1.

I
我
ngo5

I
我
ngo5
I

2.

You
你
nei5

You
你
nei5
You

3.

| What about? |
| 呢 |
| ne1 |

| What about you? |
| 你呢? |
| nei5 ne1? |
| You NE1? |

NOTE: Sentence-final particles (SFPs) are very important but also hard to translate, therefore they will be written in full in the word-to-word translations.

4.

| To want |
| 想 |
| soeng2 |

| I want. |
| 我想。 |
| ngo5 soeng2. |
| I want. |

5.

To work
做嘢
zou6 je5

I want to work.
我想做嘢。
ngo5 soeng2 zou6 je5.
I want work.

NOTE: To go to work: 返工 faan1 gung1

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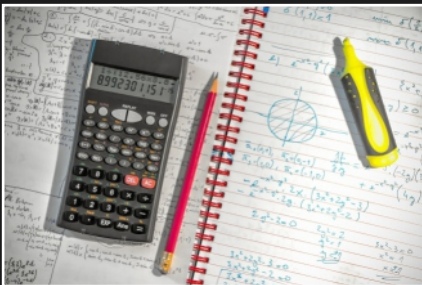
To study
讀書
duk6 syu1

You want to study.
你想讀書。
nei5 soeng2 duk6 syu1.
You want study.

7.

?
嘛
maa3

Do you want to work?
你想做嘢嘛？
nei5 soeng2 zou6 je5 maa3?
You want work MAA3?

NOTE: The more common yes/no question construction is [verb + not + verb]

8.

Not
唔
m4

I don't work. / I'm not working.
我唔係做緊嘢。
ngo5 m4 hai6 zou6 gan2 je5.
I not be work -ing things.

9.

Where
喺邊度
hai2 bin1 dou6

Where do you work?
你喺邊度做嘢？
nei5 hai2 bin1 dou6 zou6 je5?
You at where work?

NOTE: Literally "at where"

10.

Here
喺呢度
hai2 ni1 dou6

I don't work here.
我唔係喺呢度做嘢。
ngo5 m4 hai6 hai2 ni1 dou6 zou6 je5.
I not be at here work.

NOTE: Literally "at here"

11.

Yes
係嘅
hai6 ge3

Yes, I do.
係嘅。
hai6 ge3.
Yes GE3.

NOTE: There is no single word for yes or no in Cantonese, here it's literally "be"

12.

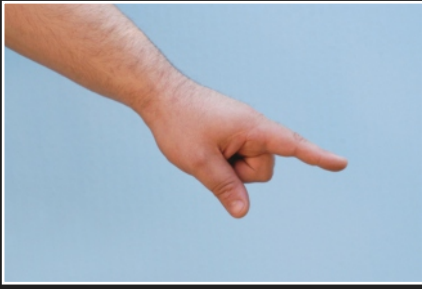| No |
|---|
| 唔係 |
| m4 hai6 |

No, I don't work.
唔係啊，我唔係做緊嘢。
m4 hai6 aa3, ngo5 m4 hai6 zou6 gan2 je5.
Not be (particle), I not be work -ing things.

NOTE: Literally "not be"

13.

But

但係

daan6 hai6

I want to work, but I don't want to study.

我想做嘢，但係我唔想讀書。

ngo5 soeng2 zou6 je5, daan6 hai6 ngo5 m4 soeng2 duk6 syu1.

I want do things, but I not want study.

14.

Why

點解

dim2 gaai2

Why don't you want to study?

你點解唔想讀書？

nei5 dim2 gaai2 m4 soeng2 suk6 syu1?

You why not want study?

15.

Because

因爲

jan1 wai6

Because I want to work.

因爲我想做嘢。

jan1 wai6 ngo5 soeng2 zou6 je5.

Because I want work.

16.

To need to

要

jiu3

I need to work.

我要做嘢。

ngo5 jiu3 zou6 je5.

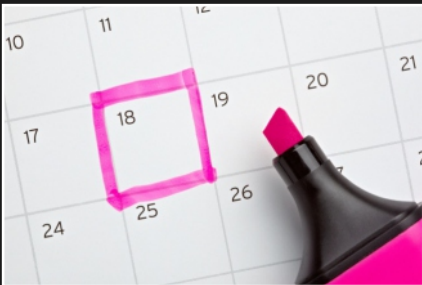I need work.

17.

Now
而家
ji4 gaa1

I need to work now.
我而家要去做嘢。
ngo5 ji4 gaa1 jiu3 heoi3 zou6 je5.
I now need go work.

NOTE: Sometimes people also say: ji1 gaa1

18.

Today
今日
gam1 jat6

I don't want to work today.
我今日唔想去做嘢。
ngo5 gam1 jat6 m4 soeng2 heoi3 zou6 je5.
I today not want go work.

19.

To eat
食
sik6

Where do you want to eat (lit. eat thing)?
你想喺邊度食嘢？
nei5 soeng2 hai2 bin1 dou6 sik6 je5?
You want at where eat thing?

20.

Thing
嘢
je5

Where do you want to eat (lit. eat thing)?
你想喺邊度食嘢？
nei5 soeng2 hai2 bin1 dou6 sik6 je5?
You want at where eat thing?