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JYUTPING

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5. mou4 cung4 bin3 sing4 wu4 dip2

ENGLISH

1. The ducklings are following the mother duck.

2. The saleswoman is showing jewelry.

3. The people are saying, "Hello."

4. The girl has a piggy bank.

5. The caterpillar is becoming a butterfly.

VOCABULARY

Traditional	Romanization	English	Class
豬仔錢罌	zyu1 zai2 cin4 aang1	piggy bank	noun
說	syut3	to say, to speak	verb
小鴨	siu2 aap3	duckling	noun
女孩	neoi5 haai4	girl	noun
首飾	sau2 sik1	jewelry	noun
售貨員	sau6 fo3 jyun4	sales representative, saleswoman, salesman	noun
展示	zin2 si6	to show, to display, to exhibit	
跟	gan1	to follow	verb
毛蟲	mou4 cung4	caterpillar	noun
你好	nei5 hou2	hello	phrase
蝴蝶	wu4 dip6	butterfly	noun
人	jan4	people	noun
變成	bin3 sing4	to become, to turn into	verb
擁有	jung2 jau5	to have, to possess	verb

SAMPLE SENTENCES

女孩擁有一個豬仔錢罌。

neoi5 haai4 jung2 jau5 jat1 go3 zyu1 zai2 cin4 aang1

The girl has a piggy bank.

人們在說你好。

jan4 mun4 zoi6 syut3 nei5 hou2。

The people are saying, "Hello."

小鴨在跟著鴨媽媽。

siu2 aap3 zoi6 gan1 zoek6 aap3 maa1 maa1

The ducklings are following the mother duck.

女孩在洗臉。

neoi5 haai4 zoi6 sai2 lim6。

The woman is washing her face.

售貨員在展示首飾。

sau6 fo3 jyun4 zoi6 zin2 si6 sau2 sik1

The saleswoman is showing jewelry.

售貨員在展示首飾。

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小鴨在跟著鴨媽媽。

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The ducklings are following the mother duck.

毛蟲變成蝴蝶。

mou4 cung4 bin3 sing4 wu4 dip2

The caterpillar is becoming a butterfly.

毛毛蟲在慢慢地爬。

mou4 mou4 cung4 zing3 zoi6 maan6 maan6 dei6 paa4

The caterpillar is crawling slowly.

人們在說你好。

jan4 mun4 zoi6 syut3 nei5 hou2。

The people are saying, "Hello."

毛蟲變成蝴蝶。

mou4 cung4 bin3 sing4 wu4 dip2

The caterpillar is becoming a butterfly.

我哋都係中國人。

ngo5 dei6 dou1 hai6 zung1 gwok3 jan4。

We are all Chinese.

毛蟲變成蝴蝶。

mou4 cung4 bin3 sing4 wu4 dip2

The caterpillar is becoming a butterfly.

女孩擁有一個豬仔錢罌。

neoi5 haai4 jung2 jau5 jat1 go3 zyu1 zai2 cin4 aang1

The girl has a piggy bank.

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. 小鴨在跟著鴨媽媽。

siu2 aap3 zoi6 gan1 zoek6 aap3 maa1 maa1

"The ducklings are following the mother duck."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	小鴨跟著鴨媽媽。	*siu2 aap3 gan1 zoek6 aap3 maa1 maa1*	"The ducklings follow the mother duck."
present progressive tense	小鴨在跟著鴨媽媽。	*siu2 aap3 zoi6 gan1 zoek6 aap3 maa1 maa1*	"The ducklings are following the mother duck."
past tense	小鴨曾經跟著鴨媽媽。	*siu2 aap3 cang4 ging1 gan1 zoek6 aap3 maa1 maa1*	"The ducklings followed the mother duck."

2. 售貨員在展示首飾。

sau6 fo3 jyun4 zoi6 zin2 si6 sau2 sik1

"The saleswoman is showing jewelry."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	售貨員展示首飾。	*sau6 fo3 jyun4 zin2 si6 sau2 sik1*	"The saleswoman shows jewelry."
present progressive tense	售貨員在展示首飾。	*sau6 fo3 jyun4 zoi6 zin2 si6 sau2 sik1*	"The saleswoman is showing jewelry."
past tense	售貨員展示了首飾。	*sau6 fo3 jyun4 zin2 si6 liu5 sau2 sik1*	"The saleswoman showed jewelry."

3. 人們在說你好。
jan4 mun4 zoi6 syut3 nei5 hou2
"The people are saying, "Hello." "

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	人們說你好。	*jan4 mun4 syut3 nei5 hou2*	"The people say, "Hello.""
present progressive tense	人們在說你好。	*jan4 mun4 zoi6 syut3 nei5 hou2*	"The people are saying, "Hello.""
past tense	人們說過你好。	*jan4 mun4 syut3 gwo3 nei5 hou2*	"The people said, "Hello.""

4. 女孩擁有一個豬仔錢罌。
neoi5 haai4 jung2 jau5 jat1 go3 zyu1 zai2 cin4 aang1
"The girl has a piggy bank."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
non-past tense	女孩擁有一個豬仔錢罌。	*neoi5 haai4 jung2 jau5 jat1 go3 zyu1 zai2 cin4 aang1*	"The girl has a piggy bank."

present progressive tense	N/A	*N/A*	N/A
past tense	女孩曾經擁有一個豬仔錢罌。	*neoi5 haai4 cang4 ging1 jung2 jau5 jat1 go3 zyu1 zai2 cin4 aang1*	"The girl had a piggy bank."

5.毛蟲正在變成蝴蝶。

mou4 cung4 zing3 zoi6 bin3 sing4 wu4 dip6

"The caterpillar is becoming a butterfly."

Tense	Cantonese	Romanization	English
present tense	毛蟲變成蝴蝶。	*mou4 cung4 bin3 sing4 wu4 dip6*	"The caterpillar becomes a butterfly."
present progressive tense	毛蟲正在變成蝴蝶。	*mou4 cung4 zing3 zoi6 bin3 sing4 wu4 dip6*	"The caterpillar is becoming a butterfly."
past tense	毛蟲變成了蝴蝶。	*mou4 cung4 bin3 sing4 liu5 wu4 dip6*	"The caterpillar became a butterfly."