

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:

District	Taluka and Village
Jalgaon	Jalgaon - Dhamangaon, Chalisgaon - Dahiwad
Dhule	Dhule - Songir, Khede and Khordad, Shirpur - Shingave and Boradi, Sakri - Dhadne
Nandurbar	Nnandurbar - 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^hawile řařama jas

ek porya d^hawi-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 boltas

te bi ayrani-ma-s boltas

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:

District	Taluka and Village
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.

