BC and Drill 16)

(The above contrasts with the situation of verbal modification in Mandarin, in which a verbal modifier is followed by the subordinating particle de () before a Sp M N phrase.

V de Sp+M N

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| Ex: 1. Tā dzǒu de néi ban fēijǐ
sz dyǎn jǔng chǐfēi. | The plane he is taking
leaves at 4 o'clock. |
| 2. Tā mǎi de nèi sye shū
dōu hén gwēi. | The books he bought were
all very expensive.) |

11. Noun modification: Verbal modifier preceding a numbered phrase.

When a verbal modifier precedes a numbered phrase, there are two possibilities: 1) the V modifier is followed by the subordinating particle ge; or 2) it is followed by Sp*the general plural M dī.

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| Ex: Kéuih máaih {ge
gò dī} sàam bún syù dōu hóu | The three books he
bought were all
very expensive. |
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III. DRILLS

1. Expansion Drill

+ 1. a. laahmchē.

b. yāt bāan laahmchē.

+ c. Hahyāt bāan laahmchē.
(the next)

d. Hahyāt bāan laahmchē daahp géi hoi a?

e. Hahyāt bāan laahmchē daahp saam hoi.

Comment: Tape has lèuhn where text has bāan. bāan can always be substituted for lèuhn as a journey measure.

+ 2. a. bāsi.

b. yáuh bāsi.

c. yáuh bāan bāsi.

d. yáuh géidō bāan bāsi a?

e. Yāt go jūngtāuh yáuh géidō bāan bāsi a?

f. Yāt go jūngtāuh yauh sei bāan bāsi.

3. a. chē

b. bāan chē

c. yáuh bāan chē

d. múih léuhnggo jih yáuh bāan chē.

e. múih sàamgo jih yáuh bāan chē.

f. múih seigo jih yáuh bāan chē.

+ 4. a. hàahng louh.

b. hàahng louh heui.

c. yiu hàahng louh heui.

d. dīngáai yiu hàahng louh?

e. Néih dīngáai yiu hàahng louh heui né?

1. a. cable car

b. one [trip] cable car

c. The next cable car

d. When does the next car leave?

e. The next car leaves at quarter after.

2. a. bus

b. there are buses

c. there's a [trip] bus

d. how many buses are there?

e. How many buses there are in one hour?

f. There are 4 buses an hour.

3. a. bus [car]

b. a [trip] bus

c. there's a [trip] bus

d. There's a bus every 10 minutes.

e. There's a bus every 15 minutes.

f. There's a bus every 20 minutes.

4. a. walk [walk-road]

b. go on foot

c. have to go on foot

d. Why do you have to walk?
or
What causes you to be walking?

e. How come you are walking?

Comment: The d and e sentences could be: 'Why do you (or did you) want to walk?' or 'Why is it you are (or were) walking?' In the latter case yi has a new meaning:

+ yi =
'cause, make (someone do something)': "What causes you to be walking?" The implication being that the speaker expects the addressee not to be walking.

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| + 5. a. <u>fóchē</u> | 5. a. <u>train</u> |
| + b. <u>chóh</u> <u>fóchē</u> . | b. <u>take</u> the train, <u>go by</u> train |
| c. <u>chóh</u> <u>fóchē</u> <u>heui</u> . | c. go by train |
| + d. <u>chóh</u> <u>fóchē</u> <u>heui</u> <u>Sàngaai</u> . | d. go by train to the <u>New Territories</u> |
| e. <u>Chóh</u> <u>fóchē</u> <u>heui</u> <u>Sàngaai</u> <u>yi</u> <u>gái</u> <u>noih</u> <u>a?</u> | e. How long does it take to get to the New Territories by train? |
| 6. a. <u>gái</u> <u>houh</u> <u>bāsi</u> | 6. a. what number bus |
| b. <u>daahp</u> <u>gái</u> <u>houh</u> <u>bāsi</u> | b. catch what number bus |
| c. <u>yi</u> <u>daahp</u> <u>gái</u> <u>houh</u> <u>bāsi</u> | c. have to get what number bus |
| + d. <u>Heui</u> <u>fēigēichèuhng</u> <u>yi</u> <u>daahp</u> <u>gái</u> <u>houh</u> <u>bāsi</u> <u>a?</u> | d. What number bus do you catch to get to the <u>airport?</u> |
| + e. <u>Heui</u> <u>Sāandéng</u> <u>yi</u> <u>daahp</u> <u>gái</u> <u>houh</u> <u>bāsi</u> <u>a?</u> | e. What number bus do you catch to get to <u>the Peak?</u> |
| f. <u>Heui</u> <u>Sàngaai</u> <u>yi</u> <u>daahp</u> <u>gái</u> <u>houh</u> <u>bāsi</u> <u>a?</u> | f. What number bus do you catch to get to the New Territories? |
| + 7. a. <u>léuihhàhng</u> | 7. a. <u>trip</u> , <u>excursion</u> |
| b. <u>heui</u> <u>léuihhàhng</u> | b. go on a trip, excursion |
| c. <u>heui</u> <u>Tòihwāan</u> <u>léuihhàhng</u> | c. go to Taiwan on a trip |
| d. <u>gauh</u> <u>nín</u> <u>heui</u> <u>Tòihwāan</u> <u>léuihhàhng</u> | d. took a trip to Taiwan last year |
| e. <u>Gauh</u> <u>nín</u> <u>heui</u> <u>Tòihwāan</u> <u>léuihhàhng</u> , <u>heuijó</u> <u>léuhng</u> <u>go</u> <u>lái</u> <u>hbaai</u> . | e. took a trip last year to Taiwan for two weeks. |

2. Transformation Drill: Transform from múih time expression to equivalent expression using duplicated Measure.

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| + 1. Kéuih <u>múih</u> yaht heui yāt chi. | 1. Kéuih <u>yahtyaht</u> dōu heui yāt chi. (<u>every day</u>) |
| + 2. Kéuih <u>múih</u> go láihbaai heui yāt chi. | 2. Kéuih <u>gogo</u> <u>láihbaai</u> dōu heui yāt chi. (<u>every week</u>) |
| + 3. Kéuih <u>múih</u> go yuht heui yāt chi. | 3. Kéuih <u>gogo</u> <u>yuht</u> dōu heui yāt chi. (<u>every month</u>) |
| + 4. Kéuih <u>múih</u> nihh heui yāt chi. | 4. Kéuih <u>nihnnihh</u> dōu heui yāt chi. (<u>every year</u>) |

Comment: Note that in the above sentences the duplicated Measure expressions (nihnnihh, etc) are followed by dōu before the Verb: nihnnihh dōu fāanheui, etc. In the múih sentences dōu can be included, to indicate that the frequency stated is thought to be high.

3. Response Drill

Ex: 1. T: Néih haih m̀h haih ch̀oh f̀ochē làih ga? /bāsi/
S: M̀h haih. Ng̀oh ch̀oh bāsi làih ge.

2. T: Néih haih m̀h haih ch̀oh bāsi làih ga? /bāsi/
S: Haih. Ng̀oh ch̀oh bāsi làih ge.

3. T: Néih haih m̀h haih ch̀oh f̀ochē làih ga? /bāsi/
S: Haih. Ng̀oh ch̀oh f̀ochē làih ge.

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| 1. Néih haih m̀h haih daap sỳuhn làih ga? /fēigēi/ | 1. M̀h haih. Ng̀oh daap fēigēi làih ge. |
| 2. Néih haih m̀h haih ch̀oh fēigēi làih ga? /fēigēi/ | 2. Haih. Ng̀oh ch̀oh fēigēi làih ge. |
| 3. Néih haih m̀h haih ch̀oh f̀ochē làih ga? /bāsi/ | 3. M̀h haih. Ng̀oh ch̀oh bāsi làih ge. |
| + 4. Néih haih m̀h haih ch̀oh bāsi làih ga? /dīksi/ (taxi) | 4. M̀h haih. Ng̀oh ch̀oh dīksi làih ge. |
| 5. Néih haih m̀h haih ch̀oh dīksi làih ga? /hàahng louh/ | 5. M̀h haih. Ng̀oh hàahng louh làih ge. |
| 6. Néih haih m̀h haih hàahng louh làih ga? /ch̀oh f̀ochē/ | 6. M̀h haih. Ng̀oh ch̀oh f̀ochē làih ge. |
| 7. Néih haih m̀h haih daap f̀ochē làih ga? /f̀ochē/ | 7. Haih. Ng̀oh daap f̀ochē làih ge. |

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| 8. Néih haih m̀h haih daap f́ochē
l̀aih ga? /b́así/ | 8. M̀h haih. Ngóh daap b́así l̀aih
ge. |
| 9. Néih haih m̀h haih daap b́así
l̀aih ga? /laahmchē/ | 9. M̀h haih. Ngóh daap laahmchē
l̀aih ge. |
| 10. Néih haih m̀h haih daap laahmchē
l̀aih ga? /laahmchē/ | 10. Haih. Ngóh daap laahm-
chē l̀aih ge. |

4. Response Drill

Ex: 1. T: Néih dím heui ga? T: How did you get there?
/b́así/

S: Ngóh daap b́así heui ge. S: I went by bus.

2. T: Néih dím heui a? T: How are you going to get there?
/h̀aahng louh/

S: Ngóh h̀aahng louh heui. S: I'm going to walk.

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| 1. Néih dím heui a? /laahmchē/ | 1. Ngóh daap laahmchē heui. |
| 2. Néih dím l̀aih ga? /f́ochē/ | 2. Ngóh daap f́ochē l̀aih ge. |
| 3. Kéuih dím heui ga? /f́eigēi/ | 3. Kéuih daap f́eigēi heui ge. |
| 4. Néih dím heui a? /syùhn/ | 4. Ngóh daap syùhn heui. |
| 5. Néih dím l̀aih ga? /h̀aahng louh/ | 5. Ngóh h̀aahng louh l̀aih ge. |
| 6. Néih dím l̀aih ga? /b́así/ | 6. Ngóh daap b́así l̀aih ge. |
| 7. Néih dím heui a? /d́íksí/ | 7. Ngóh daap d́íksí heui. |
| 8. Néih dím lohk heui ga?
/laahmchē/ | 8. Ngóh daap laahmchē lohk
heui ge. |
| 9. Néih dím heui a? /jà chē/ | 9. Ngóh jà chē heui. |

5. Substitution Drill

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| 1. Hahyāt b́aan chē daahp géi
hòì a?
When will the next bus
leave? | 1. Hahyāt b́aan chē daahp géi
hòì a? |
| 2. /b́aan f́eigēi/géisih/ | 2. Hahyāt b́aan f́eigēi géisih
hòì a? |
| 3. /b́aan laahmchē/daahp géi/ | 3. Hahyāt b́aan laahmchē daahp
géi hòì a? |

4. /bāan fóchē/géisih/

4. Hahyāt bāan fóchē géisih hòì a?

5. /bāan syùhn/daahpgéi/

5. Hahyāt bāan syùhn daahp géì hòì a?

6. Transformation Drill: Change the sentences from yi to mhsái.Ex: T: Hàahng louh heui
Jùngwàahn Gàaisih
yi sàam go jih.T: It takes [requires] 15 minutes
to walk to Central Market.S: Hàahng louh heui
Jùngwàahn Gàaisih
mhsái sàam go jih.S: It takes less than [doesn't
require] 15 minutes to walk
to Central Market.+ 1. Daap bāsi heui yi yāt dīm-
jūng. (one hour)1. Daap bāsi heui mhsái yāt
dīmjūng.2. Chóh syùhn heui yi seíng
yaht.2. Chóh syùhn heui mhsái seíng
yaht.3. Chóh fēigèi heui Yahtbún yi
chātbaat dīmjūng.3. Chóh fēigèi heui Yahtbún
mhsái chātbaat dīmjūng.4. Daap laahmchē séuhng heui yi
nghluhk go jih.4. Daap laahmchē séuhng heui
mhsái nghluhk go jih.5. Chóh dīksi heui tòuhsyùgwún
yi léuhngsāam go jih.5. Chóh dīksi heui tòuhsyùgwún
mhsái léuhngsāam go jih.6. Hàahng louh heui yi léuhng
dīm géi jūng.6. Hàahng louh heui mhsái
léuhng dīm géi jūng.

7. Combining Drill

Ex: T: Gó dī ngàuhyuhk
mhhóusihk. Ngóh
mhsihk.T: That beef doesn't taste good.
I'm not going to eat it.S: Yànwaih gó dī ngàuh-
yuhk mhhóusihk,
sóyih ngóh mhsihk.S: I'm not going to eat that beef,
because it doesn't taste
good.1. Gó dī jyùyuhk mhhóusihk.
Ngóh móuh sihk.1. Yànwaih gó dī jyùyuhk mhhóu-
sihk, sóyih ngóh móuh sihk.2. Kàhmyaht láihbaai. Ngóhdeih
mhsái fàangùng.2. Yànwaih kàhmyaht láihbaai,
sóyih mhsái fàangùng.3. Gó deui hàaih mhhóutái.
Ngóh mñjeuk.3. Yànwaih gó deui hàaih mhhóu-
tái, sóyih ngóh mñjeuk.

4. Nǐ gíhn yúhlāu daaihǎi.
ngóh mǎséung máaih.

4. Yànwaih nǐ gíhn yúhlāu
daaihǎi, sóyíh ngóh mǎséung
máaih.

5. Gǎmyaht mǎsái fàangùng.
Ngóh heui chàhlāuh yám chàh.

5. Yànwaih gǎmyaht mǎsái fàan-
gùng, sóyíh ngóh heui
chàhlāuh yám chàh.

8. Transformation Drill

Ex: T: Múih yaht yáuh géi
(dō) bāan fēigēi
a? /3/

T: How many flights are there
each day?

S: Múih yaht yáuh sām
bāan.

S: There are three flights every
day.

1. Múih yaht duhk géi(dō) go
jūngtāuh syù a? /4/

1. Múih yaht duhk séi go
jūngtāuh.

2. Múih yaht yáuh géi(dō) lèuhn
fóchē a? /9/

2. Múih yaht yáuh gáu lèuhn.

3. Múih go láihbaai hohk géi
dímjūng Gwóngdùngwá a? /2/

3. Múih go láihbaai hohk léuhng
dímjūng.

4. Múih yaht hohk géi(dō) go
jūngtāuh Yíngmǎhn a? /1/

4. Múih yaht hohk yāt go
jūngtāuh.

5. Múih go jūngtāuh yáuh géi(dō)
bāan syùhn a? /9/

5. Múih go jūngtāuh yáuh gáu
bāan.

6. Múih yaht yáuh géi(dō) bāan
fēigēi a? /3/

6. Múih yaht yáuh sām bāan.

9. Expansion Drill

Ex: T: Chóh bāsí yiu géi
noih a? /Jūngwàahn/

T: How long does it take to go by
bus? /Central District/

S: Chóh bāsí heui Jūng-
wàahn yiu géi noih
a?

S: How long will it take to go to
Central District by bus?

1. Hàahng louh yiu géi noih a?
/Hèunggóng Daaiahohk
tòuhsyùgwún/

1. Hàahng louh heui Hèunggóng
Daaiahohk tòuhsyùgwún
yiu géi noih a?

2. Daap fēigēi yiu géi noih a?
/Yahtbun/

2. Daap fēigēi heui Yahtbun
yiu géi noih a?

3. Chóh dīksí yiu géi noih a?
/Daaiah Douh Jūng/

3. Chóh dīksí heui Daaiah Douh
Jūng yiu géi noih a?

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| 4. Daap bāsi yiu géi noih a?
/Wihng Ūn Gūngsī/ | 4. Daap bāsi heui Wihng Ūn Gūng-
sī yiu géi noih a? |
| 5. Daap syūhn yiu géi noih a?
/Tòihwāan/ | 5. Daap syūhn heui Tòihwāan yiu
géi noih a? |
| 6. Chóh laahmchē yiu géi noih a?
/séuhng Sāandéng/ | 6. Chóh laahmchē séuhng Sāan-
déng yiu géi noih a? |
| 7. Daap fóchē yiu géi noih a?
/Sàngaai/ | 7. Daap fóchē heui Sàngaai yiu
géi noih a? |
| 8. Chóh fóchē yiu géi noih a?
/Gwóngjáu/ | 8. Chóh fóchē heui Gwóngjáu
yiu géi noih a? |

10. Substitution Drill: Repeat the first sentence after the teacher, then substitute as directed.

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| 1. Yàuh Jùngwàahn Gàaisih hàahng-
louh heui Tīnsīng Máhtàuh
yiu géi noih a? | 1. Yàuh Jùngwàahn Gàaisih
hàahng louh heui Tīnsīng
Máhtàuh yiu géi noih a? |
| 2. /Jùngwàahn Gàaisih/Màhnwàh
Jáudim/ | 2. Yàuh Jùngwàahn Gàaisih
hàahng louh heui Màhnwàh
Jáudim yiu géi noih a? |
| 3. /Màhnwàh Jáudim/Méihgwok
Jáudim/ | 3. Yàuh Màhnwàh Jáudim hàahng
louh heui Méihgwok Jáudim
yiu géi noih a? |
| 4. /Méihgwok Jáudim/Wihng Ūn
Gūngsī/ | 4. Yàuh Méihgwok Jáudim hàahng
louh heui Wihng Ūn Gūngsī
yiu géi noih a? |
| 5. /daap dīksī/ | 5. Yàuh Méihgwok Jáudim daap
dīksī heui Wihng Ūn Gūngsī
yiu géi noih a? |
| 6. /WihngŪn Gūngsī/(Hèung)góng
Daaiah(hohk)/ | 6. Yàuh WihngŪn Gūngsī daap
dīksī heui (Hèung)góng
Daaiah(hohk) yiu géi noih
a? |
| 7. /Hèunggóng Daaiahohk/séuhng
Sāandéng/ | 7. Yàuh Hèunggóng Daaiahohk
daap dīksī séuhng Sāandéng
yiu géi noih a? |
| 8. /Sāandéng/lohk Jùngwàahn/ | 8. Yàuh Sāandéng daap dīksī
lohk Jùngwàahn yiu géi
noih a? |

Comment: Góng Daaiah is an abbreviation for Hong Kong University.

11. Expansion Drill: Add gái in the appropriate place.

Ex: 1. T: Daap fēigēi yiu saam go jūngtāuh. T: It takes three hours to go by plane.

S: Daap fēigēi yiu saam go gái jūngtāuh. S: It takes more than three hours (but less than 4) to go by plane.

2. T: Chóh syùhn yiu ngh yaht. T: It takes five days to go by boat.

S: Chóh syùhn yiu ngh gái yaht gái. S: It takes a little over five days (but less than 6) to go by boat.

1. Jouh nī gihn sih yiu yāt nīhn.
This job will take a year to do.

1. Jouh nī gihn sih yiu (yāt) nīhn gái.

2. Chóh syùhn yiu yāt go yuht.

2. Chóh syùhn yiu go gái yuht.

3. Daap fóchē yiu séi go jih.

3. Daap fóchē yiu séi go gái jih.

4. Heui laahmchē jaahm yiu yāt go jūngtāuh.

4. Heui laahmchē jaahm yiu (yāt) go gái jūngtāuh.

5. Fàan ūkkéi yiu sahp fānjūng.

5. Fàan ūkkéi yiu sahpgái fānjūng.

6. Hohk Gwóngdùngwá yiu léuhng nīhn.

6. Hohk Gwóngdùngwá yiu léuhng nīhn gái.

7. Daap syùhn heui Tòihwāan yiu saam yaht.

7. Daap syùhn heui Tòihwāan yiu saam yaht gái.

8. Heui fēigēichèuhng yiu léuhng dīm jūng.

8. Heui fēigēichèuhng yiu léuhng dīm gái jūng.

Repeat, thus:

T: Daap fēigēi yiu saam go jūngtāuh.

S: Daap fēigēi yiu saam go jūngtāuh dóu lā.

12. Response Drill

Ex: 1. T: Néih heuidou góján, kéuih-deih sihkjó faahn meih a?
/nod/

T: When you got there, had they eaten yet?

S: Ngóh heuidou góján, kéuihdeih yíhging sihkjó faahn laak.

S: When I got there, they had already eaten their meal.

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| <p>2. T: Néih heuidou gó-ján, kéuihdeih sihkjó faahn meih a? /shake/</p> <p>S: Ngóh heuidou gó-ján, kéuihdeih juhng meih sihk faahn.</p> | <p>T: When you got there, had they eaten yet?</p> <p>S: When I got there, they still hadn't eaten yet.</p> |
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| <p>1. Kéuih heuidou góján, néih sihkjó jóuchaan meih a? /shake/</p> <p>2. Kéuih heuidou góján, néih táijó yísang meih a? /nod/</p> <p>3. Néih làihdou góján, kéuih fàanjóheui meih a? /shake/</p> <p>4. Néih heuidou góján, kéuih jáujó meih a? /nod/</p> <p>5. Kéuih làihdou góján, néih yámjó chàh meih a? /shake/</p> <p>6. Néih heuidou góján, ga fóchē hòijó meih a? /nod/</p> <p>7. Néih heuidou góján, jek syùhn hòijó meih a? /shake/</p> <p>8. Néih heuidou góján, kéuih búnjó ùk meih a? /shake/</p> <p>9. Néih heuidou góján, kéuih fàanjó ùkkéi meih a? /nod/</p> <p>10. Kéuih heuidou góján, néih duhkjó syù meih a? /shake/</p> | <p>1. Kéuih heuidou góján, ngóh juhng meih sihk jóuchaan.</p> <p>2. Kéuih heuidou góján, ngóh yíhging táijó yísang laak.</p> <p>3. Ngóh làihdou góján, kéuih juhng meih fàanheui.</p> <p>4. Ngóh heuidou góján, kéuih yíhging jáujó laak.</p> <p>5. Kéuih làihdou góján, ngóh juhng meih yam chàh.</p> <p>6. Ngóh heuidou góján, ga fóchē yíhging hóijó laak.</p> <p>7. Ngóh heuidou góján, jek syùhn juhng meih hòi.</p> <p>8. Ngóh heuidou góján, kéuih juhng meih bún ùk.</p> <p>9. Ngóh heuidou góján, kéuih yíhging fàanjó ùkkéi laak.</p> <p>10. Kéuih heuidou góján, ngóh juhng meih duhk.</p> |
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13. Alteration Drill

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| <p>Ex: 1. T: Kéuih múih yaht dōu lohk Jùngwàahn.</p> <p>S: Kéuih yahtyaht dōu lohk Jùngwàahn.</p> | <p>T: He goes to the Central District everyday.</p> <p>S: He goes to the Central District everyday.</p> |
| <p>2. T: Kéuih múih go láihbaai dōu hái ùkkéi dá páai.</p> | <p>T: She plays mahjong at home every week.</p> |

1. Kéuih múih go láihbaai dōu heui dá bō.	1. Kéuih gogo láihbaai dōu heui dá bō.
2. Kéuih múih go yuht dōu fàan-heui Oumún.	2. Kéuih gogo yuht dōu fàan-heui Oumún.
3. Kéuih múih nihñ dōu fàanheui Méihgwok.	3. Kéuih nihñnihñ dōu fàan-heui Méihgwok.
4. Kéuih múih yaht dōu sihk Sāichāan.	4. Kéuih yahtyaht dōu sihk Sāichāan.
5. Kéuih múih go láihbaaiyaht dōu chéng sihk faahn.	5. Kéuih gogo láihbaaiyaht dōu chéng sihk faahn.
6. Kéuih múih go yuht yāt houh dōu heui ló chín.	6. Kéuih gogo yuht yāt houh dōu heui ló chín.
7. Kéuih múih nihñ sei yuht dōu fàan Gwóngjǎu.	7. Kéuih nihñnihñ sei yuht dōu fàan Gwóngjǎu.

1. Kéuih múih yaht gwo hói sei chi. /láihbaai/	1. Kéuih múih go láihbaai gwo hói sei chi.
2. Kéuih múih go láihbaai làih ngòh ùkkéi yāt chi. /yuht/	2. Kéuih múih go yuht làih ngòh ùkkéi yāt chi.
3. Kéuih múih go yuht fàan Gwóng- jàu léuhng chi. /níhn/	3. Kéuih múih níhn fàan Gwóng- jàu léuhng chi.
4. Kéuih múih níhn fàanheui hohk- haauh sei chi. /yaht/	4. Kéuih múih yaht fàanheui hohkhaauh sei chi.
5. Kéuih múih yaht lohk Jùngwàahn sàamsei chi. /láihbaai/	5. Kéuih múih go láihbaai lohk Jùngwàahn sàamsei chi.
6. Kéuih múih go láihbaai heui Sàngaai gei chi. /yuht/	6. Kéuih múih go yuht heui Sàngaai gei chi.

15. Alteration Drill

Ex: 1. T: Néih làihjó
Hèunggóng yáuh
gái noih a?

T: How long have you been in Hong Kong?

S: Néih làihjó
Hèunggóng hái
noih a?

S: How long have you been in Hong Kong?

2. T: Kéuih gaaujó
Gwokýuh yáuh
sàam nìhn laak.

T: He has taught Mandarin for three years.

S: Kéuih gaaujó sàam
nìhn Gwokýuh
laak.

S: He has taught Mandarin for three years.

1. Kéuih heuijó Méihgwok yáuh
gái noih a?

1. Kéuih heuijó Méihgwok hái
noih a?

2. Ngóh bunnjó ūk yáuh bun nìhn
laak.
I moved half a year ago.

2. Ngóh bunnjó ūk bun nìhn laak.

3. Kéuih gwojó hoi yáuh hái go
jūngtāuh laak.

3. Kéuih gwojó hoi hái go
jūngtāuh laak.

4. Ngóh nàahmpāhngyáuh fāanjóheui
Tòihbāk yáuh yāt go láihbaai
laak.

4. Ngóh nàahmpāhngyáuh fāanjó
heui Tòihbāk yāt go láih-
baai laak.

5. Kéuih bātjó yihp yáuh léuhng
nìhn laak.

5. Kéuih bātjó yihp léuhng
nìhn laak.

6. Néih gitjó fān yáuh hái noih a?

6. Néih gitjó fān hái noih a?

7. Kéuih sihkjó faahn yáuh yih-
sahp fānjūng laak.
He finished his meal twenty
minutes ago.

7. Kéuih sihkjó faahn yih-sahp
fānjūng laak.

8. Ga fóchē hòijó yáuh hái noih a?

8. Ga fóchē hòijó hái noih a?

16. Combining Drill

Ex: T: Jèung Sàang daap
fēigēi.
Gó bāan fēigēi hái
dīmjūng hoi a?

T: Mr. Cheung is going to catch
that flight.
When does that flight take
off?

S: Jèung Sàang daap gó
bāan fēigēi hái
dīmjūng hoi a?

S: When does the flight Mr.
Cheung is taking take off? or
When does the flight take
off that Mr. Cheung is
taking?

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| 1. Léih Táai chòh bāsi.
Gó bāan bāsi heui bīndouh a? | 1. Léih Táai chòh gó bāan bāsi
heui bīndouh a? |
| 2. Ngóhdeih chòh fóchē.
Gó bāan fóchē láihbaaisei dou. | 2. Ngóhdeih chòh gó bāan fóchē
láihbaaisei dou. |
| 3. Wòhng Sàang daap syùhn.
Gó bāan syùhn daahp géi hòi a? | 3. Wòhng Sàang daap gó bāan
syùhn daahp géi hòi a? |
| 4. Kéuihdeih daap laahmchē.
Gó bāan laahmchē yāt go
jih hauh hòi. | 4. Kéuihdeih daap gó bāan laahm-
chē yāt go jih hauh hòi. |
| 5. Kéuih máaih sēutsāam.
Gó gihn sēutsāam m̀hngāamjeuk. | 5. Kéuih máaih gó gihn sēutsāam
m̀hngāamjeuk. |
| 6. Hòh Sīujé duhk gó bún syù.
Gó bún syù maaih sah p m̀an. | 6. Hòh Sīujé duhk gó bún syù
maaih sah p m̀an.
The book Miss Ho is reading
sells for \$10. |

Comment: Tape has lèuhn in sentences 1, 2, and 3, where text has bāan. In sentence 4, tape has douh where text has bāan. bāan can always be substituted for douh as a journey measure.

17. Substitution Drill: Repeat the first sentence after the teacher, then substitute as directed.

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| 1. Kéuih yāt go jùngtāuh (jì)-
hauh fàanlāih.
[He, after an hour, return.]
He'll be back in an hour. | 1. Kéuih yāt go jùngtāuh (jì)-
hauh fàanlāih. |
| 2. /go géi jùngtāuh/ | 2. Kéuih go géi jùngtāuh (jì)-
hauh fàanlāih. |
| 3. /léuhng go jùngtāuh/ | 3. Kéuih léuhng go jùngtāuh
(jì)hauh fàanlāih. |
| 4. /léuhng go géi jùngtāuh/ | 4. Kéuih léuhng go géi jùngtāuh
(jì)hauh fàanlāih. |
| 5. /sàamsei go jùngtāuh/ | 5. Kéuih sàamsei go jùngtāuh
(jì)hauh fàanlāih. |
| 6. /go géi láihbaai/ | 6. Kéuih go géi láihbaai (jì)-
hauh fàanlāih. |
| 7. /yāt nìhn/ | 7. Kéuih yāt nìhn (jì)hauh
fàanlāih. |
| 8. /nìhn géi/ | 8. Kéuih nìhn géi (jì)hauh
fàanlāih. |
| 9. /léuhng nìhn géi/ | 9. Kéuih léuhng nìhn géi (jì)-
hauh fàanlāih. |

10. /yāt nīhn dōu/

10. Kéuih yāt nīhn dōu (jǐ)hauh fàanlāih.

11. /yāt go yuht dōu/

11. Kéuih yāt go yuht dōu (jǐ)-hauh fàanlāih.

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

1. Kéuih heuijǒ Méihgwok--
waahkjé sām go yuht (jǐ)-
hauh fàanlāih.

He's gone to America--and
will probably be back in
three months.

2. /yām chàh/bun go jūngtāuh/

1. Kéuih heuijǒ Méihgwok--
waahkjé sām go yuht
(jǐ)hauh fàanlāih.

2. Kéuih heuijǒ yām chàh,
waahkjé bun go jūngtāuh
(jǐ)hauh fàanlāih.

3. /Yínggwok/léuhnggo géi yuht/

3. Kéuih heuijǒ Yínggwok,
waahkjé léuhnggo géi yuht
(jǐ)hauh fàanlāih.

4. /dá bō/yāt go géi jūngtāuh/

4. Kéuih heuijǒ dá bō, waahkjé
yāt go géi jūngtāuh (jǐ)-
hauh fàanlāih.

5. /Gwóngjǎu/géi yaht/

5. Kéuih heuijǒ Gwóngjǎu,
waahkjé géi yaht (jǐ)hauh
fàanlāih.

6. /yàuhséui/sāmsei go jūngtāuh/

6. Kéuih heuijǒ yàuhséui,
waahkjé sāmsei go jūng-
tāuh (jǐ)hauh fàanlāih.

7. /Jūngwàahn/géi go jih/

7. Kéuih heuijǒ Jūngwàahn,
waahkjé géi go jih (jǐ)-
hauh fàanlāih.

Comment: The structure Time Expression (jǐ) hauh 'after X time'
as in sām yaht hauh fàanlāih 'return after 3 days'
represents a Time When expression which precedes
the Verb it is connected to.

19. Transformation Drill: Transform the sentences from negatives to dínggái questions.

Ex: 1. T: Kéuih kàhmyaht móuh tùhng taai-táai heui yàuh-séui. T: He didn't go swimming with his wife yesterday.

S: Kéuih kàhmyaht dínggái móuh tùhng taaitáai heui yàuhséui a? S: Why didn't he go swimming with his wife yesterday?

2. T: Kéuih kàhmyaht m̀h̀tùhng taaitáai heui yàuhséui. T: He wouldn't go swimming with his wife yesterday.

S: Kéuih kàhmyaht dínggái m̀h̀tùhng taaitáai heui yàuhséui a? S: Why wouldn't he go swimming with his wife yesterday?

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| 1. Kéuih m̀h̀tái dihnsih. | 1. Kéuih dínggái m̀h̀tái dihnsih a? |
| 2. Kéuih m̀h̀je chin béi kéuih sailóu. | 2. Kéuih dínggái m̀h̀je chin béi kéuih sailóu a? |
| 3. Kéuih gājē m̀h̀tùhng nàahnpàhng-yáuh dá bō. | 3. Kéuih gājē dínggái m̀h̀tùhng nàahnpàhngyáuh dá bō a? |
| 4. Kéuih m̀h̀daai go jái heui tái yīsāng. | 4. Kéuih dínggái m̀h̀daai go jái heui tái yīsāng a? |
| 5. Kéuih m̀h̀gaau kéuih sé Jùngmàhn. | 5. Kéuih dínggái m̀h̀gaau kéuih sé Jùngmàhn a? |
| 6. Kéuih móuh dá dihnwá béi ngòh. | 6. Kéuih dínggái móuh dá dihnwá béi ngòh a? |
| 7. Kéuih móuh wah néih jǐ. | 7. Kéuih dínggái móuh wah néih jǐ a? |
| 8. Kéuih móuh máaih gāsí. | 8. Kéuih dínggái móuh máaih gāsí a? |
| 9. Kéuih m̀h̀chéng gūngyàhn. | 9. Kéuih dínggái m̀h̀chéng gūngyàhn a? |
| 10. Kéuih móuh wuhn sām. | 10. Kéuih dínggái móuh wuhn sām a? |

Comment: The m̀h̀ sentences depend on context to clarify whether the meaning is 'is not going to V' or 'wouldn't (i.e., refused to) V.'

20. Expansion Drill

Ex: A: Kéuih yíhchíhn múih
níhn dōu heui
léuhng chí ga.

A: Formerly he went twice every
year.

B: Kéuih yíhchíhn múih
níhn dōu heui
léuhng chí ga,
bātgo gāmnín kéuih
yāt chí dōu meih
heui gwo.

B: Formerly he went twice every
year, but this year he hasn't
gone even once.

1. Kéuih yíhchíhn múih yaht dōu
lāih sām chí ga.

1. Kéuih yíhchíhn múih yaht
dōu lāih sām chí ga,
bātgo gāmyaht kéuih yāt
chí dōu meih lāih gwo.

2. Ngóh yíhchíhn múih go yuht dōu
heui sei chí ga.

2. Ngóh yíhchíhn múih go yuht
dōu heui sei chí ga,
bātgo ní go yuht ngóh
yāt chí dōu meih heui gwo.

3. Kéuih yíhchíhn múih go lāih-
baai dōu lāih chāt chí ga.

3. Kéuih yíhchíhn múih go
lāihbaai dōu lāih chāt
chí ga, bātgo ní go
lāihbaai kéuih yāt chí
dōu meih lāih gwo.

4. Kéuih yíhchíhn múih níhn dōu
heui ŋh chí ga.

4. Kéuih yíhchíhn múih níhn
dōu heui ŋh chí ga,
bātgo gāmnín kéuih yāt
chí dōu meih heui gwo.

IV. CONVERSATIONS FOR LISTENING

(On tape. Refer to wordlist below as you listen.)

Unfamiliar terms, in order of occurrence:

- 1) louh = road
- 2) gwo = pass by
- 3) sung gēi = see (someone) off on a plane
- 4) Hóu wah = 'You're welcome'
- 5) Sātíhn = Shatin, a village in the New Territories of Hong Kong
- 6) fāandouheui = arrive back
- 7) hóu wāan ge deihfōng = fun places, amusing places
- 8) Nàh = used to attract attention. cf. English 'Listen',...

- 9) fūnggīng = scenery
 10) louh = road
 a) sīk louh = know the road; know your way around
 11) Māt m̄hsīk a? = What do you mean, not know?
 12) piu = ticket
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V. SAY IT IN CANTONESE:

A. You say to the person sitting next to you:

1. How many hours a day do you study Cantonese?
2. How many planes to the U.S. are there a day?
3. How long does it take to walk to the Star Ferry?
4. It takes about 15 minutes to cross the harbor by ferry (ship).
5. It takes more than two hours by car.
6. How long have you studied English?
7. How long has Mr. Chang been in Japan?
8. When will Mr. Lau be back?
9. How long does it take by ship from Hong Kong to Japan?
10. How come you didn't go with your wife and children on vacation in Taiwan? (go to Taiwan on excursion)
11. It's so slow to go by ship-- Why are you going by ship? (speaker expected them to take a plane)
12. It's very nice to go by ship, why do you want to fly?

B. And he replies:

1. Every day I study five or six hours.
2. There are four or five a day.
3. It takes about 20 minutes to walk. If you take a cab it's just five minutes.
4. Not so! It doesn't require 15 minutes to get across-- it takes only 10 minutes.
5. It's faster by train--it takes just an hour and a half.
6. More than two years.
7. Over a week.
8. He'll be back in an hour. Please call back later.
9. It takes a little over five days by ship.
10. I've been very busy recently and so I couldn't go.
11. We're going by ship because I'm afraid of taking planes.
12. We have to reach Washington on the 15th, so we don't have time to go by ship.

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| 13. What time does the bus leave? | 13. At quarter after. |
| 14. What time does the next train to the New Territories leave? | 14. At 10:35. |
| 15. Would you prefer to take the bus to the Peak, or the cable car? | 15. Either one--But I think maybe the cable car. |
| 16. What time does Miss Chang's plane leave? | 16. I don't know, you'll have to ask her. |

Vocabulary Checklist for Lesson 20

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| 1. bāan | m: flight, trip; voyage Measure |
| 2. bāsi | n: bus |
| 3. choh <u>vehicle</u> | CoV: travel by <u>vehicle</u> , go by <u>vehicle</u> |
| 4. choh fochē | CoV+O: go by train, take the train |
| 5. daap <u>vehicle</u> | CoV/v: travel by <u>vehicle</u> ; take <u>vehicle</u> ; catch <u>vehicle</u> |
| 6. -dāk | Vsuf: verb suf. 'can,' 'able to,' indicating physical ability |
| 7. dīksi | n: taxi |
| 8. dīngāai? | QW: why? |
| 9. dīmjūng | m: hour (length of time) |
| 10. fēigēi | n: airplane |
| 11. fēigēi chēuhng | n: airport |
| 12. fochē | n: train |
| 13. gāyāhn | n: family members |
| 14. gogo láihbaai | Ph: every week |
| 15. gogo yuht | Ph: every month |
| 16. nihnnih | Ph: every year |
| 17. gónāhohit | Ph: can't make it in time; [hurry-not-make it] |
| 18. hāahng louh | CoV+O: go on foot |
| 19. hahyāt <u>M</u> | Ph: the next <u>M</u> |
| 20. hah yāt bāan chē | Ph: the next trip of the vehicle |
| 21. hoi | v: start off, set out, (for vehicles) |
| 22. laahmchē | n: cable car, Peak Tram |
| 23. léuihāhng | VO: excursion |

24. múih Sp: every, each
25. pa v: frightened of, be afraid of
26. sàamsei nu: three or four - an approximate number
27. Sàandéng Pw: the Peak
28. sahpgéi nu: a few more than 10
29. Sàngaai Pw: the New Territories
30. sóyih Cj: therefore
31. syùhn n: ship, ferry
32. tùhng person yārchāih Y Ph: Y together with person
33. yahtyaht Ph: every day
34. yànwaih Cj: because
35. yànwaih..., sóyih... PCj: because..., therefore...; since..., so...
36. yihché Cj: furthermore
37. yiu CoV: cause, make (someone do something)
38. yiu length of time v: takes length of time
39. yùhnlòih MA/n : basically; basis, origin
40. Yùhnlòih haih gám ge. Ph: Oh, so that's why. So that's the reason!
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