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Beginner lessons for Grammar

Master the Basics of Cantonese Grammar with Ease!

DEFINITION

Cantonese grammar involves the rules that govern sentence structure and word usage. Understanding these basics helps you communicate effectively in Cantonese.

KEY CONCEPTS

Word Order

Cantonese typically follows a Subject-Verb-Object (SVO) structure, similar to English.

Measure Words

Cantonese uses specific measure words for counting nouns, which must match the noun type.

Particles

Particles are small words that modify the meaning of sentences, indicating tense or mood.

Negation

Negation in Cantonese is often expressed with words like 'm4' (not) placed before the verb.

Questions

Questions can be formed by adding a question particle at the end of a statement.

EXAMPLES

- 食飯 (I eat rice.)
- 幾歲 (How old are you?)
- 唔去 (He/She is not going.)

MEMORY TIPS

- ★ Remember SVO as 'Subject Very Often' to recall word order.
- ★ Link measure words to their nouns by visualizing them together.
- ★ Think of particles as 'sentence accessories' that add meaning.

COMMON MISTAKES

- ✗ Forgetting to use the correct measure word with nouns.
- ✗ Misplacing negation words in sentences.
- ✗ Confusing question particles with statement endings.

QUICK RECAP

Cantonese grammar is essential for forming clear sentences. Focus on word order, measure words, and particles to enhance your understanding and communication skills.