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Traditional Chinese

女人正在想答案。
男孩感覺難過。
人們正在去洛杉磯。
女孩正走近攝錄機。
接線生正在與客人說話。

Jyutping

nei5 jan2 zing3 zoi6 soeng5 daap3 on3
naam4 haai4 gam2 gok3 naan4 gwo3
jan4 mun4 zing3 zoi6 heoi3 lok3 caam3 gei1
nei5 haai4 zing3 zau2 kan5 sip3 luk6 gei1
zip3 sin3 sang1 zing3 zoi6 jyu5 haak3 jan4 syut3 waa6

English

The woman is thinking about the answer.
The boy feels sad.
The people are going to Los Angeles.
The girl is coming towards the video camera.
The operator is talking with a customer.

Vocabulary

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Traditional	Jyutping	English
女人	nei5 jan2	woman
想	soeng2	to want
答案	daap3 on3	answer
男孩	naam4 haai4	boy
感覺	gam2 gok3	to feel, sense
難過	naan4 gwo3	sad, upset
人	jan4	people
去	heoi3	to go
攝錄機	sip3 luk6 gei1	video camera
走	zau2	to leave, to walk
洛杉磯	lok3 caam3 gei1	Los Angeles
客人	haak3 jan4	customer
說話	syut3 waa6	to talk
接線生	zip3 sin3 sang1	operator

Vocabulary Sample Sentences

女人正在刷牙。	nei5 jan2 zing3 zoi6 caat3 ngaa4	The woman is brushing her teeth.
女人正在想答案。	nei5 jan2 zing3 zoi6 soeng2 daap3 on3	The woman is thinking about the answer.
唔該，我想訂枱。	m4 goi1 , ngo5 soeng2 deng6 toi2.	Can I make a reservation?
女人正在想答案。	nei5 jan2 zing3 zoi6 soeng2 daap3 on3	The woman is thinking about the answer.
男孩醒來，起床了。	naam5 haai4 sing2 loi4 hei2 cong4 liu5	The boy wakes up and leaves his bed.
男孩感覺難過。	naam4 haai4 gam2 gok3 naan4 gwo3	The boy feels sad.
男孩感覺難過。	naam4 haai4 gam2 gok3 naan4 gwo3	The boy feels sad.
我哋都係中國人。	ngo5 dei6 dou1 hai6 zung1 gwok3 jan4	We are all Chinese.
去唔去天星碼頭？	heoi3 m4 heoi3 tin1 sing1 maa5 tau4?	does it go to the star ferry port?
我鍾意去酒吧。	ngo5 zung1 ji3 heoi3 zau2 baa1.	I like going to bars.
猴子在看著攝錄機。	hau4 zi2 zoi6 hon3 zoek6 sip3	The monkey is looking at the

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一齊走啦。	luk6 gei1	video camera.
人們正在去洛杉磯。	jat1 cai4 zau2 laa1.	Let's go together.
	jan4 mun4 zing3 zoi6 heoi3	The people are going to Los
	lok3 caam3 gei1	Angeles.
接線生正在與客人說話。	zip3 sin3 sang1 zing3 zoi6 jyu5	The operator is talking with a
	haak3 jan4 syut3 waa6	customer.
接線生正在與客人說話。	zip3 sin3 sang1 zing3 zoi6 jyu5	The operator is talking with a
	haak3 jan4 syut3 waa6	customer.
接線生正在與客人說話。	zip3 sin3 sang1 zing3 zoi6 jyu5	The operator is talking with a
	haak3 jan4 syut3 waa6	customer.

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. 女人正在想一個答案。

neoi5 jan2 zing3 zoi6 soeng5 jat1 go3 daap3 on3

"The woman is thinking about the answer."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	女人想一個答案。	neoi5 jan2 soeng5 jat1 go3 daap3 on3	"The woman thinks about the answer."
present progressive tense	女人正在想一個答案。	neoi5 jan2 zing3 zoi6 soeng5 jat1 go3 daap3 on3	"The woman is thinking about the answer."
past tense	女人曾經想過答案。	neoi5 jan2 cang4 ging1 soeng5 gwo3 daap3 on3	"The woman thought about the answer."

2. 男孩感覺難過。

naam4 haai4 gam2 gok3 naan4 gwo3

"The boy feels sad."



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Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	男孩感覺難過。	naam4 haai4 gam2 gok3 naan4 gwo3	"The boy feels sad."
present progressive tense	男孩正感覺難過。	naam4 haai4 zing3 gam2 gok3 naan4 gwo3	"The boy is feeling sad."
past tense	男孩曾經感覺難過。	naam4 haai4 cang4 ging1 gam2 gok3 naan4 gwo3	"The boy felt sad."

3. 人們正在去洛杉磯。

jan4 mun4 zing3 zoi6 heoi3 lok3 caam3 gei1

"The people are going to Los Angeles."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	人們去洛杉磯。	jan4 mun4 heoi3 lok3 caam3 gei1	"The people go to Los Angeles."
present progressive tense	人們正在去洛杉磯。	jan4 mun4 zing3 zoi6 heoi3 lok3 caam3 gei1	"The people are going to Los Angeles."
past tense	人們去了洛杉磯。	jan4 mun4 heoi3 liu5 lok3 caam3 gei1	"The people went to Los Angeles."

4. 女孩正走近攝錄機。

nei5 haai4 zing3 zau2 kan5 sip3 luk6 gei1

"The girl is coming towards the video camera."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	女孩走近攝錄機。	nei5 haai4 zau2 kan5 sip3 luk6 gei1	"The girl comes towards the video camera."
present progressive tense	女孩正走近攝錄機。	nei5 haai4 zing3 zau2 kan5 sip3 luk6 gei1	"The girl is coming towards the video camera."
past tense	女孩曾經走近攝錄機。	nei5 haai4 cang4 ging1 zau2 kan5 sip3 luk6 gei1	"The girl came towards the video camera."

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5. 接線生正在與客人說話。

zip3 sin3 sang1 zing3 zoi6 jyu5 haak3 jan4 syut3 waa6

The operator is talking with a customer.

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
present tense	接線生與客人說話。	zip3 sin3 sang1 jyu5 haak3 jan4 syut3 waa6	The operator talks with a customer.
present progressive tense	接線生正在與客人說 話。	zip3 sin3 sang1 zing3 zoi6 jyu5 haak3 jan4 syut3 waa6	The operator is talking with a customer.
past tense	接線生與客人說過話 。	zip3 sin3 sang1 jyu5 haak3 jan4 syut3 gwo3 waa6	The operator talked with a customer.