

LESSON NOTES

Learn with Pictures and Video S2 #11

Powerful Cantonese Learning Technique - Learning Through Opposites 1

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TRADITIONAL CHINESE

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2. 孩子們正在關上電力。
3. 男孩正在開門。
4. 大學生正在關門。
5. 運動員正在開始賽事。

JYUTPING

1. naam4 jan2 hoi1 dang1
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ENGLISH

1. The man turns on the light.
2. The children are turning off the power.

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3. The boy is opening the door.
4. The university student is closing the door.
5. The athletes are starting the race.

VOCABULARY

Traditional	Romanization	English	Class
運動員	wan6 dung6 jyun4	athlete	noun
賽事	coi3 si6	race, competition	noun
大學生	daai6 hok6 san1	university student	noun
門	mun4	door	noun
電力	din6 lik6	power, electricity	noun
關上	gwaan1 soeng5	to turn off, to close	verb
開	hoi1	to turn on, to open	verb
燈	dang1	light	noun
孩子	haai4 zi2	child, children	noun
男人	naam4 jan2	man	noun
男孩	naam4 haai4	boy	noun
開始	hoi1 ci2	to start, to commence, to begin	verb

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>運動員正在踢足球。 wan6 dung6 jyun4 zing3 zoi6 tek3 zuk1 kau4</p> <p>The players are playing soccer.</p>	<p>運動員正在開始賽事。 wan6 dung6 jyun4 zing3 zoi6 hoi1 ci2 coi3 si6</p> <p>The athletes are starting the race.</p>
<p>大學生正在關門。 daai6 hok6 sang1 zing3 zoi6 gwaan1 mun4</p> <p>The university student is closing the door.</p>	<p>男孩正在開門。 naam4 haai4 zing3 zoi6 hoi1 mun4</p> <p>The boy is opening the door.</p>
<p>孩子們正在關上電力。 haai4 zi2 mun4 zing3 zoi6 gwaan1 soeng5 din6 lik6。</p> <p>The children are turning off the power.</p>	<p>尋日有人換燈膽時無關電制，結果被電擊致死。 cam4 jat6 jau5 jan4 wun6 dang1 daam2 si4 mou4 gwaan1 din6 zai3, git3 gwo2 bei3 din6 gik1 zi3 sei2。</p> <p>Yesterday, someone changed the light without turning off the electricity, and was accidentally shocked.</p>
<p>男人開了燈。 naam4 jan2 hoi1 liu5 dang1</p> <p>The man turned on the light.</p>	<p>男人開了燈。 naam4 jan2 hoi1 liu5 dang1</p> <p>The man turned on the light.</p>
<p>孩子們正在關上電力。 haai4 zi2 mun4 zing3 zoi6 gwaan1 soeng5 din6 lik6。</p> <p>The children are turning off the power.</p>	<p>男人在練習拳擊技巧。 naam5 jan2 zoi6 lin6 zaap6 kyun4 gik1 gei6 haau2</p> <p>The man is practicing his boxing skills.</p>
<p>男孩醒來，起床了。 naam5 haai4 sing2 loi4 hei2 cong4 liu5</p> <p>The boy wakes up and leaves his bed.</p>	<p>運動員正在開始賽事。 wan6 dung6 jyun4 zing3 zoi6 hoi1 ci2 coi3 si6</p> <p>The athletes are starting the race.</p>

GRAMMAR

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. 男人正在開燈。

naam4 jan2 zing3 zoi6 hoi1 dang1

The man is turning on the light.

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	男人開燈。	<i>naam4 jan2 hoi1 dang1</i>	The man turns on the light.
present progressive tense	男人正在開燈。	<i>naam4 jan2 zing3 zoi6 hoi1 dang1</i>	The man is turning on the light.
past tense	男人開了燈。	<i>naam4 jan2 hoi1 liu5 dang1</i>	The man turned on the light.

2. 孩子們正在關上電力。

haai4 zi2 mun4 zing3 zoi6 gwaan1 soeng5 din6 lik6

The children are turning off the power.

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	孩子們關上電力。	<i>haai4 zi2 mun4 gwaan1 soeng5 din6 lik6</i>	The children turn off the power.
present progressive tense	孩子們正在關上電力。	<i>haai4 zi2 mun4 zing3 zoi6 gwaan1 soeng5 din6 lik6</i>	The children are turning off the power.
past tense	孩子們關上了電力。	<i>haai4 zi2 mun4 gwaan1 soeng5 liu5 din6 lik6</i>	The children turned off the power.

3. 男孩在開門。

naam4 haai4 zoi6 hoi1 mun4

The boy is opening the door.

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	男孩開門。	<i>naam4 haai4 hoi1 mun4</i>	The boy opens the door.
present progressive tense	男孩在開門。	<i>naam4 haai4 zoi6 hoi1 mun4</i>	The boy is opening the door.
past tense	男孩開門了。	<i>naam4 haai4 hoi1 mun4 liu5</i>	The boy opened the door.

4. 大學生正在關門。

daai6 hok6 sang1 zing3 zoi6 gwaan1 mun4

The university student is closing the door.

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	大學生關門。	<i>daai6 hok6 sang1 gwaan1 mun4</i>	The university student closes the door.
present progressive tense	大學生正在關門。	<i>daai6 hok6 sang1 zing3 zoi6 gwaan1 mun4</i>	The university student is closing the door.
past tense	大學生關門了。	<i>daai6 hok6 sang1 zoi6 gwaan1 mun4 liu5</i>	The university student closed the door.

5. 運動員正在開始賽事。

wan6 dung6 jyun4 zing3 zoi6 hoi1 ci2 coi3 si6

The athletes are starting the race.

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
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present tense	運動員開始賽事。	wan6 dung6 jyun4 hoi1 ci2 coi3 si6	The athletes start the race.
present progressive tense	運動員正在開始賽事。	wan6 dung6 jyun4 zing3 zoi6 hoi1 ci2 coi3 si6	The athletes are starting the race.
past tense	運動員開始了賽事。	wan6 dung6 jyun4 hoi1 ci2 liu5 coi3 si6	The athletes started the race.