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Cantonese Expressions and Words for the Classroom 2

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Traditional Chinese

魔術師在串字。
男孩在學色士風。
學生在回答問題。
大學生在問問題。
小學生測驗合格了。

Jyutping

mo1 seot6 si1z zoi6 cyun3 zi6
naam4 haai4 zoi6 hok6 sik1 si6 fung1
hok6 sang1 zoi6 wui4 daap3 man6 tai4
daai6 hok6 sang1 zoi6 man6 man6 tai4
siu2 hok6 sang1 cak1 jim6 hap6 gaak3 liu5

English

The magician is spelling the word.
The boy is learning the saxophone.
The students are answering the questions.
The university student is asking a question.
The elementary school student passed the test.

Vocabulary

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Traditional	Jyutping	English
魔術師	mo1 seot6 si1	magician
小學生	siu2 hok6 sang1	elementary school student
測驗	cak1 jim6	test
字	zi6	word
串	cyun3	to spell, to link
回答	wui4 daap3	to answer
男孩	naam4 haai4	boy
學	hok6	to learn
學生	hok6 sang1	student
問題	men6 tai4	problem, question
色土風	sik1 si6 fung1	saxophone
合格	hap6 gaak3	to pass
明白	ming4 baak6	to understand

Vocabulary Sample Sentences

魔術師在串字。	mo1 seot6 si1 zoi6 cyun3 zi6	The magician is spelling the word.
小學生明白問題。	siu2 hok6 sang1 ming4 baak6 man6 tai4	The elementary school students understand the question.
小學生測驗合格了。	siu2 hok6 sang1 cak1 jim6 hap6 gaak3 liu5	The elementary school student passed the test.
魔術師在串字。	mo1 seot6 si1 zoi6 cyun3 zi6	The magician is spelling the word.
魔術師在串字。	mo1 seot6 si1 zoi6 cyun3 zi6	The magician is spelling the word.
學生在回答問題。	hok6 sang1 zoi6 wui4 daap3 man6 tai4	The students are answering the questions.
男孩醒來，起床了。	naam5 haai4 sing2 loi4 hei2 cong4 liu5	The boy wakes up and leaves his bed.
我學過跳舞。	ngo5 hok6 gwo3 tiu3 mou5。	I've learned dancing.
小學生測驗合格了。	siu2 hok6 sang1 cak1 jim6 hap6 gaak3 liu5	The elementary school student passed the test.
佢有問題。	keoi5 jau5 men6 tai4.	He has a question/problem.
男孩在學色土風。	naam4 haai4 zoi6 hok6 sik1 si6 fung1	The boy is learning the saxophone.
小學生測驗合格了。	siu2 hok6 sang1 cak1 jim6	The elementary school student

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小學生明白問題。	hap6 gaak3 liu5 siu2 hok6 sang1 ming4 baak6 man6 tai4	passed the test. The elementary school students understand the question.
我唔明。	ngo5 m4 ming4.	I don't understand.

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. 魔術師在串字。

mo1 seot6 si1 zoi6 cyun3 zi6

"The magician is spelling the word."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	魔術師串字。	mo1 seot6 si1 cyun3 zi6	"The magician spells the word."
present progressive tense	魔術師在串字。	mo1 seot6 si1 zoi6 cyun3 zi6	"The magician is spelling the word."
past tense	魔術師串了字。	mo1 seot6 si1 cyun3 liu5 zi6	"The magician spelled the word."

2. 男孩在學色士風。

naam4 haai4 zoi6 hok6 sik1 si6 fung1

"The boy is learning the saxophone."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	男孩學色士風	naam4 haai4 hok6 sik1 si6 fung1	"The boy learns the saxophone."
present progressive tense	男孩在學色士風。	naam4 haai4 zoi6 hok6 sik1 si6 fung1	"The boy is learning the saxophone."
past tense	男孩學過色士風。	naam4 haai4 hok6 gwo3 sik1 si6 fung1	"The boy learned the saxophone."



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3. 學生在回答問題。

hok6 sang1 zoi6 wui4 daap3 man6 tai4

"The students are answering the questions. "

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	學生回答問題。	hok6 sang1 wui4 daap3 man6 tai4	"The students answer the questions."
present progressive tense	學生在回答問題。	hok6 sang1 zoi6 wui4 daap3 man6 tai4	"The students are answering the questions."
past tense	學生回答了問題。	hok6 sang1 wui4 daap3 liu5 man6 tai4	"The students answered the questions."

4. 大學生在問問題。

daai6 hok6 sang1 zoi6 man6 man6 tai4

"The university student is asking a question."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	大學生問問題。	daai6 hok6 sang1 man6 man6 tai4	"The university student asks a question."
present progressive tense	大學生在問問題。	daai6 hok6 sang1 zoi6 man6 man6 tai4	"The university student is asking a question."
past tense	大學生問了問題。	daai6 hok6 sang1 man6 liu5 man6 tai4	"The university student asked a question."

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5. 小學生測驗合格了。

siu2 hok6 sang1 cak1 jim6 hap6 gaak3 liu5

"The elementary school student passed the test."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
present tense	N/A	N/A	N/A
present progressive tense	N/A	N/A	N/A
past tense	小學生測驗合格了。	siu2 hok6 sang1 cak1 jim6 hap6 gaak3 liu5	"The elementary school student passed the test."