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How to Put Feelings into Cantonese Words

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Traditional Chinese

農夫在觸摸小麥。
遊客在嘗昆蟲。
學生聞臭味。
男孩聽海的聲音。
遊客在看日落。

Jyutping

nung4 fu1 zoi6 zuk1 mo2 siu2 mak6
jau4 haak3 zoi6 soeng4 kwan1 cung4
hok6 sang1 man4 cau3 mei6
naam4 haai4 teng1 hoi2 dik1 sing1 jam1
jau4 haak3 zoi6 hon3 jat6 lok6

English

The farmer is touching the wheat.
The tourist is tasting the insect.
The students smell an odor.
The boy hears the sound of the ocean.
The tourists see the sunset.

Vocabulary

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| Traditional | Jyutping | English |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| 農夫 | nung4 fu1 | farmer |
| 男孩 | naam4 haai4 | boy |
| 小麥 | siu2 mak6 | wheat |
| 觸摸 | zuk1 mo2 | to touch |
| 遊客 | jau4 haak3 | traveler, tourist |
| 昆蟲 | kwan1 cung4 | insect |
| 臭味 | cau3 mei6 | odor, stinky smell |
| 學生 | hok6 sang1 | student |
| 嘗 | soeng4 | to taste |
| 聞 | man4 | to smell |
| 聽 | teng1 | to listen to, to hear |
| 海 | hoi2 | ocean, sea |
| 聲音 | sing1 jam1 | sound, voice |
| 日落 | jat6 lok6 | sunset, dusk |
| 看 | hon3 | to watch |

Vocabulary Sample Sentences

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| 農夫在觸摸小麥。 | nung4 fu1 zoi6 zuk1 mo2 siu2 mak6 | The farmer is touching the wheat. |
| 男孩醒來，起床了。 | naam5 haai4 sing2 loi4 hei2 cong4 liu5 | The boy wakes up and leaves his bed. |
| 農夫在觸摸小麥。 | nung4 fu1 zoi6 zuk1 mo2 siu2 mak6 | The farmer is touching the wheat. |
| 農夫在觸摸小麥。 | nung4 fu1 zoi6 zuk1 mo2 siu2 mak6 | The farmer is touching the wheat. |
| 遊客在嘗昆蟲。 | jau4 haak3 zoi6 soeng4 kwan1 cung4 | The tourist is tasting the insect. |
| 女遊客在等火車。 | neoi5 jau4 haak3 zoi6 dang2 fo2 ce1 | The traveler is waiting for the train. |
| 遊客在嘗昆蟲。 | jau4 haak3 zoi6 soeng4 kwan1 cung4 | The tourist is tasting the insect. |
| 學生聞到臭味。 | hok6 sang1 man4 dou6 cau3 mei6 | The students smell an odor. |
| 小學生測驗合格了。 | siu2 hok6 sang1 cak1 jim6 hap6 gaak3 liu5 | The elementary school student passed the test. |
| 遊客在嘗昆蟲。 | jau4 haak3 zoi6 soeng4 kwan1 cung4 | The tourist is tasting the insect. |

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| 學生聞到臭味。 | hok6 sang1 man4 dou6 cau3 mei6 | The students smell an odor. |
| 女人在聽音樂。 | nei5 jan2 zoi6 teng1 jam1 ngok6 | The woman is listening to music. |
| 男孩在聽海的聲音。 | naam4 haai4 zoi6 teng1 hoi2 dik1 sing1 jam1 | The boy is listening to the sound of the ocean. |
| 男孩在聽海的聲音。 | naam4 haai4 zoi6 teng1 hoi2 dik1 sing1 jam1 | The boy is listening to the sound of the ocean. |
| 遊客在看日落。 | jau4 haak3 zoi6 hon3 jat6 lok6 | The tourists are watching the sunset. |
| 家人在一起看電視。 | gaa1 jan4 zoi6 jat1 hei2 hon3 din6 si6 | The family is watching television. |

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. 農夫在觸摸小麥。

nung4 fu1 zoi6 zuk1 mo2 siu2 mak6

"The farmer is touching the wheat."

| Tense | Cantonese | Romanization | English |
|---------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| non-past tense | 農夫觸摸小麥。 | nung4 fu1 zuk1 mo2 siu2 mak6 | "The farmer touches the wheat." |
| present progressive tense | 農夫在觸摸小麥。 | nung4 fu1 zoi6 zuk1 mo2 siu2 mak6 | "The farmer is touching the wheat." |
| past tense | 農夫觸摸了小麥。 | nung4 fu1 zuk1 mo2 liu5 siu2 mak6 | "The farmer touched the wheat." |

2. 遊客在嘗昆蟲。

jau4 haak3 zoi6 soeng4 kwan1 cung4

"The tourist is tasting the insect."

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| Tense | Cantonese | Romanization | English |
|---------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| non-past tense | 遊客嘗昆蟲。 | jau4 haak3 soeng4 kwan1 cung4 | "The tourist tastes the insect." |
| present progressive tense | 遊客在嘗昆蟲。 | jau4 haak3 zoi6 soeng4 kwan1 cung4 | "The tourist is tasting the insect." |
| past tense | 遊客嘗了昆蟲。 | jau4 haak3 soeng4 liu5 kwan1 cung4 | "The tourist tasted the insect." |

3. 學生聞臭味。

hok6 sang1 man4 cau3 mei6

"The students smell an odor."

| Tense | Cantonese | Romanization | English |
|---------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| non-past tense | 學生聞臭味。 | hok6 sang1 man4 cau3 mei6 | "The students smell an odor." |
| present progressive tense | 學生正在聞臭味。 | hok6 sang1 zing3 zoi6 man4 cau3 mei6 | "The students are smelling an odor." |
| past tense | 學生聞到了臭味。 | hok6 sang1 man4 dou6 liu5 cau3 mei6 | "The students smelled an odor." |

4. 男孩在聽海的聲音。

naam4 haai4 zoi6 teng1 hoi2 dik1 sing1 jam1

"The boy is listening to the sound of the ocean."

| Tense | Cantonese | Romanization | English |
|---------------------------|-----------|---|---|
| non-past tense | 男孩聽海的聲音。 | naam4 haai4 teng1 hoi2 dik1 sing1 jam1 | "The boy listens to the sound of the ocean." |
| present progressive tense | 男孩在聽海的聲音。 | naam4 haai4 zoi6 teng1 hoi2 dik1 sing1 jam1 | "The boy is listening to the sound of the ocean." |
| past tense | 男孩聽了海的聲音。 | naam4 haai4 teng1 liu5 hoi2 dik1 sing1 jam1 | "The boy listened to the sound of the ocean." |

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5. 遊客在看日落。

jau4 haak3 zoi6 hon3 jat6 lok6

"The tourists are watching the sunset."

| Tense | Cantonese | Romanization | English |
|---------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|---|
| present tense | 遊客看日落。 | jau4 haak3 hon3 jat6 lok6 | "The tourists watch the sunset." |
| present progressive tense | 遊客在看日落。 | jau4 haak3 zoi6 hon3 jat6 lok6 | "The tourists are watching the sunset." |
| past tense | 遊客看了日落。 | jau4 haak3 hon3 liu5 jat6 lok6 | "The tourists watched the sunset." |