

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 gúngyàhn employ servants
ji (not until) then (same as sinji)

Dáng ngóhdeih chéngdóu gúngyàhn We won't move until after we
jihauh, ji bún. hire servants.

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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 dí 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 dí 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.

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-hóu

verb suffix: bring to
satisfactory conclusion

Dí yéh jinghóusaai meih a?

Is everything fixed up by now?

Sàn làih ge yáhn

yínging

already

Yínging jinghóusaai laak.

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

Dākháahn 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 làih ge yáhn

Ngóh meih máaihdu bo.

I haven't gotten around to
buying one yet.

Néih ga hái bíndouh máaih ga?

Where was yours bought?

Ngóh waahkjé heui gódouh táihah.

Maybe I'll go there and have
a look.B. Recapitulation:(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 làih ge yáhn

A, Léih Sàang, jóusáhn.

Good morning, Mr. Lee.

Sihkjé jóuchāan meih a?

Have you had breakfast yet?

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Meih a.

Not yet.

Ángau síngaan hái ūkkéi jing.

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

Sàn lāih ge yāhn

Ngāam laak--yātchāih lā! Great! (We can eat) together!

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Hóu aak.

Fine.

Tèngginwah néih wán ngūk, wánjǒ

I hear you've been looking for

hóu noih--

a house for quite a while--

Wándóu meih a?

Have you found one?

Sàn lāih ge yāhn

Wándóu laak.

Yeah, we did.

Seuhng go lāihbaai sinji

Last week we finally found one.

wándóu jē.

Būndeihyāhn

Gám, néih dásyun géisih bún nē?

When do you plan to move?

Sàn lāih ge yāhn

Dáng ngóhdeih chéngdóu gūngyāhn

We won't move until after we

jihauh, ji bún.

hire servants.

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Néih yáuh móuh máaih yéh a?

Have you bought things (for
the house)?

Sàn lāih ge yāhn

Yáuh--

Yes--

Seuhng go lāihbaai ngóh taai-

Last week my wife bought some

táai máaihjó dí búi a, díp a,

glasses, and plates, and

chēunglím bou a, gám jē.

some curtain material--that
kind of stuff, that's all.

Kéuih juhng jōu tou gāsi tím bo.

She also rented a set of
furniture, too.

Būndeihyāhn

Dí yéh jinghóusaaí meih a?

Is everything fixed up by now?

Sàn lāih ge yāhn

Yíngíng jinghóusaaí laak.

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

Dākháahn chéng heui choh lā.

When you have time, please go
visit.

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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?

Have you bought one yet?

Sàn làih ge yahn

Ngóh meih máaihdou bo.

I haven't gotten around to
buying one yet.

Néih ga hái bíndouh máaih ga?

Where was yours bought?

Ngóh waahkjé heui gódouh táihah.

Maybe I'll go there and have
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)

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

2) Focus on a particular experience: V-gwo

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| Ex: Ngóh táigwo yísang, daahnhaih
keuih wah mouh meyh. | I <u>went</u> to the doctor, but
he said it wasn't anything. |
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3) Focus on the success of a particular performance: V-hóu

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| Ex: Dí chéunglím jínghóusaai
laak. | The curtains are all fixed. |
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4) Focus on accomplishment of a particular performance: V-jó

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

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

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| Ex: Ngóh kàhmyaht sinji chéngdóu
gungyahn laak. | I finally hired a servant
yesterday. |
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6) Focus on the time or place the action happened: TW+V+ge; PW+V+ge

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| Ex: 1. Kéuih kàhmyaht heui ge. | He went yesterday. |
| 2. Nídi yéh hái bíndouh 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 Vjó+ 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 ché yiu maaih maahn This car (we) wanted to sell for
ngh mán, sáuméi maaihjó \$15,000, but finally closed the
maahn yih mán. 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 gámáht 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 san chē a? Have you bought a new car? (I don't know that you plan to.)
2. Kéuih yáuh móuh daaih-hohk bātyihp ga? Did he graduate from college? (Is he a college graduate?-- I don't have any knowledge of his educational attainments)
3. Néih yáuh móuh tái yīsāng a? Have you seen a doctor?

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 sán chē meih? Have you bought (or did you buy) a/the new car yet? (I know you plan to.)
2. Kéuih gójahnsìh bātjó yihp meih a? Had he graduated at that time?
3. Néih táigwo yīsāng meih a? Have you seen a doctor (yet)?

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 tomorrow. [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. sinji (variant: ji) 'finally;' '(only) then;' '(not until) then'

(sin)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 (sin)ji Tomorrow he finally leaves.
 jáu. Not until tomorrow does he leave.
2. Dǎng ngóhdeih chéngdóu We'll wait till after we get
 gungyahn jihauh, (sin)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 dī búi a, díp a, I bought some cups, and plates,
 chéunglím a. and curtains.
2. Ngóh kàhmyaht síkháh yéh a, Yesterday I ate, and read, and
 táihah syu a, fanhah gaau a. slept.

(See BC)

5. S { hái bǐndouh } V ge/ga = S is/was { where } V-ed.
 { tǔhng bǐngo } { with whom }
 { géisí } { when }

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:

1. Néih ga chē (haih) hái Where was your car bought?
bīndouh máaih ga?
2. Néih ga chē (haih) géisí When was your car bought?
máaih ga?
3. Neih ga chē (haih) tūhng From whom was your car bought?
bīngo maaih ga?
4. Néih ga chē tūhng bīngo For (on behalf of) whom was your
máaih ga? 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
maaih ga. at Wellcome Company.
- (Compare with:)
- Nī dī bējáu hái Weihòhng This beer was bought at
máaih 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
máaihjō dī bui. Wing On Company.

(Compare with:)

Nī dī bī, hái Wíhng Ōn These glasses were bought at
Gūngsī máaih 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: jíng = to work on, to make, to fix
jíng hóu = to fix up, to fix so that it's OK
góng = speak
góng hóu = to talk it over and come to an agreement
gwa = to hang
gwah hóu = to hang up

III. DRILLS

1. Expansion Drill

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| <p>+ 1. a. <u>ngūkjòu</u>, ngūkjōu</p> <p>b. géi(dō) chin ngūkjōu a?</p> <p>c. béi géi(dō) chin ngūkjōu a?</p> <p>d. yiu béi géi(dō) chin ūkjōu a?</p> <p>e. yāt go yuht yiu béi géi(dō) chin ūkjōu a?</p> <p>f. Néih yāt go yuht yiu béi géi(dō) chin 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>yàhngùng</u>, yàhngūng</p> <p>b. géidō chin yàhngūng a?</p> <p>c. béi géidō chin yàhngūng a?</p> <p>d. yiu béi géidō chin yàhngūng a?</p> <p>e. yāt go yuht yiu béi géidō chin yàhngūng a?</p> <p>f. Néih yāt go yuht yiu béi géidō chin yàhngūng a?</p> <p>g. Néih yāt go yuht yiu béi géidō chin 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>3. a. <u>salary</u> (of white collar workers)</p> |
| <p>+ b. <u>maahn</u> lèhng mán sànséui gamseuhnghá
(maahn = ten thousand)</p> | <p>b. approximately ten thousand and some dollars salary</p> |
| <p>c. yáuh maahn lèhng mán sànséui gamseuhnghá</p> | <p>c. gets approximately \$10,000 and some salary</p> |
| <p>d. yāt nihh yáuh maahn lèhng mán sànséui gamseuhnghá</p> | <p>d. gets approximately \$10,000 and some salary a year</p> |
| <p>e. Kéuih yāt nihh yáuh maahn lèhng mán sànséui gamseuhnghá.</p> | <p>e. He gets a salary of approximately \$10,000 and some per year.</p> |

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

2. Response Drill

- Ex: 1. T: Kéuih bātjǒ yihp T: Has she graduated yet?
meih a? /gauhnín/ /last year/
S: Bātjǒ laak. Gauh- S: Yes, she has -- (she) graduated
nín bāt ge. last year.
2. T: Kéuih bātjǒ yihp T: Has she graduated yet?
meih a? /chēut- /next year/
nín/
S: Meih. Chēutnín S: Not yet. She graduates [not
sinji bātyihp. until] next year.
1. Kéuih fàanjǒ làih meih a? 1. Fàanjǒ laak. Seuhnggo
/seuhnggo làihbaai/ làihbaai fàan ge.
2. Néih sǐnsàang fàanjǒ heui 2. Meih. Hahgo yuht sinji fàan
Méihgwok meih a? heui.
/hahgo yuht/
3. Néih go néui bātjǒ yihp meih a? 3. Meih. Chēut nín sàam yuht
/cheut nín sàam yuht/ sinji bātyihp.
4. Néih go jái bātjǒ yihp meih a? 4. Bātjǒ laak. Gauh nín luhk
/gauh nín luhk yuht/ yuht bāt ge.
5. Chàhn Siujé dájǒ dihnwá bái 5. Dájǒ laak. Kàhmyaht dá ge.
néih meih a? /kàhmyaht/
- + 6. Néih táijǒ boujǐ meih a? 6. Meih. Dángjǎn sinji tái.
/dángjǎn/ Not yet. I'm going to
Have you read the newspaper read it in a little while.
yet? /in a (short) while/
7. Yihgā chāt dím laak. Wòhng 7. Meih. Baat dím sinji síhk.
Sàang síhkjǒ máahnfaahn Not yet -- He's going to
meih a? /baat dím/ eat at 8.
(evening meal)
- + 8. Yihgā bāat dím laak. Hōh 8. Héijǒ laak. Chāt dím héi
Taai héijǒ sǎn meih a? ge.
/chāt dím/
(néi sǎn =
get up (from sleeping))

3. Expansion Drill

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

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

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

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

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

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

S: Kéuih nīgo 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 taaitáai yāt houh meih
heui. /sàam houh/

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

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

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

3. Ngóh sínsàang kàhmyaht móuh
fàangung. /gāmyaht/

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

4. Ngóh dī sailóugō seuhng go
láihbaai móuh heui yāuhséui.
/nīgo láihbaai/

4. Ngóh dī sailóugō seuhng go
láihbaai móuh heui yāuh-
séui, nīgo láihbaai sinji
heui.

5. Wòhng Sàang nīgo yuht móuh
síhgaan bün uk. /hahgo yuht/

5. Wòhng Sàang nīgo yuht móuh
síhgaan bün uk, hahgo
yuht sinji bün.

6. Hòh Táai nīgo láihbaaiyaht móuh
síhgaan jòuh sām. /hahgo
láihbaaiyaht/

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

4. Response Drill

- Ex: 1. T: Kéuih héijó sà
meih a? /shake;
gáu dimjūng/
S: Meih. Kéuih dá-
syun gáu dimjūng
ji heisàn. T: Has he gotten up yet?
/shake; 9 o'clock/
S: Not yet. He plans to get up
at 9 o'clock. [only then]
2. T: Kéuih fàanjógùng
meih a? nod;
baat dimjūng/
S: Fàanjó laak.
Kéuih baat dim-
jūng jauh fàanjó
laak. T: Has he gone to work yet?
/nod; 8 o'clock/
S: Yes, he has. He went back at
8. [that soon]
1. Kéuih sihkjó ngaanjau meih a?
/nod/ yāt dimjūng/
2. Néih sīnsāang fàanjólāih meih
a? /shake/ luhk dim géi/
3. Néih go jái heuijó dá bō meih
a? /nod/ gáu dimjūng/
4. Néih taaitāai heuijó yám chāh
meih a? /shake/ gáu dim bun/
5. Wòhng Sāang héijó sà meih a?
/nod/ baat dim/
6. Léih Táai sihkjó máahnfaahn
meih a? /nod/ baat dim
yātgowāt/
1. Sihkjó la. Kéuih yāt dim-
jūng jauh sihkjó laak.
2. Meih. Kéuih dásyun luhk dim
géi ji fāan.
3. Heuijó la. Kéuih gáu dim-
jūng jauh heuijó laak.
4. Meih. Kéuih dásyun gáu dim
bun ji heui.
5. Héijó la. Kéuih baat dim
jauh héijó laak.
6. Sihkjó la. Kéuih baat dim
yātgowāt jauh sihkjó
laak.
- Comment: The action expressed in a clause introduced by (sin)ji is felt to be later than one might expect.

5. Alteration Drill

- Ex: T: Kéuih tīngyaht fāan
mhfāanlāih a? T: Will he be back tomorrow?
S: Kéuih tīngyaht fāan-
lāih meih a? S: Will he be back by tomorrow?
1. Kéuih tīngyaht jáu mhjáu a? 1. Kéuih tīngyaht jáu meih a?
2. Kéuih sīnsāang tīngyaht fāan
mhfāangùng a? 2. Kéuih sīnsāang tīngyaht
fāangùng meih a?
3. Néih tīngyaht heui mhheui ló
chín a? 3. Néih tīngyaht heui ló chín
meih a?

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| 4. Néih taaitáai tǐngyaht heui
m̀hheui tái yísāng a? | 4. Néih taaitáai tǐngyaht heui
tái yísāng meih a? |
| 5. Kéuih gáu dím héi m̀hhéisàn a? | 5. Kéuih gáu dím héisàn meih a? |
| 6. Kéuih dī jáinéui tǐngyaht
fàan m̀hfàanlāih a? | 6. Kéuih dī jáinéui 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 sinji
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 s̀insāang tǐngyaht làih
meih a? /shake/ hahgo lāih-
baai/ | 3. Meih a, hahgo lāihbaai
sinji làih. |
| 4. Néih tǐngyaht fàang̀ung meih a?
/shake/ hahgo lāihbaaiyāt/ | 4. Meih a, hahgo lāihbaaiyāt
sinji fàan. |
| 5. Néih go jái tǐngyaht heui tái
yísāng meih a? /nod/ | 5. Heui laak. |
| 6. Kéuihdeih tǐngyaht b̀un ũk
meih a? /shake/ hahgo yuht/ | 6. Meih a, hahgo yuht sinji
b̀un. |
| 7. Hòh Táai tǐngyaht máaih díp
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 sán ch̀e a? | 7. Kéuih máaihjó sán 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 sànn meih a? |
| 13. Kéuih géisí gitfan a? | 13. Kéuih gitjó fan meih a? |

8. Response Drill

Ex: T: Kéuih b̀unj̀ō ũk meih
a? /t̄ingyaht/

T: Has he moved house yet?
/tomorrow/

S: Meih. Waahkj̀ē t̄ing-
yaht l̄a.

S: Not yet -- maybe tomorrow.

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| 1. Kéuih sihkj̀ō faahn meih a?
/yāt d̄imj̀ung/ | 1. Meih. Waahkj̀ē yāt d̄imj̀ung
l̄a. |
| 2. Kéuih héij̀ō s̀an meih a?
/gáu d̄im bun/ | 2. Meih. Waahkj̀ē gáu d̄im bun l̄a. |
| 3. Néih s̀ins̀aang f̀aanj̀ō Méihgwok
meih a? /hahgo yuht/ | 3. Meih. Waahkj̀ē hahgo yuht
l̄a. |
| 4. Néih taaitáai wándóu g̀ungyáhn
meih a? /hahgo láihbaai/ | 4. Meih. Waahkj̀ē hahgo láih-
baai l̄a. |
| 5. Wòhng Táai làihj̀ō Hèunggóng
meih a? /hahgo yuht yāt
houh/ | 5. Meih. Waahkj̀ē hahgo yuht
yāt houh l̄a. |
| 6. Néih go j̀ái máaihj̀ō ch̀ē meih
a? /uigo láihbaai/ | 6. Meih. Waahkj̀ē n̄igo láihbaai
l̄a. |

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

Ex: T: T̀engginwah kéuih
séung máaih ga
s̀an ch̀ē.

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

S: T̀engginwah kéuih
maaihj̀ō ga s̀an
ch̀ē laak.

S: I hear he bought a new car.

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| 1. T̀engginwah kéuih séung b̀un
nguk. | 1. T̀engginwah kéuih b̀unj̀ō
nguk laak. |
| 2. T̀engginwah néih s̀ins̀aang
séung f̀aan Méihgwok. | 2. T̀engginwah néih s̀ins̀aang
f̀aanj̀ō Méihgwok laak. |
| 3. T̀engginwah néih taaitáai séung
maaih tou s̀an g̀así. | 3. T̀engginwah néih taaitáai
maaihj̀ō tou s̀an g̀así laak. |
| 4. T̀engginwah Léih S̀aang séung
heui Méihgwok. | 4. T̀engginwah Léih S̀aang heui-
j̀ō Méihgwok laak. |
| 5. T̀engginwah J̀eung Táai séung
maaih g̀aan ũk. | 5. T̀engginwah J̀eung Táai
maaihj̀ō g̀aan uk laak. |
| 6. T̀engginwah néih go j̀ái séung
maaih ga ch̀ē. | 6. T̀engginwah néih go j̀ái
maaihj̀ō ga ch̀ē laak. |

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| 7. Tèngginwah Chàhn Siujé séung wan ngük. | 7. Tèngginwah Chàhn Siujé wandóu ngük laak.
I hear Miss Chan found a house. |
| 8. Tèngginwah Hòh Táai séung chéng gungyàhn. /chéngdóu/ | 8. Tèngginwah Hòh Táai chéngdóu gungyàhn laak.
I hear Mrs. Ho engaged a servant. |

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

Ex: T: Hòh Sàang yínging dájò dihnwá bái ngòh laak.
/kàhmyaht/

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

S: Hòh Sàang kàhmyaht yínging dájò dihnwá bái ngòh laak.

S: Mr. Ho already called me yesterday.

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| 1. Kéuih yínging héijó sán laak.
/chāt dim bun/
He's already gotten up.
/7:30/ | 1. Kéuih chāt dim bun yínging héijó sán laak.
He's already gotten up by half past seven. |
| 2. Ngòh sánsàang yínging máaihjó ga sán chē laak. /seuhnggo yuht/ | 2. Ngòh sánsàang seuhnggo yuht yínging máaihjó ga sán chē laak. |
| 3. Chàhn Táai yínging chéngdóu gungyàhn laak. /seuhnggo láihbaaisám/ | 3. Chàhn Táai seuhnggo láihbaaisám yínging chéngdóu gungyàhn laak. |
| 4. Wòhng Siujé yínging bunjó ūk laak. /seuhnggo yuht sei houh/ | 4. Wòhng Siujé seuhnggo yuht sei houh yínging bunjó ūk laak. |
| 5. Ngòh taaitái yínging heuijó yám chàh laak. /gáu dim bun/ | 5. Ngòh taaitái gáu dim bun yínging heuijó yám chàh laak. |
| 6. Ngòh go jái yínging heuijó dá bō laak. /baat dimjūng/ | 6. Ngòh go jái baat dimjūng yínging heuijó dá bō laak. |

11. Response Drill

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

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

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| 1. Kéuih làihjǒ meih a?
/seuhnggo làihbaai/ | 1. Làihjǒ laak. Kéuih seuhnggo làihbaai làih ge. |
| 2. Néih sǐnsàang fàanjǒ Méihgwok meih a? /nigo yuht/ | 2. Fàanjǒ laak. Kéuih nigo yuht fàan ge. |
| 3. Wòhng Sàang máaihjǒ chē meih a? /seuhnggo làihbaaisàam/ | 3. Máaihjǒ laak. Kéuih seuhnggo làihbaaisàam máaih ge. |
| 4. Néih taaitáai chéngjǒ gūngyahn meih a? /kàhmyaht/ | 4. Chéngjǒ laak. Kéuih kàhmyaht chéng ge. |
| 5. Chàhn Sǐujé sikhjǒ ngaanjau meih a? /dǐm bun jǔng/ | 5. Sikhjǒ laak. Kéuih dǐm bun jǔng sikh ge. |

12. Expansion Drill

Ex: T: /chē/maahn yih mǎn/

T: /car/12 thousand dollars/

S: Nǐ ga chē máaihjǒ maahn yih mǎn.

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. Nǐ gǎan ūk máaihjǒ ngh maahn luhk mǎn. |
| 2. /faaijǐ/\$8/ | 2. Nǐ deui faaijǐ máaihjǒ baat mǎn. |
| 3. /gāng/\$6.50/ | 3. Nǐ jek gāng máaihjǒ luhk go bun. |
| 4. /dǎfógēi/\$46.50/ | 4. Nǐ go dǎfógēi máaihjǒ sei-sahp luhk go bun. |
| 5. /chē/\$35,000/ | 5. Nǐ ga chē máaihjǒ sàam maahn ngh mǎn. |
| + 6. /jèung tói/\$16.00/
(table) | 6. Nǐ jèung tói máaihjǒ sahp-luhk mǎn. |
| 7. /gāsi/\$10,000/ | 7. Nǐ tou gāsi máaihjǒ yāt maahn mǎn. |

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 jǐkhaih luhk mǎn góngjǐ gamseuhnghá.
- S: One dollars U.S. -- well, that's about six dollars Hong Kong
2. T: Léuhng mǎn Méihgām hóyih wuhn géi chǐn góngjǐ a?
- T: How much in Hong Kong money can you get for two dollars U. S.?
- S: Léuhng mǎn Méihgām jǐkhaih géi chǐn góngjǐ a?
- S: Two dollars U.S. is how much in Hong Kong money?
- + 1. Yāt Yǐngbohng hóyih wuhn sahpluhk mǎn Góngjǐ.
(English pound (sterling))
1. Yāt Yǐngbohng jǐkhaih sahpluhk mǎn Góngjǐ.
2. Sahpyih mǎn góngjǐ hóyih wuhn géi chǐn Méihgām a?
2. Sahpyih mǎn góngjǐ jǐkhaih géi chǐn Méihgām a?
3. Ngh Yǐngbohng hóyih wuhn géi chǐn góngjǐ a?
3. Ngh Yǐngbohng jǐkhaih géi chǐn góngjǐ a?
4. Yāt Yǐngbohng hóyih wuhn géi chǐn Méihgām a?
4. Yāt Yǐngbohng jǐkhaih géi chǐn Méihgām a?
5. Yāt Yǐngbohng hóyih wuhn léuhng go géi ngáhnchǐn Méihgām gamseuhnghá.
5. Yāt Yǐngbohng jǐkhaih léuhng go géi ngáhnchǐn Méihgām gamseuhnghá.
6. Ngh mǎn Méihgām hóyih wuhn sàam-sahp mǎn góngjǐ gamseuhnghá.
6. Ngh mǎn Méihgām jǐkhaih sàam-sahp mǎn góngjǐ gamseuhnghá.
7. Yāt maahn mǎn góngjǐ hóyih wuhn géi chǐn Yǐngbohng a?
7. Yāt maahn mǎn góngjǐ jǐkhaih géi chǐn Yǐngbohng a?
8. Sahp maahn mǎn Méihgām hóyih wuhn luhksahp maahn góngjǐ.
8. Sahp maahn mǎn Méihgām jǐkhaih luhksahp maahn góngjǐ.
9. Yāt maahn Yǐngbohng hóyih wuhn sahpluhk maahn góngjǐ.
9. Yāt maahn Yǐngbohng jǐkhaih sahpluhk maahn góngjǐ.
10. Yāt baak maahn góngjǐ hóyih wuhn géi chǐn Yǐngbohng a?
10. Yāt baak maahn góngjǐ jǐkhaih géi chǐn Yǐngbohng 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 mán Méihgām = US\$300

sàam mán Góngjī = HK\$300

14. Response Drill

Ex: T: Ní go dáfógēi hái bindouh máaih ga? /Yahtbún/
T: Where did you buy this lighter? /Japan/

S: Ní go dáfógēi hái Yahtbún máaih ge.
S: I bought this lighter in Japan.

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| 1. Ní go dáfógēi géisi máaih ga? /seuhnggo laihbaaiyāt/ | 1. Ní go dáfógēi seuhnggo laihbaaiyāt máaih ge. |
| 2. Ní jī bāt tūhng bīngō je ga? /Léih Táai/ | 2. Ní jī bāt tūhng Léih Táai je ge. |
| 3. Ní gihn seutsāam sung bēi bīngō ga? /ngōh bàhbā/ | 3. Ní gihn seutsāam sung bēi ngōh bàhbā ge. |
| 4. Ní jūng hàaih hái bīn gāan gungsi máaih ga? /Wihng Ōn Gūngsi/ | 4. Ní jūng hàaih hái Wihng Ōn Gūngsi máaih ge. |
| 5. Ní jūng hàaih haih bīn gwok jōuh ga? /Yinggwok/ | 5. Ní jūng hàaih haih Yinggwok jōuh ge. |
| 6. Ní dī bēng bīngō jīng ga? /ngōh taaitāai/ | 6. Ní dī bēng ngōh taaitāai jīng ge. |
| 7. Ní ga chē hái bīndouh máaih ga? /Hèunggóng/ | 7. Ní ga chē hái Hèunggóng máaih 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, wánjǒ
hóu noih.

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

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| 1. Kéuih wán gúngyáhn. /hóu noih/ | 1. Kéuih wán gúngyáhn, wánjǒ
hóu noih. |
| 2. Kéuih sihk aan. /móuhgéinoih/ | 2. Kéuih sihk aan, sihkjǒ móuh-
géinoih.
He didn't take long to
eat lunch. |
| 3. Kéuih bün ūk. /gái go jūngtáuh/ | 3. Kéuih bün ūk, bünjǒ gái go
jūngtáuh.
He took several hours to
move. |
| 4. Kéuih fàan Gwóngjàu. /sei go
yuht/ | 4. Kéuih fàan Gwóngjàu, fàanjǒ
sei go yuht. |
| 5. Kéuih dukh Yíngmáhn. /baat
nihn/ | 5. Kéuih dukh Yíngmáhn, dukhjǒ
baat nihn. |
| 6. Kéuih heui Tòihwāan. /sàam go
yuht/ | 6. Kéuih heui Tòihwāan, heuijǒ
sàam go yuht. |
| 7. Kéuih jough sām. /yāt go láih-
baai/ | 7. Kéuih jough sām, joughjǒ
yāt go láihbaai. |
| + 8. Kéuih <u>jíng chē</u> . /léuhng yaht/
He <u>repairs cars</u> . | 8. Kéuih jíng chē, jíngjǒ
léuhng yaht. |
| 9. Kéuih jyú faahn. /bun go jūng-
táuh/ | 9. Kéuih jyú faahn, jyújǒ bun
go jūngtáuh. |
| + 10. Kéuih <u>sé jih</u> . /yihshap fān-
jūng/
(write [<u>write-words</u>]) | 10. Kéuih sé jih, séjǒ yihshap
fānjūng. |

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

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

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

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

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| 1. A Sei, ngóh fu ngáhngéng
wán mhdou gé.
A Sei! I can't find my
glasses! | 1. A Sei, ngóh fu ngáhngéng
wán mhdou gé. |
| 2. /jek díp/ | 2. A Sei, ngóh jek díp wán
mhdou gé! |
| 3. /tíuh dáifu/ | 3. A Sei, ngóh tíuh dáifu wán
mhdou gé! |
| 4. /go ngáhngéngdóı/ | 4. A Sei, ngóh go ngáhngéngdóı
wán mhdou gé! |
| 5. /tíuh kwáhn/ | 5. A Sei, ngóh tíuh kwáhn wán
mhdou gé! |
| 6. /go sáudóı/ | 6. A Sei, ngóh go sáudóı 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) m̀hheuidāk = 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) g̀ungfo = lessons, homework
- 11) g̀ondākchit = can make it in time; there will be time to
do it
- 12) f̀èi = ticket
- 13) -yùhn = finish
 - a) síhkyùhn = finish eating
 - b) duhkyùhn = finish studying
- 14) g̀ónmhchit = can't make it in time
- 15) ngāamngāam = just
- 16) lauhdài = leave behind
- 17) hónàhng = probably
- 18) f̀óng = 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 gám sìn la = 'That's all for now'
- 23) m̀eyéh 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. gāsí	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, ngūkjòu	n: house rent
31. sán làih ge yáhn	Ph: newcomer, new arrival
32. sànséui	n: salary
33. sé jih	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. yāitcháih	adv: together
41. yātdihng	adv: certainly, definitely
42. yí	n: chair
43. yíhng	adv: already
44. yíngbóng 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

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

Léih Siujé

Haih a. That's right.

Máh Sinsàang

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

Léih Siujé

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

Máh Sinsàang

Díngáai m̀hheuidāk 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

gónmhchit	not have time [hurry-not make it]
gónmhchit daap syùhn	not have time to take a ship
Yùhgwó dǎng kéuh dākhàahn góján, jauh gónmhchit 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 kéuh tùhng dī sailóugō daap syùhn heui sin.	Furthermore, because Mrs. Cheung also is afraid of taking planes, she went first with the children by boat.
Jèung Sàang hahgo láihbaaisám ji daap fēigèi heui.	Mr. Cheung will go by plane next Wednesday.
	<u>Máh Sinsàang</u>
yùhnlòih	origin, source; reason why
O, yùhnlòih haih gám gé.	Oh, so that's the reason.
yiu (+ time expression)	takes (amount of time)
Daap fēigèi yiu géi nôi a?	How long does it take by plane?
	<u>Léih Sfuje</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 Sînsàng

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
fēigèi heui Méihgwok a?	there going to America?

Léih síujé

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

Máh Sînsàng

hòih	start, leave, take off,
	(on voyage)
gó bāan géisí hòih a?	what time does the flight
	leave?
Jèung Sàng 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 jí 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 Sînsàng

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

Léih Síujé

Haih a.	That's right.
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Máh Sînsàng

Kéuihdeih díngáai àhtúhng Jèung	Why didn't they go with Mr.
Sàng yārcháih heui nē?	Cheung?

Léih Síujé

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

Máh Sînsàang

Dínggáai m̀hheuidāk a?

Why couldn't he leave?

Léih Siujé

Kéuih nípáai dōu hóu m̀hdāk̀hàahn.

He's been awfully busy recently.

Yùngwó dāng kéuih dāk̀hàahn 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, yánwaih Jèung Táai yauh

Furthermore, since Mrs. Cheung

hóu pa daap fēigèi gé, sóyih

also is afraid of taking

kéuih tùhng sailóngō daap

planes, she left first with

syùhn heui sìn.

the children by ship.

Jèung Sàang hahgo láihbaaisàam

Mr. Cheung will go by plane

ji daap fēigèi heui.

next Wednesday.

Máh Sînsàang

O, yùhnloih haih gám ge.

Oh, so that's the reason.

Daap fēigèi yiu géi nói 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 Sînsàang

Múih go láihbaai 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 Sînsàang

Jèung Sàang daap gó bāan géisi

The flight Mr. Cheung is taking--

hóu a?

when does it leave?

Léih Siujé

Ngóh m̀hji ga--Yiu mahnháh kéuih

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

ji 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> tim!	The car is so old--it isn't able to run!
a	V-dāk	Ga chē <u>hàahngdāk</u> ga--neih meih hoi sosih 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 Gáulúhng Because I work in Kowloon, I
jouh sih, ngóh mhjúngyi wouldn't like to live in
hái Heunggóng jyuh. Hong Kong.

2. Ngóh hái Gáulúhng jouh I work in Kowloon, so I
sih, sóyih ngóh mhjúngyi 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:	<u>Nu.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>Fraction or Partial</u>	<u>N.</u>	
1.	sàam	go		jūngt'auh	3 hours
	sàam	go	géi	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:	<u>Nu.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>1/2</u>	<u>(N)</u>	
	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:	<u>1/2 M</u>	<u>(N)</u>	
	bun go	jūngt'auh	half an hour
	bun go	yuht	half a month
	bun	gàn	half a catty
	bun	máh	half a yard (of cloth, etc.)
	bun	yaht	half a day
	bun	n'ihn	half a year

c. Approximate numbers:

sàamsei	yaht	3 or 4 days
sei'ng	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'

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

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

(See BC)

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

múih 'every,' 'each,' occupies the position of specifying words
(nī, gó) before the number in a numbered Time Expression.

- Ex: 1. Kéuih múih léuhng go 1. He goes to the New Territories
laihbaai heui Sangaa once very two weeks.
yāt chi.
2. Kéuih nī léuhng go 2. He has taken off for the New
laihbaai heuijo Territories twice these last
Sangaa léuhng chi. 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 nīhn heui Sàngaa
yāt chi.
2. Kéuih yāt nīhn heui Sàngaa
yāt chi.
3. Kéuih múih yāt nīhn dōu heui
Sàngaa 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 laihbaai, '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 Gwóngdungwa. He studies Cantonese every day.
2. Kéuih gogo láihbaai dōu sihk yāt léuhng chi Jūngchoi. He eats Chinese food once 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 nihnnihndōu heui Méihgwok yāt chi máaih yéh. Every year he goes to America on a buying trip.
2. Kéuih múih/^{léuhng nihndōu} heui Méihgwok yāt chi máaih yéh. He goes to America once every two years on a buying trip.

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, bāsí, 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 He's going there at 3 o'clock.
gódouh.

2. Heui gódouh yiu sàam
dímjūng.

3. Heui gódouh yiu sàam go
jūngtáuh.

} It takes three hours
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 mhjí bo—
kéuih mouh wah ngóh
jí.

I'm sorry, I don't know—
she didn't tell me.

b. Ngóh mhjí bo—kéuih
mhwah ngóh jí.

I'm sorry, I don't know—
she wouldn't tell me.

2.a. Kéuih káhmyaht dímgáai
mouh túhng néih heui
a?

Why didn't he go with you
yesterday? (plainfact question)

b. Kéuih káhmyaht dímgáai
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
gái ge.

She won't ever go out with me
on Sunday.

b. Gám, káhmyaht láihbaai—
kéuih túhng mhtúhng
néih heui a?

Well, yesterday was Sunday—
did she (was she willing to)
go out with you?

4.a. Ngóh néuihpahngyáuh go-
go láihbaai dou túhng
ngóh heui gái.

My girlfriend always goes out
with me on Sunday.

b. Gám, káhmyaht 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 dǐngáai yiu [you why made walk-road go eh?]
háahng louh heui nē? 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 dǎng ngóh Making you wait for me so long--
gam noih, mhhou yisi. 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 Yíngmáhn yáuh His English study amounts to
sei nihh. 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 He plans to study English
sei nihh Yíngmáhn. for four years.

2. Kéuih duhkjó sei nihh He studied English for four
Yíngmáhn. 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 nihh 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 -jǒ, 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 Yìngmàhn
yauh sei nihh. | His English study--it amounted
to four years. |
| 2. Kéuih duhkjǒ Yìngmàhn
yauh sei nihh ge la. | He's studied English--it's been
four years now. |
| | <u>or</u> |
| | 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

- | | |
|---|---|
| Ex: Kéuih daap gó bāan fēigēi
sei dím hoi. | The plane he is taking leaves
at 4 o'clock. (<u>or</u> 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
go 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.
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.
- 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.
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. 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.
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. hàahng louh.
 b. hàahng louh heui.
 c. yiu hàahng louh heui.
 d. dīngáai yiu hàahng louh?
 e. Néih dīngáai yiu hàahng louh heui nē?
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 ziu has a new meaning:

+ ziu =
'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> fóchē. | b. <u>take</u> the train, <u>go by</u> train |
| c. chóh fóchē heui. | c. go by train |
| + d. chóh fóchē heui <u>Sàngaai</u> . | d. go by train to the <u>New Territories</u> |
| e. Chóh fóchē heui Sàngaai yiu géi noih a? | e. How long does it take to get to the New Territories by train? |
| 6. a. géi houh bāsi | 6. a. what number bus |
| b. daahp géi houh bāsi | b. catch what number bus |
| c. yiu daahp géi houh bāsi | c. have to get what number bus |
| + d. Heui <u>fēigēichèuhng</u> yiu daahp géi houh bāsi a? | d. What number bus do you catch to get to the <u>airport</u> ? |
| + e. Heui <u>Sāandéng</u> yiu daahp géi houh bāsi a? | e. What number bus do you catch to get to the <u>Peak</u> ? |
| f. Heui Sàngaai yiu daahp géi houh bāsi a? | f. What number bus do you catch to get to the New Territories? |
| + 7. a. <u>léuihhāng</u> | 7. a. <u>trip, excursion</u> |
| b. heui léuihhāng | b. go on a trip, excursion |
| c. heui Tòihwāan léuihhāng | c. go to Taiwan on a trip |
| d. gauh nín heui Tòihwāan léuihhāng | d. took a trip to Taiwan last year |
| e. Gauh nín heui Tòihwāan léuihhāng, heuijó léuhng go láihbaai. | 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 múih yaht heui yāt chi. | 1. Kéuih <u>yahtyaht</u> dōu heui yāt chi. (<u>every day</u>) |
| + 2. Kéuih múih go láihbaai heui yāt chi. | 2. Kéuih <u>gogo láihbaai</u> dōu heui yat chi. (<u>every week</u>) |
| + 3. Kéuih múih go yuht heui yāt chi. | 3. Kéuih <u>gogo yuht</u> dōu keui yāt chi. (<u>every month</u>) |
| + 4. Kéuih múih nihn heui yāt chi. | 4. Kéuih <u>nihnnihn</u> dōu heui yāt chi. (<u>every year</u>) |

Comment: Note that in the above sentences the duplicated Measure expressions (nihnnihn, etc) are followed by dōu before the Verb: nihnnihn 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 m̄hahh chòh fóchē làih ga? /bāsi/
S: M̄hahh. Ngóh chòh bāsi làih ge.

T: Did you come by train? /bus/
S: No, I came by bus.

2. T: Néih haih m̄hahh chòh bāsi làih ga? /bāsi/
S: Haih. Ngóh chòh bāsi làih ge.

T: Did you come by bus? /bus/
S: Yes, I came by bus.

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| 1. Néih haih m̄hahh daap syühñ làih ga? /fēigēi/ | 1. M̄hahh. Ngóh daap fēigēi làih ge. |
| 2. Néih haih m̄hahh chòh fēigēi làih ga? /fēigēi/ | 2. Haih. Ngóh chòh fēigēi làih ge. |
| 3. Néih haih m̄hahh chòh fóchē làih ga? /bāsi/ | 3. M̄hahh. Ngóh chòh bāsi làih ge. |
| + 4. Néih haih m̄hahh chòh bāsi làih ga? /dīksi/ (taxi) | 4. M̄hahh. Ngóh chòh dīksi làih ge. |
| 5. Néih haih m̄hahh chòh dīksi làih ga? /hàahng louh/ | 5. M̄hahh. Ngóh hàahng louh làih ge. |
| 6. Néih haih m̄hahh hàahng louh làih ga? /chòh fóchē/ | 6. M̄hahh. Ngóh chòh fóchē làih ge. |
| 7. Néih haih m̄hahh daap fóchē làih ga? /fóchē/ | 7. Haih. Ngóh daap fóchē làih ge. |

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| 8. Néih haih m̀h̄h̄aih daap f́ochē
l̀aih ga? /b́así/ | 8. M̀h̄h̄aih. Ngóh daap b́así l̀aih
ge. |
| 9. Néih haih m̀h̄h̄aih daap b́así
l̀aih ga? /laahmchē/ | 9. M̀h̄h̄aih. Ngóh daap laahmchē
l̀aih ge. |
| 10. Néih haih m̀h̄h̄aih daap laahmchē
l̀aih ga? /laahmchē/ | 10. Haih. Ngóh daap laahm-
chē l̀aih ge. |
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4. Response Drill

- Ex: 1. T: Néih dím heui ga? /b́así/ T: How did you get there?
S: Ngóh daap b́así heui ge. S: I went by bus.
2. T: Néih dím heui a? /h̀aahng louh/ T: How are you going to get there?
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? /sỳuhn/ | 4. Ngóh daap sỳuhn 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? /d́iksi/ | 7. Ngóh daap d́iksi 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. |
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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? |

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| 4. /bāan f'ochē/géisih/ | 4. Hahyāt bāan f'ochē géisih hòi a? |
| 5. /bāan syùhn/daahpgéi/ | 5. Hahyāt bāan syùhn daahp géi hòi a? |

6. Transformation Drill: Change the sentences from ziu to mhsái.

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| Ex: T: Hāahng louh heui
Jüngwāahn Gāaisih
ziu sām go jih. | T: It takes [requires] 15 minutes
to walk to Central Market. |
| S: Hāahng louh heui
Jüngwāahn Gāaisih
mhsái sām go jih. | S: It takes less than [doesn't
require] 15 minutes to walk
to Central Market. |
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| + 1. Daap bāsí heui ziu yāt <u>dím-jüng</u> . (one hour) | 1. Daap bāsí heui mhsái yāt
dímjüng. |
| 2. Chóh syùhn heui ziu seíng
yaht. | 2. Chóh syùhn heui mhsái seíng
yaht. |
| 3. Chóh fēigèi heui Yahtbún ziu
chātbaat dímjüng. | 3. Chóh fēigèi heui Yahtbún
mhsái chātbaat dímjüng. |
| 4. Daap laahmchē séuhng heui ziu
nghluhk go jih. | 4. Daap laahmchē séuhng heui
mhsái nghluhk go jih. |
| 5. Chóh díksí heui tòuhsyügwún
ziu léuhngsām go jih. | 5. Chóh díksí heui tòuhsyügwún
mhsái léuhngsām go jih. |
| 6. Hāahng louh heui ziu léuhng
díng géi jüng. | 6. Hāahng louh heui mhsái
léuhng díng géi jüng. |

7. Combining Drill

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| Ex: T: Gó dí ngāuhyuhk
mhhóusihk. Ngóh
mhsihk. | T: That beef doesn't taste good.
I'm not going to eat it. |
| S: Yánwaih gó dí ngāuh-
yuhk mhhóusihk,
sóyih ngóh mhsihk. | S: I'm not going to eat that beef,
because it doesn't taste
good. |
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| 1. Gó dí jyüyuhk mhhóusihk.
Ngóh móuh sihk. | 1. Yánwaih gó dí jyüyuhk mhhóu-
sihk, sóyih ngóh móuh sihk. |
| 2. Kāhmyaht láihbaai. Ngóhdeih
mhsái fāangüng. | 2. Yánwaih kāhmyaht láihbaai,
sóyih mhsái fāangüng. |
| 3. Gó deui hàaih mhhóutái.
Ngóh mhjeuk. | 3. Yánwaih gó deui hàaih mhhóu-
tái, sóyih ngóh mhjeuk. |

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| 4. Ní gihn yúhlāu daaihđí.
ngóh m̄hséung máaih. | 4. Yánwaih ní gihn yúhlāu
daaihđí, sóyih ngóh m̄hséung
máaih. |
| 5. Gám̄yaht m̄hsái fàangùng.
Ngóh heui chàhlāuh yám chàh. | 5. Yánwaih gám̄yaht m̄hsái fàan-
gùng, sóyih ngóh heui
chàhlāuh yám chàh. |

8. Transformation Drill

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| Ex: T: Múih yaht yáuh géi
(dō) baan fēigēi
a? /3/ | T: How many flights are there
each day? |
| S: Múih yaht yáuh sām
baan. | S: There are three flights every
day. |
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| 1. Múih yaht dukk géi(dō) go
jūngtāuh syù a? /4/ | 1. Múih yaht dukk 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
dīm̄jūng Gwóngdùngwá a? /2/ | 3. Múih go láihbaai hohk léuhng
dīm̄jūng. |
| 4. Múih yaht hohk géi(dō) go
jūngtāuh Yíngmāhn 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) baan
fēigēi a? /3/ | 6. Múih yaht yáuh sām baan. |

9. Expansion Drill

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| Ex: T: Chóh bāsí yiu géi
noih a? /Júngwáahn/ | T: How long does it take to go by
bus? /Central District/ |
| S: Chóh bāsí heui Jūng-
wáahn yiu géi noih
a? | S: How long will it take to go to
Central District by bus? |
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| 1. Hàahng louh yiu géi noih a?
/Hèunggóng Daaihohk
tòuhsyùgwún/ | 1. Hàahng louh heui Hèunggóng
Daaihohk tòuhsyùgwún
yiu géi noih a? |
| 2. Daap fēigēi yiu géi noih a?
/Yahtbun/ | 2. Daap fēigēi heui Yahtbún
yiu géi noih a? |
| 3. Chóh dīksí yiu géi noih a?
/Daaih Douh Jūng/ | 3. Chóh dīksí heui Daaih Douh
Jūng yiu géi noih a? |

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| 4. Daap bāsi yiu géi noih a?
/Wíhng Ūn Gūngsī/ | 4. Daap bāsi heui Wíhng Ūn Gūng-
sī yiu géi noih a? |
| 5. Daap syùhn yiu géi noih a?
/Tòihwāan/ | 5. Daap syùhn 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 Tīnsing Máhtàuh
yiu géi noih a? | 1. Yàuh Jùngwàahn Gàaisih
hàahnglouh heui Tīnsing
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/Wíhng Ūn
Gūngsī/ | 4. Yàuh Méihgwok Jáudim hàahng
louh heui Wíhng Ūn Gūngsī
yiu géi noih a? |
| 5. /daap dīksī/ | 5. Yàuh Méihgwok Jáudim daap
dīksī heui Wíhng Ūn Gūngsī
yiu géi noih a? |
| 6. /WíhngŪn Gūngsī/(Hèung)góng
Daaih(hohk)/ | 6. Yàuh WíhngŪn Gūngsī daap
dīksī heui (Hèung)góng
Daaih(hohk) yiu géi noih
a? |
| 7. /Hèunggóng Daaihhohk/séuhng
Sāandéng/ | 7. Yàuh Hèunggóng Daaihhohk
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 Daaih is an abbreviation for Hong Kong University.

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

- Ex: 1. T: Daap fēigēi yiu sāam go jūngtāuh. T: It takes three hours to go by plane.
 S: Daap fēigēi yiu sāam go gēi 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 yaht gēi. S: It takes a little over five days (but less than 6) to go by boat.
1. Jauh nī gihn sih yiu yāt nihñ. This job will take a year to do. 1. Jauh nī gihn sih yiu (yāt) nihñ gēi.
2. Chóh syùhn yiu yāt go yuht. 2. Chóh syùhn yiu go gēi yuht.
3. Daap fóchē yiu séi go jih. 3. Daap fóchē yiu séi go gēi jih.
4. Heui laahmchē jaahm yiu yāt go jūngtāuh. 4. Heui laahmchē jaahm yiu (yāt) go gēi jūngtāuh.
5. Fàan ūkkéi yiu sahp fānjūng. 5. Fàan ūkkéi yiu sahp gēi fānjūng.
6. Hohk Gwóngdùngwá yiu léuhng nihñ. 6. Hohk Gwóngdùngwá yiu léuhng nihñ gēi.
7. Daap syùhn heui Tòihwāan yiu sāam yaht. 7. Daap syùhn heui Tòihwāan yiu sāam yaht gēi.
8. Heui fēigēichèuhng yiu léuhng dím jūng. 8. Heui fēigēichèuhng yiu léuhng dím gēi jūng.

Repeat, thus:

T: Daap fēigēi yiu sāam go jūngtāuh.

S: Daap fēigēi yiu sāam go jūngtāuh dóu lā.

12. Response Drill

- Ex: 1. T: Néih heidou góján, kéuih-deih sihkjó faahn meih a? /nod/ T: When you got there, had they eaten yet?
- S: Ngóh heidou góján, kéuihdeih yínging sihkjó faahn laak. S: When I got there, they had already eaten their meal.

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| <p>2. T: Néih heidou gó-ján, kéuihdeih sihkjó faahn meih a? /shake/</p> <p>S: Ngóh heidou 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 heidou góján, néih sihkjó jóuchaan meih a? /shake/</p> <p>2. Kéuih heidou góján, néih táijó yísang meih a? /nod/</p> <p>3. Néih làihdou góján, kéuih fàanjóheui meih a? /shake/</p> <p>4. Néih heidou góján, kéuih jáujó meih a? /nod/</p> <p>5. Kéuih làihdou góján, néih yámjó chàh meih a? /shake/</p> <p>6. Néih heidou góján, ga fóchē hòijó meih a? /nod/</p> <p>7. Néih heidou góján, jek syùhn hòijó meih a? /shake/</p> <p>8. Néih heidou góján, kéuih búnjó ùk meih a? /shake/</p> <p>9. Néih heidou góján, kéuih fàanjó ùkkéi meih a? /nod/</p> <p>10. Kéuih heidou góján, néih duhkjó syù meih a? /shake/</p> | <p>1. Kéuih heidou góján, ngóh juhng meih sihk jóuchaan.</p> <p>2. Kéuih heidou góján, ngóh yíhging táijó yísang laak.</p> <p>3. Ngóh làihdou góján, kéuih juhng meih fàanheui.</p> <p>4. Ngóh heidou góján, kéuih yíhging jáujó laak.</p> <p>5. Kéuih làihdou góján, ngóh juhng meih yam chàh.</p> <p>6. Ngóh heidou góján, ga fóchē yíhging hòijó laak.</p> <p>7. Ngóh heidou góján, jek syùhn juhng meih hòi.</p> <p>8. Ngóh heidou góján, kéuih juhng meih bún ùk.</p> <p>9. Ngóh heidou góján, kéuih yíhging fàanjó ùkkéi laak.</p> <p>10. Kéuih heidou 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 làihbaai dōu hái ùkkéi dá páai.</p> | <p>T: She plays mahjong at home every week.</p> |

S: Kéuih gogo láih- S: She plays mahjong at home
baai dōu hái every week.
ūkkéi dá páai.

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| 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 nih̄n dōu fàanheui Méihgwok. | 3. Kéuih nih̄nnih̄n 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 nih̄n sei yuht dōu fàan Gwóngjāu. | 7. Kéuih nih̄nnih̄n sei yuht dōu fàan Gwóngjāu. |

14. Substitution Drill

Ex: T: Kéuih múih nih̄n heui T: He goes to Taipei twice each
Tòihbāk léuhng chi. year. /week/
/láihbaai/

S: Kéuih múih go láih- S: He goes to Taipei twice a
baai heui Tòihbāk week.
léuhng chi.

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| 1. Kéuih múih yaht gwo hói sei chi. /láihbaai/ | 1. Kéuih múih go láihbaai gwo hói sei chi. |
| 2. Kéuih múih go láihbaai làih ngóh ūkkéi yāt chi. /yuht/ | 2. Kéuih múih go yuht làih ngóh ūkkéi yāt chi. |
| 3. Kéuih múih go yuht fàan Gwóng-jāu léuhng chi. /nih̄n/ | 3. Kéuih múih nih̄n fàan Gwóng-jāu léuhng chi. |
| 4. Kéuih múih nih̄n fàanheui hohk-haauh sei chi. /yaht/ | 4. Kéuih múih yaht fàanheui hohkhaauh sei chi. |
| 5. Kéuih múih yaht loh̄k Jùngwàahn sàamsei chi. /láihbaai/ | 5. Kéuih múih go láihbaai loh̄k Jùngwàahn sàamsei chi. |
| 6. Kéuih múih go láihbaai heui Sàngaai géi chi. /yuht/ | 6. Kéuih múih go yuht heui Sàngaai géi chi. |

15. Alteration Drill

- Ex: 1. T: Néih làihjǎo
Hèunggóng yáuh
gái noih a?
S: Néih làihjǎo
Hèunggóng géi
noih a?
2. T: Kéuih gaaujǎo
Gwokyúh yáuh
sàam nihh laak.
S: Kéuih gaaujǎo sàam
nihh Gwokyúh
laak.
1. Kéuih heuijǎo Méihgwok yáuh
gái noih a?
2. Ngóh bunnjǎo ūk yáuh bun nihh
laak.
I moved half a year ago.
3. Kéuih gwojǎo hói yáuh géi go
jūngtáuh laak.
4. Ngóh nàahmpáhngyáuh fàanjǎoheui
Tòihbāk yáuh yāt go láihbaai
laak.
5. Kéuih bātjǎo yihp yáuh léuhng
nihh laak.
6. Néih gitjǎo fàn yáuh géi noih a?
7. Kéuih sihkjǎo faahn yáuh yih-
sahp fānjūng laak.
He finished his meal twenty
minutes ago.
8. Ga fóchē hòijǎo yáuh géi noih a?
- T: How long have you been in Hong
Kong?
S: How long have you been in Hong
Kong?
T: He has taught Mandarin for
three years.
S: He has taught Mandarin for
three years.
1. Kéuih heuijǎo Méihgwok géi
noih a?
2. Ngóh bunnjǎo ūk bun nihh laak.
3. Kéuih gwojǎo hói géi go
jūngtáuh laak.
4. Ngóh nàahmpáhngyáuh fàanjǎo
heui Tòihbāk yāt go láih-
baai laak.
5. Kéuih bātjǎo yihp léuhng
nihh laak.
6. Néih gitjǎo fàn géi noih a?
7. Kéuih sihkjǎo faahn yih-sahp
fānjūng laak.
8. Ga fóchē hòijǎo géi noih a?

16. Combining Drill

- Ex: T: Jèung Sàang daap
fēigēi.
Gó bāan fēigēi géi
dīmjūng hói a?
S: Jèung Sàang daap gó
bāan fēigēi géi
dīmjūng hói a?
- T: Mr. Cheung is going to catch
that flight.
When does that flight take
off?
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 sah̄p m̀an. | 6. Hòh Sīujé duhk gó bún syù
maaih sah̄p 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. |

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| 10. /yāt nih̄n dóu/ | 10. Kéuih yāt nih̄n dóu (jǐ)hauh fàanlâih. |
| 11. /yāt go yuht dóu/ | 11. Kéuih yāt go yuht dóu (jǐ)-hauh fàanlâih. |

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

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| 1. Kéuih heuijǒ Méihgwok--
waahkjé sàam go yuht (jǐ)-
hauh fàanlâih.
He's gone to America--and
will probably be back in
three months. | 1. Kéuih heuijǒ Méihgwok--
waahkjé sàam go yuht
(jǐ)hauh fàanlâih. |
| 2. /yám chàh/bun go jūngtâuh/ | 2. Kéuih heuijǒ yám chàh,
waahkjé bun go jūngtâuh
(jǐ)hauh fàanlâih. |
| 3. /Yínggwok/léuhnggo géi yuht/ | 3. Kéuih heuijǒ Yínggwok,
waahkjé léuhnggo géi yuht
(jǐ)hauh fàanlâih. |
| 4. /dá bō/yāt go géi jūngtâuh/ | 4. Kéuih heuijǒ dá bō, waahkjé
yāt go géi jūngtâuh (jǐ)-
hauh fàanlâih. |
| 5. /Gwóngjâu/géi yaht/ | 5. Kéuih heuijǒ Gwóngjâu,
waahkjé géi yaht (jǐ)hauh
fàanlâih. |
| 6. /yàuhséui/sàamsei go jūngtâuh/ | 6. Kéuih heuijǒ yàuhséui,
waahkjé sàamsei go jūng-
tâuh (jǐ)hauh fàanlâih. |
| 7. /Jūngwàahn/géi go jih/ | 7. Kéuih heuijǒ Jūngwàahn,
waahkjé géi go jih (jǐ)-
hauh fàanlâih. |

Comment: The structure Time Expression (jǐ) hauh 'after X time' as in sàam yaht hauh fàanlâih '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 yáuh-séui. T: He didn't go swimming with his wife yesterday.

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

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

S: Kéuih kàhmyaht dínggái m̀h̀tùhng taaitáai heui yáuhséui 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 m̀h̀gaaui kéuih sé Jùngmàhn. | 5. Kéuih dínggái m̀h̀gaaui 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 jí. | 7. Kéuih dínggái móuh wah néih jí 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 chi ga. A: Formerly he went twice every year.
- B: Kéuih yíhchíhn múih níhn dōu heui léuhng chi ga, bāt̄gwo gāmnín kéuih yāt chi dōu meih heuigwo. B: Formerly he went twice every year, but this year he hasn't gone even once.
1. Kéuih yíhchíhn múih yaht dōu làih sàam chi ga. 1. Kéuih yíhchíhn múih yaht dōu làih sàam chi ga, bāt̄gwo gāmyaht kéuih yāt chi dōu meih làihgwo.
 2. Ngóh yíhchíhn múih go yuht dōu heui sei chi ga. 2. Ngóh yíhchíhn múih go yuht dōu heui sei chi ga, bāt̄gwo ní go yuht ngóh yāt chi dōu meih heuigwo.
 3. Kéuih yíhchíhn múih go láihbaai dōu làih chāt chi ga. 3. Kéuih yíhchíhn múih go láihbaai dōu làih chāt chi ga, bāt̄gwo ní go láihbaai kéuih yāt chi dōu meih làihgwo.
 4. Kéuih yíhchíhn múih níhn dōu heui ngh chi ga. 4. Kéuih yíhchíhn múih níhn dōu heui ngh chi ga, bāt̄gwo gāmnín kéuih yāt chi dōu meih heuigwo.

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) fàandouheui = arrive back
- 7) hóu wáan 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

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. dīksí | n: taxi |
| 8. dīngáai? | QW: why? |
| 9. dīmjūng | m: hour (length of time) |
| 10. fēigēi | n: airplane |
| 11. fēigēi chēuhng | n: airport |
| 12. fochē | n: train |
| 13. gàyahn | n: family members |
| 14. gogo láihbaai | Ph: every week |
| 15. gogo yuht | Ph: every month |
| 16. nihnnih | Ph: every year |
| 17. gónàhohit | Ph: can't make it in time; [hurry-not-make it] |
| 18. hàahng 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. hòi | v: start off, set out, (for vehicles) |
| 22. laahmchē | n: cable car, Peak Tram |
| 23. léuihàhng | 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 yáitcháih 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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