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Talk About Hobbies in Cantonese

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Traditional Chinese

畫家在畫圖畫。
舞蹈員正在台上跳舞。
歌手在唱歌。
女人正在地上做運動。
女人在聽音樂。

Jyutping

waa2 gaa1 zoi6 waat6 tou4 waa2
mou5 dou6 jyun4 zing3 zoi6 toi4 soeng6 tiu3 mou5
go1 sau2 zoi6 coeng3 go1
nei5 jan2 zing3 zoi6 dei6 soeng6 zou6 wan6 dung6
nei5 jan2 zoi6 teng1 jam1 ngok6

English

The artist is drawing a picture.
The dancers are dancing on the platform.
The singer is singing a song.
The woman is exercising on the floor.
The woman is listening to music.

Vocabulary

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Traditional	Jyutping	English
女人	nei5 jan2	woman
唱	coeng3	to sing
舞蹈員	mou5 dou6 jyun4	dancer, dancers
圖畫	tou4 waa2	picture, painting
畫家	waa2 gaa1	painter, artist
畫	waat6	to paint, to draw
台	toi4	platform, stage
跳舞	tiu3 mou5	to dance
歌手	go1 sau2	singer
歌	go1	song
運動	wan6 dung6	exercise
音樂	jam1 ngok6	music
聽	teng1	to listen to, to hear

Vocabulary Sample Sentences

女人正在刷牙。	nei5 jan2 zing3 zoi6 caat3 ngaa4	The woman is brushing her teeth.
佢唔識唱歌。	keoi5 m4 sik1 coeng3 go1.	He can't sing.
畫家在畫圖畫。	waa2 gaa1 zoi6 waat6 tou4 waa2	The artist is drawing a picture.
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女人正在地上做運動。	nei5 jan2 zing3 zoi6 dei6 soeng6 zou6 wan6 dung6	The woman is exercising on the floor.
女人在聽音樂。	nei5 jan2 zoi6 teng1 jam1 ngok6	The woman is listening to music.
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Grammar Points

The focus of this lesson is tense comparison in Cantonese.

Present tense, Present Progressive tense, and Past tense

In this lesson you'll learn the difference between the different tenses in the Cantonese language: present tense, present progressive tense, and past tense.

1. 畫家在畫圖畫。

waa2 gaa1 zoi6 waat6 tou4 waa2

"The artist is drawing a picture."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	畫家畫圖畫。	waa2 gaa1 waat6 tou4 waa2	"The artist draws a picture."
present progressive tense	畫家在畫圖畫。	waa2 gaa1 zoi6 waat6 tou4 waa2	"The artist is drawing a picture."
past tense	畫家畫了圖畫。	waa2 gaa1 waat6 liu5 tou4 waa2	"The artist drew a picture."

2. 舞蹈員正在台上跳舞。

mou5 dou6 jyun4 zing3 zoi6 toi4 soeng6 tiu3 mou5

"The dancers are dancing on the platform."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	舞蹈員在台上跳舞。	mou5 dou6 jyun4 zoi6 toi4 soeng6 tiu3 mou5	"The dancers dance on the platform."
present progressive tense	舞蹈員正在台上跳舞。	mou5 dou6 jyun4 zing3 zoi6 toi4 soeng6 tiu3 mou5	"The dancers are dancing on the platform."
past tense	舞蹈員在台上跳過舞。	mou5 dou6 jyun4 zoi6 toi4 soeng6 tiu3 gwo3 mou5	"The dancers danced on the platform."

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3. 歌手在唱歌。

go1 sau2 zoi6 coeng3 go1
"The singer is singing a song."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	歌手唱歌。	go1 sau2 coeng3 go1	"The singer sings a song."
present progressive tense	歌手在唱歌。	go1 sau2 zoi6 coeng3 go1	"The singer is singing a song."
past tense	歌手在唱了歌。	go1 sau2 coeng3 liu5 go1	"The singer sang a song."

4. 女人正在地上做運動。

nei5 jan2 zing3 zoi6 dei6 soeng6 zou6 wan6 dung6
"The woman is exercising on the floor."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	女人在地上做運動。	nei5 jan2 zoi6 dei6 soeng6 zou6 wan6 dung6	"The woman exercises on the floor."
present progressive tense	女人正在地上做運動。 。	nei5 jan2 zing3 zoi6 dei6 soeng6 zou6 wan6 dung6	"The woman is exercising on the floor."
past tense	女人曾經在地上做運動。	nei5 jan2 cang4 ging1 zoi6 dei6 soeng6 zou6 wan6 dung6	"The woman exercised on the floor."

5. 女人在聽音樂。

nei5 jan2 zoi6 teng1 jam1 ngok6
"The woman is listening to music."

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Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
present tense	女人聽音樂。	neoi5 jan2 teng1 jam1 ngok6	"The woman listens to music."
present progressive tense	女人在聽音樂。	neoi5 jan2 zoi6 teng1 jam1 ngok6	"The woman is listening to music."
past tense	女人聽了音樂。	neoi5 jan2 teng1 liu5 jam1 ngok6	"The woman listened to music."