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Traditional Chinese

男人愛女人。
情侶在對著圖畫笑。
女人在擔心賬單。
兒子在幫母親。
女人在對著你微笑。

Jyutping

naam4 jan2 oi3 nei5 jan2
cing4 lei5 zoi6 deoi3 zoek6 tou4 waa2 siu3
nei5 jan2 zoi6 daam1 sam1 zoeng3 daan1
ji4 zi2 zoi6 bong1 mou5 can1
nei5 jan2 zoi6 deoi3 zoek6 nei5 mei4 siu3

English

The man loves the woman.
The couple is laughing at the picture.
The woman is worried about the bill.
The sons are helping their mother.
The woman is smiling at you.

Vocabulary

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Traditional	Jyutping	English
女人	nei5 jan2	woman
男人	naam4 jan2	man
圖畫	tou4 waa2	picture, painting
幫	bong1	to help
愛	oi3	to love
笑	siu3	to laugh
兒子	ji4 zi2	son
情侶	cing4 lei5	couple, boyfriend and girlfriend
母親	mou5 can1	mother
擔心	daam1 sam1	to worry
賬單	zoeng3 daan1	bill, invoice
你	nei5	you
微笑	mei4 siu3	to smile, to grin

Vocabulary Sample Sentences

女人正在刷牙。	nei5 jan2 zing3 zoi6 caat3 ngaa4	The woman is brushing her teeth.
男人在練習拳擊技巧。	naam5 jan2 zoi6 lin6 zaap6 kyun4 gik1 gei6 haau2	The man is practicing his boxing skills.
畫家在畫圖畫。	waa2 gaa1 zoi6 waat6 tou4 waa2	The artist is drawing a picture.
唔該幫下我。 我愛你。 大家說說笑笑，房間裏的氣氛很好。	m4 goi1 bong1 haa5 ngo5 ngo5 oi3 nei5 daai6 gaa1 syut3 syut3 siu3 siu3, fong4 gaan1 lei5 dik1 hei3 fan1 han2 hou2	Please help me. I love you. With everyone talking and laughing, the atmosphere in the room was very good.
兒子在幫母親。	ji4 zi2 zoi6 bong1 mou5 can1	The sons are helping their mother.
情侶在買衣服。 母親讀書給女兒聽。	cing4 lei5 zoi6 maai5 ji1 fuk6 mou5 can1 duk6 syu1 kap1 nei5 ji4 ting1	The couple is buying clothes. The mother reads to her daughter.
女人在擔心賬單。	nei5 jan2 zoi6 daam1 sam1 zoeng3 daan1	The woman is worrying about the bill.
女人在擔心賬單。	nei5 jan2 zoi6 daam1 sam1 zoeng3 daan1	The woman is worrying about the bill.
你最近點啊？ 女人在對著你微笑。	nei5 zeoi3 gan6 dim2 aa3 ? nei5 jan2 zoi6 deoi3 zoek6	How have you been lately? The woman is smiling at you.

nei5 mei4 siu3

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. 男人愛女人。

naam4 jan2 oi3 nei5 jan2

"The man lovea the woman."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	男人愛女人。	naam4 jan2 oi3 nei5 jan2	"The man loves the woman."
present progressive tense	N/A	N/A	N/A
past tense	男人愛過女人。	naam4 jan2 oi3 gwo3 nei5 jan2	"The man loved the woman."

2. 情侶在對著圖畫笑。

cing4 lei5 zoi6 deoi3 zoek6 tou4 waa2 siu3

"The couple is laughing at the picture."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	情侶對著圖畫笑。	cing4 lei5 deoi3 zoek6 tou4 waa2 siu3	"The couple laugh at the picture."
present progressive tense	情侶在對著圖畫笑。	cing4 lei5 zoi6 deoi3 zoek6 tou4 waa2 siu3	"The couple is laughing at the picture."
past tense	情侶對著圖畫笑了。	cing4 lei5 deoi3 zoek6 tou4 waa2 siu3 liu5	"The couple laughed at the picture."

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3. 女人在擔心賬單。

nei5 jan2 zoi6 daam1 sam1 zoeng3 daan1

"The woman is worrying about the bill."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	女人擔心賬單。	nei5 jan2 daam1 sam1 zoeng3 daan1	"The woman worries about the bill."
present progressive tense	女人在擔心賬單。	nei5 jan2 zoi6 daam1 sam1 zoeng3 daan1	"The woman is worrying about the bill."
past tense	女人曾經在擔心賬單。 。	nei5 jan2 cang4 ging1 zoi6 daam1 sam1 zoeng3 daan1	"The woman worried about the bill."

4. 兒子在幫母親。

ji4 zi2 zoi6 bong1 mou5 can1

"The sons are helping their mother."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	兒子幫母親。	ji4 zi2 bong1 mou5 can1	"The sons help their mother."
present progressive tense	兒子在幫母親。	ji4 zi2 zoi6 bong1 mou5 can1	"The sons are helping their mother."
past tense	兒子幫了母親。	ji4 zi2 bong1 liu5 mou5 can1	"The sons helped their mother."

5. 女人在對著你微笑。

nei5 jan2 zoi6 deoi3 zoek6 nei5 mei4 siu3

"The woman is smiling at you."

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Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
present tense	女人對著你微笑。	nei5 jan2 deoi3 zoek6 nei5 mei4 siu3	"The woman smiles at you."
present progressive tense	女人在對著你微笑。	nei5 jan2 zoi6 deoi3 zoek6 nei5 mei4 siu3	"The woman is smiling at you."
past tense	女人曾經對著你微笑。 。	nei5 jan2 cang4 ging1 deoi3 zoek6 nei5 mei4 siu3	"The woman smiled at you."