

## Grammatical Feature: {Present Habitual}

The present habitual refers to an action that occurs habitually, ordinarily or customarily in the present time. In the standard Marathi sentence, *rohān śaḷela jato* (Rohan school-to goes), the verb form *jato* (ja-t-o, go-IPFV-3SGM), indicates that Rohan goes to school habitually in the present time.

### 1.0 Dialectal variation in marking the {Present Habitual}

Three variant forms were observed in the various regional/social dialects of Marathi for indicating the present habitual: (1) [V-t-PNG], (2) [V-s.N], (3) [V-ta]. The geographical distribution and examples of the variant forms are given below.

#### 1.1 Variant 1: [V-t-PNG]

The variant [V-t-PNG] is used to mark the present habitual in all the sampled districts in the state of Maharashtra.

##### 1.1.1 Example (District Ratnagiri, taluka Ratnagiri, village Malgund, F39, Kunbi, 12th)

ती कामाला जाते

ti kamala jate

ti kam-a-la ja-t-e

she work-OBL-DAT go-IPFV-3SGF

She goes to work.

##### 1.1.2 Example (District Thane, Taluka Ambernath, Village Usatane, M19, Buddhist, FYBA)

मराठीच बोलतो मी जास्तं

məraṭiç bolto mi ĵastə

məraṭi-c bol-t-o mi ĵastə

Marathi-EMPH speak-IPFV-1SGM I more

I speak in Marathi most of the time.



## 1.2 Variant 2: [V-s.N]

The variant [V-s.N] is used for marking the present habitual in five of the sampled 34 districts in the state of Maharashtra. The geographical spread of this variant and examples are given below:

<b>District</b>	<b>Taluka and Village</b>
Jalgaon	Jalgaon - Dhamangaon, Chalisgaon - Dahiwad
Dhule	Dhule - Songir, Khede and Khordad, Shirpur - Shingave and Boradi, Sakri - Dhadne
Nandurbar	Nandurbar - Ghotane, Navapur - Khandbara and Cinchpada, Shahada - Prakasha and Shahada
Nashik	Satana - Daregaon, Malegaon - Kalwadi and Kaulane (GA.)
Palghar	Dahanu - Vetli

### 1.2.1 Example (District Nandurbar, Taluka Nandurbar, Village Dhanora, M42, Matang, 6th)

एक पोऱ्या धाविले शाळामा जास

ek porya d<sup>h</sup>awile řařama jas

ek porya d<sup>h</sup>awi-le řařa-ma ja-s

one son.OBL tenth-LOC school-LOC go-IPFV.SG

One of my sons goes to class 10 in school.

### 1.2.2 Example (District Dhule, Taluka Dhule, Village Khordad, M68, Kunbi-Patil, 8th)

ते बी आयरानिमास बोलतस

te bi ayranimas boltæs

te bi ayrani-ma-s boltæs

they PRT Ahirani-LOC-EMPH speak-IPFV.PL

They too speak in Ahirani.



### 1.3 Variant 3: [V-ta]

The variant [V-ta] is used to indicate the present habitual aspect in three of the sampled 34 districts in the state of Maharashtra. The geographical spread of this variant and examples are given below:

<b>District</b>	<b>Taluka and Village</b>
Kolhapur	Chandgad - Kodali
Sindhudurg	Dodamarg - Ayee and Matne, Malwan - Katta, Deulwada and Dandi, Kudal - Mangaon and Kudal, Vengurla - Vengurla, Devgad - Taramumbri and Jamasande, Sawantwadi - Kolgaon and Satarde
Ratnagiri	Rajaapur- Kumbhavade

#### 1.3.1 Example (District Sindhudurg, Taluka Malwan, Village Dandi, M72, Gabhit, 3rd)

आमी त्याला काय मनता देवमासा

ami tyala kay manta dewmasa

ami tya-la kay mən-ta dewmasa

we.EXCL he.OBL-ACC what say-IPFV *dewmasa*

We call it *dewmasa*.

#### 1.3.2 Example (District Sindhudurg, Taluka Kudal, Village Kudal, M60, Kumbhar, Illikterate)

पन आता जास्तं पीक येता

pən ata jastə pik yeta

pən ata jastə pik ye-ta

but now more crop come-IPFV

Now we get more crops/we get a better harvest.

