

## Cantonese: Learning Your First Jyutping

Like learning general Chinese characters (Cantonese script), Jyutping has to be memorized by associating with specific characters.

Writing Jyutping is not to be encouraged as most speakers of Cantonese don't write or read Jyutping as Jyutping like other Cantonese romanization systems is used to teach foreigners the language.

Chinese script is used to read and write Cantonese. Both Traditional and Simplified characters will be displayed side by side when needed.

### Top level - English definition

#### *Second level - Jyutping*

#### Third level - Chinese (simplified) characters

#### Fourth level - Chinese (traditional) characters

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| Hello<br>Nei5 Hou2<br>你好<br>- | Why<br>Wai6 Sam6 Mo1<br>为什么<br>為什麼 | China<br>Zung1 Gwok3<br>中国<br>中國     | America<br>Mei5 Gwok3<br>美国<br>美國 |
| Name<br>Ming4 Zi6<br>名字<br>-  | Airport<br>Gei1 Coeng4<br>机场<br>機場 | Hong Kong<br>Hoeng1 Gong2<br>香港<br>- | Water<br>Seoi2<br>水<br>-          |

Please write the Jyutping for the corresponding characters and practice saying it out loud, via a pronunciation guide available in the previous lesson.

[Lesson audio for the 6 phrases above are available on the website.]

机/機: \_\_\_\_\_ 香: \_\_\_\_\_ 水: \_\_\_\_\_ 国/國: \_\_\_\_\_