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Getting Around Using Cantonese

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Traditional Chinese

嬰兒正在路上走。
人們正在早上通勤。
學生們正在乘巴士。
夫婦正在路上開車。
乘客正在乘飛機飛翔。

Jyutping

jing1 ji4 zing3 zoi6 lou6 soeng6 zau2
jan4 mun4 zing3 zoi6 zou2 soeng6 tung1 kan4
hok6 sang1 mun4 zing3 zoi6 sing4 baa1 si2
fu1 fu5 zing3 zoi6 lou6 soeng6 hoi1 ce1
sing4 haak3 zing3 zoi6 sing4 fei1 gei1 fei1 coeng4

English

The baby is walking on the road.
The people are commuting in the morning.
The people are commuting to work in the morning.
the students are riding the bus.
The married couple is driving on the country road.
The passengers are flying on the airplane.

Vocabulary

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Traditional	Jyutping	English
嬰兒	jing1 ji4	baby
走	zau2	to leave, to walk
路	lou6	road
人	jan4	people
早上	zou2 soeng6	morning
通勤	tung1 kan4	to commute, to commute to work
學生	hok6 sang1	student
巴士	baa1 si2	bus
乘	sing4	to ride, to multiply
夫婦	fu1 fu5	married couple, husband and wife
飛機	fei1 gei1	airplane
乘客	sing4 haak3	passenger
公路	gung1 lou6	country road
飛翔	fei1 coeng4	to fly, to aviate
開車	hoi1 ce1	to drive

Vocabulary Sample Sentences

3 嬰兒正在氈上睡覺。	jing1 ji4 zing3 zoi6 zin1 soeng6	The baby is sleeping on the blanket.
一齊走啦。	seoi6 gaau3	
夫婦正在路上開車。	jat1 cai4 zau2 laa1.	Let's go together.
我哋都係中國人。	fu1 fu5 zing3 zoi6 lou6 soeng6	The married couple is driving on the country road.
男孩在早上醒來。	hoi1 ce1.	
人們正在早上通勤。	ngo5 dei6 dou1 hai6 zung1 gwok3 jan4	We are all Chinese.
小學生測驗合格了。	naam4 haai4 zoi6 zou2 soeng6 sing4 loi6	The boy wakes up in the morning.
搭巴士過去都好方便。	jan4 mun4 zing3 zoi6 zou2 soeng6 tung1 kan4	The people are commuting to work in the morning.
學生們正在乘巴士。	siu2 hok6 sang1 cak1 jim6 hap6 gaak3 liu5	The elementary school student passed the test.
夫婦正在路上開車。	daap3 baa1 si2 gwo3 heoi3 dou1 hou2 fong1 bin6.	Taking a bus there is very convenient too.
	hok6 sang1 mun4 zing3 zoi6 sing4 baa1 si2.	The students are riding the bus.
	fu1 fu5 zing3 zoi6 lou6 soeng6	The married couple is driving

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而家飛機票唔貴。	hoi1 ce1。 ji4 gaa1 fei1 gei1 piu3 m4 gwai3。	on the country road. Plane tickets now are not expensive.
乘客正在乘飛機飛翔。	sing4 haak3 zing3 zoi6 sing4 fei1 gei1 fei1 coeng4	The passengers are flying on the airplane.
夫婦正在路上開車。	fu1 fu5 zing3 zoi6 lou6 soeng6 hoi1 ce1。	The married couple is driving on the country road.
乘客正在乘飛機飛翔。	sing4 haak3 zing3 zoi6 sing4 fei1 gei1 fei1 coeng4	The passengers are flying on the airplane.
夫婦正在路上開車。	fu1 fu5 zing3 zoi6 lou6 soeng6 hoi1 ce1。	The married couple is driving on the country road.

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. 嬰兒正在路上走。

jing1 ji4 zing3 zoi6 lou6 soeng6 zau2

"The baby is walking on the road."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	嬰兒在路上走。	jing1 ji4 zoi6 lou6 soeng6 zau2	"The baby walks on the road."
present progressive tense	嬰兒正在路上走。	jing1 ji4 zing3 zoi6 lou6 soeng6 zau2	"The baby is walking on the road."
past tense	嬰兒曾經在路上走。	jing1 ji4 cang4 ging1 zoi6 lou6 soeng6 zau2	"The baby walked on the road."

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2. 人們正在早上通勤。

jan4 mun4 zing3 zoi6 zou2 soeng6 tung1 kan4

"The people are commuting to work in the morning."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	人們在早上通勤。	jan4 mun4 zoi6 zou2 soeng6 tung1 kan4	"The people commute to work in the morning."
present progressive tense	人們正在早上通勤。	jan4 mun4 zing3 zoi6 zou2 soeng6 tung1 kan4	"The people are commuting to work in the morning."
past tense	人們在早上通勤了。	jan4 mun4 zoi6 zou2 soeng6 tung1 kan4 liu5	"The people commuted to work in the morning."

3. 學生正在乘巴士。

hok6 sang1 zing3 zoi6 sing4 baa1 si2

"The students are riding the bus."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	學生乘巴士。	hok6 sang1 sing4 baa1 si2	"The students ride the bus."
present progressive tense	學生正在乘巴士。	hok6 sang1 zing3 zoi6 sing4 baa1 si2	"The students are riding the bus."
past tense	學生乘過巴士。	hok6 sang1 sing4 gwo3 baa1 si2	"The students rode the bus."

4. 夫婦正在路上開車。

fu1 fu5 zing3 zoi6 lou6 soeng6 hoi1 ce1

"The married couple is driving on the country road."

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Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	夫婦在路上開車。	fu1 fu5 zoi6 lou6 soeng6 hoi1 ce1	"The married couple drive on the country road."
present progressive tense	夫婦正在路上開車。	fu1 fu5 zing3 zoi6 lou6 soeng6 hoi1 ce1	"The married couple is driving on the country road."
past tense	夫婦在路上開過車。	fu1 fu5 zoi6 lou6 soeng6 hoi1 gwo3 ce1	"The married couple drove on the country road."

5. 乘客正在乘飛機飛翔。

sing4 haak3 zing3 zoi6 sing4 fei1 gei1 fei1 coeng4

"The passengers are flying on the airplane."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
present tense	乘客乘飛機飛翔。	sing4 haak3 sing4 fei1 gei1 fei1 coeng4	"The passengers fly on the airplane."
present progressive tense	乘客正在乘飛機飛翔。 。	sing4 haak3 zing3 zoi6 sing4 fei1 gei1 fei1 coeng4	"The passengers are flying on the airplane."
past tense	乘客曾經乘飛機飛翔。 。	sing4 haak3 cang4 ging1 sing4 fei1 gei1 fei1 coeng4	"The passengers flew on the airplane."