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Cantonese Words for the Workplace

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Traditional Chinese

員工正在辦公室工作。
人們在出席會議。
企業家正在辦公室發表演說。
女人達到目標。
經理在書桌休息。

Jyutping

jyun4 gung1 zing3 zoi6 baan6 gung1 sat1 gung1 zok3
jan4 mun4 zoi6 ceot1 zik6 wui6 ji5
kei2 jip6 gaa1 zing3 zoi6 baan6 gung1 sat1 faat3 biu2 jin2 syut3
neoi5 jan2 daat6 dou3 muk6 biu1
ging1 lei5 zoi6 syu1 coek3 jau1 sik1

English

The employees are working at the office.
The people are attending the meeting.
The entrepreneur is making a presentation in the office.
The woman achieved the goal.
The manager is taking a break at the desk.

Vocabulary

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Traditional	Jyutping	English
員工	jyun4 gung1	employee, employees, staff, staffs
女人	nei5 jan2	woman
工作	gung1 zok3	do work
辦公室	baan6 gung1 sat1	office
人	jan4	people
會議	wui6 ji5	meeting
出席	ceot1 zik6	to attend
企業家	kei2 jip6 gaa1	entrepreneur
發表演說	faat3 biu2 jin2 syut3	to make a presentation, to make a speech
目標	muk6 biu1	goal, target
達到	daat6 dou3	to achieve, to accomplish
經理	ging1 lei5	manager
書桌	syu1 coek3	desk
休息	jau1 sik1	to rest, to take a break

Vocabulary Sample Sentences

我哋公司有三千五百九十個員工。	ngo5 dei2 gung1 si1 jau5 saam1 cin1 ng5 baak3 gau2 sap6 go3 jyun4 gung1	Our company has 3590 employees.
女人正在刷牙。	nei5 jan2 zing3 zoi6 caat3 ngaa4	The woman is brushing her teeth.
女人正在辦公室工作。	nei5 jan2 zing3 zoi6 baan6 gung1 sat1 gung1 zok3	The woman is working at the office.
員工正在辦公室工作。	jyun4 gung1 zing3 zoi6 baan6 gung1 sat1 gung1 zok3	The employees are working at the office.
我哋都係中國人。	ngo5 dei6 dou1 hai6 zung1 gwok3 jan4	We are all Chinese.
人們在出席會議。	jan4 mun4 zoi6 ceot1 zik6 wui6 ji5	The people are attending the meeting.
人們在出席會議。	jan4 mun4 zoi6 ceot1 zik6 wui6 ji5	The people are attending the meeting.
企業家正在辦公室發表演說。	kei2 jip6 gaa1 zing3 zoi6 baan6 gung1 sat1 faat3 biu2 jin2 syut3	The entrepreneur is making a presentation in the office.
企業家正在辦公室發表演說。	kei2 jip6 gaa1 zing3 zoi6	The entrepreneur is making a

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	baan6 gung1 sat1 faat3 biu2 jin2 syut3	presentation in the office.
女人達到目標。	nei5 jan2 daat6 dou3 muk6 biu1	The woman achieved the goal.
女人達到目標。	nei5 jan2 daat6 dou3 muk6 biu1	The woman achieved the goal.
經理正在書桌休息。	ging1 lei5 zing3 zoi6 syu1 coek3 jau1 sik1	The manager is taking a break at the desk.
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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. 員工正在辦公室工作。

jyun4 gung1 zing3 zoi6 baan6 gung1 sat1 gung1 zok3

"The employees are working at the office."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	員工在辦公室工作。	jyun4 gung1 zoi6 baan6 gung1 sat1 gung1 zok3	"The employees work at the office."
present progressive tense	員工正在辦公室工作。	jyun4 gung1 zing3 zoi6 baan6 gung1 sat1 gung1 zok3	"The employees are working at the office."
past tense	員工曾經在辦公室工作。	jyun4 gung1 cang4 ging1 zoi6 baan6 gung1 sat1 gung1 zok3	"The employees worked at the office."

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2. 人們在出席會議。

jan4 mun4 zoi6 ceot1 zik6 wui6 ji5

"The people are attending the meeting."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	人們出席會議。	jan4 mun4 ceot1 zik6 wui6 ji5	"The people attend the meeting."
present progressive tense	人們在出席會議。	jan4 mun4 zoi6 ceot1 zik6 wui6 ji5	"The people are attending the meeting."
past tense	人們出席了會議。	jan4 mun4 ceot1 zik6 liu5 wui6 ji5	"The people attended the meeting."

3. 企業家正在辦公室發表演說。

kei2 jip6 gaa1 zing3 zoi6 baan6 gung1 sat1 faat3 biu2 jin2 syut3

"The entrepreneur is making a presentation in the office."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	企業家在辦公室發表演說。	kei2 jip6 gaa1 zoi6 baan6 gung1 sat1 faat3 biu2 jin2 syut3	"The entrepreneur makes a presentation in the office."
present progressive tense	企業家正在辦公室發表演說。	kei2 jip6 gaa1 zing3 zoi6 baan6 gung1 sat1 faat3 biu2 jin2 syut3	"The entrepreneur is making a presentation in the office."
past tense	企業家曾經在辦公室發表演說。	kei2 jip6 gaa1 cang4 ging1 zoi6 baan6 gung1 sat1 faat3 biu2 jin2 syut3	"The entrepreneur made a presentation in the office."

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4. 女人達到目標。

nei5 jan2 daat6 dou3 muk6 biu1

"The woman achieved the goal."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	女人達成目標。	nei5 jan2 daat6 sing4 muk6 biu1	"The woman achieves the goal."
present progressive tense	女人正達成目標。	nei5 jan2 zing3 daat6 sing4 muk6 biu1	"The woman is achieving the goal."
past tense	女人達到目標。	nei5 jan2 daat6 dou3 muk6 biu1	"The woman achieved the goal."

5. 經理在書桌休息。

ging1 lei5 zoi6 syu1 coek3 jau1 sik1

"The manager is taking a break at the desk."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
present tense	經理在書桌休息。	ging1 lei5 zoi6 syu1 coek3 jau1 sik1	"The manager takes a break at the desk."
present progressive tense	經理在書桌休息。	ging1 lei5 zoi6 syu1 coek3 jau1 sik1	"The manager is taking a break at the desk."
past tense	經理在書桌休息了。	ging1 lei5 zing3 zoi6 syu1 coek3 jau1 sik1 liu5	"The manager took a break at the desk."