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Cantonese Recipes for Fluency

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Traditional Chinese

廚師正在廚房煮食。

廚師在煎蛋。

女人在焗蛋糕。

女人在切西柚。

廚師在烤雞。

Jyutping

cyu4 si1 zing3 zoi6 cyu4 fong2 zyu2 sik6

cyu4 si1 zoi6 zin1 daan5

nei5 jan2 zoi6 guk6 daan6 gou1

nei5 jan2 zoi6 cit3 sai1 jau2

cyu4 si1 zoi6 haau1 gai1

English

The chef is cooking in the kitchen.

The cook is frying an egg with a frying pan.

The woman is baking a cake.

The woman is cutting the grapefruit.

The cook is barbecuing the chicken.

Vocabulary

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Traditional	Jyutping	English
廚師	cyu4 si1	chef
廚房	cyu4 fong4	kitchen
煮食	zyu2 sik6	to cook
女人	neoi5 jan2	woman
雞	gai1	chicken
蛋	daan5	egg
煎	zin1	to fry, to pan fry
焗	guk6	to bake
蛋糕	daan6 gou1	cake
切	cit3	to cut
西柚	sai1 jau2	grapefruit
烤	haau1	to barbecue, to grill

Vocabulary Sample Sentences

廚師在弄橙汁。	cyu4 si1 zoi6 nung6 caang2 zap1	The chef is making orange juice.
我係廚房入面	ngo5 hai6 cyu4 fong4 jap6 min6	I am inside the kitchen.
廚師正在廚房煮食。	cyu4 si1 zing3 zoi6 cyu4 fong2 zyu2 sik6	The chef is cooking in the kitchen.
女人正在刷牙。	neoi5 jan2 zing3 zoi6 caat3 ngaa4	The woman is brushing her teeth.
雞媽媽和小雞在啄食。	gai1 maa1 maa1 wo4 siu2 gai1 zoi6 doeng1 sik6	The chicken and chicks are pecking at their food.
廚師在煎蛋。	cyu4 si1 zoi6 zin1 daan5	The cook is frying an egg.
廚師在煎蛋。	cyu4 si1 zoi6 zin1 daan5	The cook is frying an egg.
女人在焗蛋糕。	neoi5 jan2 zoi6 guk6 daan6 gou1	The woman is baking a cake.
女人在焗蛋糕。	neoi5 jan2 zoi6 guk6 daan6 gou1	The woman is baking a cake.
女人在切西柚。	neoi5 jan2 zoi6 cit3 sai1 jau2	The woman is cutting the grapefruit.
女人在切西柚。	neoi5 jan2 zoi6 cit3 sai1 jau2	The woman is cutting the grapefruit.
廚師在烤雞。	cyu4 si1 zoi6 haau1 gai1	The cook is barbecuing the chicken.

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. 廚師正在廚房煮食。

cyu4 si1 zing3 zoi6 cyu4 fong2 zyu2 sik6

"The chef is cooking in the kitchen."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	廚師在廚房煮食。	cyu4 si1 zoi6 cyu4 fong2 zyu2 sik6	"The chef cooks in the kitchen."
present progressive tense	廚師正在廚房煮食。	cyu4 si1 zing3 zoi6 cyu4 fong2 zyu2 sik6	"The chef is cooking in the kitchen."
past tense	廚師曾經在廚房煮食。 。	cyu4 si1 cang4 ging1 zoi6 cyu4 fong2 zyu2 sik6	"The chef cooked in the kitchen."

2. 廚師在煎蛋。

cyu4 si1 zoi6 zin1 daan5

"The cook is frying an egg."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	廚師煎蛋。	cyu4 si1 zin1 daan5	"The cook fries an egg."
present progressive tense	廚師在煎蛋。	cyu4 si1 zoi6 zin1 daan5	"The cook is frying an egg."
past tense	廚師煎了蛋。	cyu4 si1 zin1 liu5 daan5	"The cook fried an egg."

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3. 女人在焗蛋糕。

neoi5 jan2 zoi6 guk6 daan6 gou1

"The woman is baking a cake."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	女人焗蛋糕。	neoi5 jan2 guk6 daan6 gou1	"The woman bakes a cake."
present progressive tense	女人在焗蛋糕。	neoi5 jan2 zoi6 guk6 daan6 gou1	"The woman is baking a cake."
past tense	女人焗了蛋糕。	neoi5 jan2 guk6 liu5 daan6 gou1	"The woman baked a cake."

4. 女人在切西柚。

neoi5 jan2 zoi6 cit3 sai1 jau2

"The woman is cutting the grapefruit."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	女人切西柚。	neoi5 jan2 cit3 sai1 jau2	"The woman cuts the grapefruit."
present progressive tense	女人在切西柚。	neoi5 jan2 zoi6 cit3 sai1 jau2	"The woman is cutting the grapefruit."
past tense	女人切了西柚。	neoi5 jan2 cit3 liu5 sai1 jau2	"The woman cut the grapefruit."

5. 廚師在烤雞。

cyu4 si1 zoi6 haau1 gai1

"The cook is barbecuing the chicken."

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Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
present tense	廚師烤雞。	cyu4 si1 haau1 gai1	"The cook barbecues the chicken."
present progressive tense	廚師在烤雞。	cyu4 si1 zoi6 haau1 gai1	"The cook is barbecuing the chicken."
past tense	廚師烤了雞。	cyu4 si1 haau1 liu5 gai1	"The cook barbecued the chicken."