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## Traditional Chinese

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女人在做家務。  
廚師在弄橙汁。  
員工們想要冬用。  
女孩很喜歡小狗。  
程式設計員在用電腦。

## Jyutping

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nei5 jan2 zoi6 zou6 gaa1 mou6  
cyu4 si1 zoi6 nung6 caang2 zap1  
jyun4 gung1 mun4 soeng2 jiu3 dung1 lat1  
nei5 haai4 han2 hei2 fun1 siu2 gau2  
cing4 sik1 cit3 gai3 jyun4 zoi6 jung6 din6 nou5

## English

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The woman is doing housework.  
The chef is making orange juice.  
The office workers want the doughnut.  
The girl really likes the puppies.  
The programmer is using the computer.

## Vocabulary

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Traditional	Jyutping	English
女人	nei5 jan2	woman
家務	gaa1 mou6	housework
女孩	nei5 haai4	girl
廚師	cyu4 si1	chef
做	zou6	to do; to work
橙汁	caang2 zap1	orange juice
弄	nung6	to make
冬甩	dung1 lat1	doughnut
想要	soeng2 jiu3	to want
喜歡	hei2 fun1	like
小狗	siu2 gau2	puppy
電腦	din6 nou5	computer
程式設計員	cing4 sik1 cit3 gai3 jyun4	programmer
員工	jyun4 gung1	office worker
用	jung6	to use

## Vocabulary Sample Sentences

女人正在刷牙。	nei5 jan2 zing3 zoi6 caat3 ngaa4	The woman is brushing her teeth.
女人在做家務。	nei5 jan2 zoi6 zou6 gaa1 mou6	The woman is doing housework.
女孩在洗臉。	nei5 haai4 zoi6 sai2 min6	The woman is washing her face.
廚師在弄橙汁。	cyu4 si1 zoi6 nung6 caang2 zap1	The chef is making orange juice.
最近好多嘢做。	zeoi3 gan6 hou2 do1 je5 zou6.	(There's) a lot of stuff to do lately.
廚師在弄橙汁。	cyu4 si1 zoi6 nung6 caang2 zap1	The chef is making orange juice.
廚師在弄橙汁。	cyu4 si1 zoi6 nung6 caang2 zap1	The chef is making orange juice.
員工想要冬甩。	jyun4 gung1 mun4 soeng2 jiu3 dung1 lat1	The office workers want the doughnut.
員工想要冬甩。	jyun4 gung1 mun4 soeng2 jiu3 dung1 lat1	The office workers want the doughnut.
小女孩非常喜歡小狗。	siu2 nei5 haai4 fei1 soeng4 hei2 fun1 siu2 gau2	The young girl really likes the puppies.

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小女孩非常喜歡小狗。	siu2 nei5 haai4 fei1 soeng4 hei2 fun1 siu2 gau2	The young girl really likes the puppies.
這個人用電腦寫郵件。	ze2 go3 jan4 jung6 din6 nou5 se2 jau4 gin2	The person is using a computer to write e-mail.
程式設計員在用電腦。	cing4 sik1 cit3 gai3 jyun4 zoi6 jung6 din6 nou5	The programmer is using the computer.
我可以用筷子。	ngo5 ho2 ji5 jung6 faai3 zi2。	I can use chopsticks.

## 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. 女人在做家務。

nei5 jan2 zoi6 zou6 gaa1 mou6

"The woman is doing housework."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	女人做家務。	nei5 jan2 zou6 gaa1 mou6	"The woman does housework."
present progressive tense	女人在做家務。	nei5 jan2 zoi6 zou6 gaa1 mou6	"The woman is doing housework."
past tense	女人做過家務。	nei5 jan2 zou6 gwo3 gaa1 mou6	"The woman did housework."

### 2. 廚師在弄橙汁。

cyu4 si1 zoi6 nung6 caang2 zap1

"The chef is making orange juice."

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Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	廚師弄橙汁。	cyu4 si1 nung6 caang2 zap1	"The chef makes orange juice."
present progressive tense	廚師在弄橙汁。	cyu4 si1 zoi6 nung6 caang2 zap1	"The chef is making orange juice."
past tense	廚師弄了橙汁。	cyu4 si1 nung6 liu5 caang2 zap1	"The chef made orange juice."

### 3. 員工們想要冬甩。

jyun4 gung1 mun4 soeng2 jiu3 dung1 lat1  
"The office workers want the doughnut."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	員工們想要冬甩。	jyun4 gung1 mun4 soeng2 jiu3 dung1 lat1	"The office workers want the doughnut."
present progressive tense	N/A	N/A	N/A
past tense	員工們曾經想要冬甩。 。	jyun4 gung1 mun4 cang4 ging1 soeng2 jiu3 dung1 lat1	"The office workers wanted the doughnut."

### 4. 女孩很喜歡小狗。

nei5 haai4 han2 hei2 fun1 siu2 gau2  
"The girl really likes the puppies."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	女孩很喜歡小狗。	nei5 haai4 han2 hei2 fun1 siu2 gau2	"The girl really likes the puppies."
present progressive tense	N/A	N/A	N/A
past tense	女孩曾經很喜歡小狗。 。	nei5 haai4 cang4 ging1 han2 hei2 fun1 siu2 gau2	"The girl really liked the puppies."

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## 5. 程式設計員在用電腦。

cing4 sik1 cit3 gai3 jyun4 zoi6 jung6 din6 nou5

"The programmer is using the computer."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
present tense	程式設計員用電腦。	cing4 sik1 cit3 gai3 jyun4 jung6 din6 nou5	"The programmer uses the computer."
present progressive tense	程式設計員在用電腦 。	cing4 sik1 cit3 gai3 jyun4 zoi6 jung6 din6 nou5	"The programmer is using the computer."
past tense	程式設計員用過電腦 。	cing4 sik1 cit3 gai3 jyun4 jung6 gwo3 din6 nou5	"The programmer used the computer."