

HSK 3 Essential Grammar Structures

Key grammatical formulas with paired bilingual example sentences.

96 STRUCTURES

1. 在.....上/下/中

Fixed Patterns

在学习上，老师和同学给了我许多帮助。

In my studies, my teachers and classmates gave me a lot of help.

在父母的影响下，我从小就对中文很感兴趣。

Under the influence of my parents, I have been interested in Chinese since I was young.

2. 动词或动词性短语、形容词或形容词性短语作主语

Sentence Components · Subject

哭没有用。

Crying is useless.

多穿一点儿比较好。

It's better to wear a bit more.

3. 主谓短语作主语

Sentence Components · Subject

你来也可以。

It's also okay if you come.

身体健康最重要。

Health is the most important thing.

4. 多项定语

Sentence Components · Attributive

我昨天新买的那条黑色的裤子你放在哪儿了？

Where did you put the black pants that I bought new yesterday?

前面那个穿着蓝衬衫的短头发高个子的老人就是我的中文老师。

The old man in front with short hair and a blue shirt, who is tall, is my Chinese teacher.

5. 动词+到/住/走/上

Sentence Components · Complement · Result Complement 2

火车票你买到了没有？

Did you manage to buy the train ticket?

老师说的话我都记住了。

I remembered everything the teacher said.

6. 趋向补语的引申用法：表示结果意义：动词+出/起/下

Sentence Components · Complement · Directional Complement 2

我们终于想出了一个好办法。

We finally came up with a good idea.

你想起她的名字了没有？

Have you remembered her name yet?

7. 老—

Morphemes · Prefixes

这家饭店的经理老李是我的朋友。

The manager of this restaurant, Old Li, is my friend.

8. 一家、一子、一员

Morphemes · Suffixes

你听说过这个画家吗？

Have you heard of this painter?

屋子有点儿小，可是很干净。

The room is a bit small, but it's very clean.

9. 东、南、西、北、北方、东方、南方、西方、中间

Parts of Speech · Nouns · Location & Direction Nouns

我听说北方的冬天很冷。

I heard that winters in the north are very cold.

中国的北方和南方我都去过。

I've been to both the north and the south of China.

10. 借用名量词：碗、盘

Parts of Speech · Measure Words · Nominal Measure Words

我要一碗面条和一碗米饭。

I want a bowl of noodles and a bowl of rice.

中午我在食堂吃了一盘饺子。

At noon, I ate a plate of dumplings in the cafeteria.

11. 需要、该、应该、愿意、得

Parts of Speech · Verbs · Modal Verbs

从这儿过去，大概需要多长时间？

From here, about how long does it take?

医生说我感冒了，需要吃药。

The doctor said I have a cold and need to take medicine.

12. 动宾式离合词：放假、见面、结婚、洗澡

Parts of Speech · Verbs · Separable Verbs

我放了假就准备去旅游。

As soon as I have a holiday, I plan to travel.

我们已经很长时间没见过面了。

We haven't seen each other for a long time.

13. 动补式离合词：打开、看见、离开、完成、分开

Parts of Speech · Verbs · Separable Verbs

我打不开这瓶水，你能帮帮我吗？

I can't open this bottle of water, can you help me?

黑板上的字你看得见吗？

Can you see the characters on the blackboard?

14. 怎样

Parts of Speech · Pronouns · Interrogative Pronouns

怎样才能学好中文呢？

How can I learn Chinese well?

他是怎样一个人？

What kind of person is he?

15. 疑问代词的非疑问用法：任指用法：①疑问代词+都…… ②疑问代词+疑问代词

Parts of Speech · Pronouns · Interrogative Pronouns

这次旅行谁都可以参加。

Anyone can participate in this trip.

我最近感冒了，哪儿都没去。

I've caught a cold recently, so I haven't been anywhere.

16. 疑问代词的非疑问用法：不定指用法

Parts of Speech · Pronouns · Interrogative Pronouns

我好像在哪儿见过她。

I feel like I've seen her somewhere.

你先吃点儿什么再走吧。

Have something to eat before you leave.

17. 别人、咱们

Parts of Speech · Pronouns · Personal Pronouns

我不太清楚，你问问别人吧。

I'm not sure, ask someone else.

别人能学好，我也一定能学好。

If others can learn it well, I can definitely learn it well too.

18. 别的、其他

Parts of Speech · Pronouns · Demonstrative Pronouns

除了北京，你还去过别的城市吗？

Besides Beijing, have you been to any other cities?

我喜欢学习别的国家的语言和文化。

I like learning the languages and cultures of other countries.

19. 专用量词：把、双、张、种、层、封、页、辆、节、所、班、段、头、句公斤、斤、角、毛、刻、米

Parts of Speech · Measure Words · Nominal Measure Words

下雨了，记得带一把伞。

It's raining, remember to bring an umbrella.

我在网上买了两双鞋。

I bought two pairs of shoes online.

20. 口、回、遍、声

Parts of Speech · Measure Words · Verbal Measure Words

他喝了一口茶，然后开始工作。

He took a sip of tea, then started working.

我已经说过好几回了，但他还是不记得。

I've already said it several times, but he still doesn't remember.

21. 个个、张张

Parts of Speech · Measure Words · Measure Word Reduplication

这些苹果个个都很大。

These apples are all very big.

他画的画，张张都很漂亮。

Every one of his paintings is beautiful.

22. 比较、还3、更、特别、挺、有些、越、极

Parts of Speech · Adverbs · Degree Adverbs

这本书的内容比较简单，我读得很快。

The content of this book is relatively simple, so I read it quickly.

外面太热了，屋子里还凉快一些。

It's too hot outside; it's a bit cooler inside.

23. 就3、一块儿、一共、只、到处、只是

Parts of Speech · Adverbs · Scope Adverbs

我就要两斤苹果，不要别的。

I only want two pounds of apples, nothing else.

办公室里就张老师一个人。

There's only Teacher Zhang in the office.

24. 才1、马上、先、一会儿、刚、刚刚、一直

Parts of Speech · Adverbs · Time Adverbs

他才到家，还没有吃饭呢。

He just got home and hasn't eaten yet.

我才搬来北京，还不太习惯这里的生活

I just moved to Beijing and am still not used to life here.

25. 总、总是、又、常常

Parts of Speech · Adverbs · Frequency Adverbs

一到冬天，孩子就总生病。

As soon as winter comes, the child always gets sick.

上学的时候，我总是让爸爸开车送我。

When I was in school, I always had my dad drive me.

26. 一边

Parts of Speech · Adverbs · Correlative Adverbs

孩子们高兴地一边唱歌一边跳舞。

The children happily sang and danced at the same time.

我想找个工作，一边工作一边学习。

I want to find a job where I can work and study at the same time.

27. 大概、必须、差不多、一定、好像、几乎

Parts of Speech · Adverbs · Manner Adverbs

他大概已经回家了。

He has probably already gone home.

你们学校大概有多少留学生？

About how many international students are there at your school?

28. 当然、其实、终于、才2、才3、就4

Parts of Speech · Adverbs · Modal Adverbs

我当然愿意帮助你。

Of course I'm willing to help you.

当然没问题，欢迎你参加。

Of course it's no problem; you're welcome to join.

29. 不必、不用

Parts of Speech · Adverbs · Negative Adverbs

你可以用手机买票，不必去车站，非常方便。

You can buy tickets with your phone; you don't need to go to the station, it's very convenient.

不用担心，我们帮你一起准备。

Don't worry, we'll help you prepare together.

30. 为1、向1、关于

Parts of Speech · Prepositions · Introducing Objects

生日快乐，这是我为你做的蛋糕。

Happy birthday, this is the cake I made for you.

大家为这次比赛做了很多准备。

Everyone made a lot of preparations for this competition.

31. 向2

Parts of Speech · Prepositions · Introducing Direction & Path

他向门口走去，好像准备离开。

He walked towards the door, as if he was about to leave.

老师让大家看向前边。

The teacher asked everyone to look towards the front.

32. 为了、为2

Parts of Speech · Prepositions · Introducing Purpose & Reason

为了身体健康，我们应该坚持锻炼。

In order to stay healthy, we should keep exercising.

妈妈经常为了工作睡得很晚。

Mom often stays up late for work.

33. 把、被

Parts of Speech · Prepositions · Marking Doer & Receiver (Agent & Patient)

你把箱子放在这儿吧。

Put the box here.

我的自行车被朋友借走了。

My bike was borrowed by a friend.

34. 根据

Parts of Speech · Prepositions · Expressing Means, Tools & Basis

大家可以根据兴趣选择自己喜欢的运动。

Everyone can choose the sport they like based on their interests.

根据要求，我们必须参加明天的会议。

According to the requirements, we must attend tomorrow's meeting.

35. 或、或者

Parts of Speech · Conjunctions · Connecting Words or Phrases

我喝茶或/或者咖啡都可以。

I can drink tea or coffee, either is fine.

我们可以打车或/或者坐地铁去。

We can take a taxi or the subway to go there.

36. 只有、只要、不但、而且、如果、可1、可是、然后

Parts of Speech · Conjunctions · Connecting Clauses or Sentences

只有大家一起想办法，才能解决这个问题。

Only if everyone works together can we solve this problem.

只要你想学，就一定能学好。

As long as you want to learn, you will definitely learn well.

37. 的话

Parts of Speech · Particles · Other Particles

你喜欢的话，就送给你吧。

If you like it, I'll give it to you.

如果明天下雨的话，我们就不去爬山了。

If it rains tomorrow, we won't go hiking.

38. 同位短语

Phrases · Structural Types · Other Structural Types

首都北京、她一个人、我们学生

the capital Beijing, she alone, we students

39. 动补短语2

Phrases · Structural Types · Other Structural Types

漂亮极了、累坏了、看不懂、写得完

Extremely beautiful, exhausted, can't understand, can finish writing

40. 数量重叠：数词+量词+数词+量词

Phrases · Structural Types · Other Structural Types

工作要一步一步地做。

Work must be done step by step.

老师一句一句地教我们读课文。

The teacher taught us to read the text sentence by sentence.

41. 不A 不 B

Phrases · Fixed Phrases · Four-Character Phrases

这件衣服不大不小，特别合适。

This dress is neither too big nor too small; it fits perfectly.

最近天气不冷不热，很舒服。

The weather recently is neither hot nor cold; it's very comfortable.

42. 不一会儿

Phrases · Fixed Phrases · Others

不一会儿，张校长就来了。

In a little while, Principal Zhang arrived.

时间不一会儿就过去了。

Time passed in a little while.

43. 看来

Phrases · Fixed Phrases · Others

电梯坏了，看来咱们只能走楼梯了。

The elevator is broken; it seems we'll have to take the stairs.

这么晚了，看来他今天不会来了。

It's so late; it seems he won't come today.

44. 在.....看来

Phrases · Fixed Phrases · Others

在同事们看来，她对工作非常认真。

In the view of her colleagues, she is very serious about her work.

在我看来，坚持读书是一种很好的习惯。

In my view, persisting in reading is a very good habit.

45. 越来越

Phrases · Fixed Phrases · Others

听说学习中文的年轻人越来越多。

I heard that more and more young people are learning Chinese.

我越来越习惯这里的生活了。

I am getting more and more used to life here.

46. 看起来

Phrases · Fixed Phrases · Others

这些菜看起来都很好吃。

These dishes all look very delicious.

那个新来的老师看起来很年轻。

That new teacher looks very young.

47. 看上去

Phrases · Fixed Phrases · Others

这道题看上去很难，其实很简单。

This problem looks very difficult, but it is actually very simple.

她看上去不像五十多岁的人。

She doesn't look like someone in her fifties.

48. 一般来说

Phrases · Fixed Phrases · Others

一般来说，早上锻炼身体比较好。

Generally speaking, it is better to exercise in the morning.

一般来说，学习外语需要多练习。

Generally speaking, learning a foreign language requires a lot of practice.

49. 不怎么样

Phrases · Fixed Phrases · Others

我觉得这些照片照得不怎么样。

I think these photos turned out not great.

虽然考试前我复习了很长时间，但是成绩不怎么样。

Although I reviewed for a long time before the exam, my grades were not great.

50. 除了 (以外),还/也/都.....

Fixed Patterns

除了看新闻 (以外), 人们还/也可以在网上看电影、买东西。

Besides watching the news, people can also watch movies and shop online.

除了北京 (以外), 别的城市我都没去过。

Apart from Beijing, I haven't been to any other cities.

51. 从.....起

Fixed Patterns

从那天起, 我们就变成了好朋友。

From that day on, we became good friends.

从现在起, 我一定要努力学习。

From now on, I must study hard.

52. 对.....来说

Fixed Patterns

对他来说, 这个机会非常重要。

For him, this opportunity is very important.

对我来说, 学习汉语很有意思。

For me, learning Chinese is very interesting.

53. 一.....也/都+不/没.....

Fixed Patterns

来中国以前, 我一句汉语也不会说。

Before coming to China, I couldn't speak a single sentence of Chinese.

你说的这些地方我一个都没去过。

I haven't been to any of the places you mentioned.

54. 一点儿也不

Fixed Patterns

快要考试了, 你怎么一点儿也不着急?

The exam is coming soon, but you're not worried at all?

今天天气很好, 一点儿也不冷。

The weather is nice today; it's not cold at all.

55. 越.....越.....

Fixed Patterns

我想认识中国朋友, 越多越好。

I want to make Chinese friends; the more, the better.

医生让我多休息, 休息得越多, 好得越快。

The doctor told me to rest more; the more I rest, the faster I recover.

56. (在)以前/以后/前/后

Fixed Patterns

考试以前, 你一定要认真复习。

Before the exam, you must review carefully.

来到中国以后, 我慢慢习惯了这里的生活。

After coming to China, I gradually got used to life here.

57. X什么(啊)

Fixed Patterns

难过什么啊，你的成绩不是挺好的吗？

What's there to be sad about? Your grades are pretty good, aren't they?

方便什么啊，附近一个超市都没有。

What convenience? There isn't even a supermarket nearby.

58. 该.....了

Fixed Patterns

八点了，该上课了。

It's eight o'clock; it's time for class.

下周要考试，我该复习了。

Next week we have an exam; I should start reviewing now.

59. 趋向补语的引申用法：表示动作行为的开始：动词+上/起来

Sentence Components · Complement · Directional Complement 2

饿了一天，我们终于吃上饭了。

After being hungry all day, we finally got to eat.

儿子刚到家就玩上了电脑游戏。

As soon as my son got home, he started playing computer games.

60. 趋向补语的引申用法：表示动作行为的持续：动词+下去/下来

Sentence Components · Complement · Directional Complement 2

虽然学习汉语不容易，但是我一定会坚持下去。

Although learning Chinese is not easy, I will definitely keep going.

在老师的帮助下，我一定可以学下去。

With the teacher's help, I can definitely continue learning.

61. 动词+得/不+动词/形容词

Sentence Components · Complement · Potential Complement 1

老师说的话你听得懂吗？

Can you understand what the teacher said?

黑板上的字太小，我看不清楚。

The characters on the blackboard are too small; I can't see them clearly.

62. 形容词+得很

Sentence Components · Complement · Degree Complement 1

这里的环境好得很。

The environment here is very good.

这儿从早到晚都有风，凉快得很。

It's windy here from morning to night, and it's very cool.

63. 形容词/动词+极了/坏了

Sentence Components · Complement · Degree Complement 1

看见考试成绩的时候，我高兴极了。

When I saw the exam results, I was extremely happy.

爬山回来，大家都累坏了。

After climbing the mountain and coming back, everyone was exhausted.

64. 表示动作结束到某个时间点的间隔时间

Sentence Components · Complement · Quantity Complement 3

开学已经两个星期了。

It has already been two weeks since school started.

这件事已经过去五年了。

This matter has already passed five years.

65. “怎样+动词”的特指问句

Sentence Types · Sentence Categories · Interrogative Sentences

怎样才能学好汉语呢？

How can we learn Chinese well?

中国人是怎样过新年的？

How do Chinese people celebrate the New Year?

66. 用反问句表示强调：不是……吗？

Sentence Types · Sentence Categories · Rhetorical Question 1

你不是写完作业了吗？

Haven't you already finished your homework?

考试不是下个星期一吗？

Isn't the exam next Monday?

67. 主语+把+宾语+动词+在/到+处所

Sentence Types · Special Sentence Patterns · 把-Sentence 1

你把箱子放在这儿吧。

Put your suitcase here.

我们把桌子搬到教室外边了。

We moved the table outside the classroom.

68. 主语+把+宾语1+动词（+给）+宾语2

Sentence Types · Special Sentence Patterns · 把-Sentence 1

我们把礼物送给老师了。

We gave the gift to the teacher.

他把那本书借给我了。

He lent that book to me.

69. 主语+把+宾语+动词+结果补语/趋向补语/状态补语

Sentence Types · Special Sentence Patterns · 把-Sentence 1

我已经把晚饭准备好了。

I've already prepared dinner.

咱们把这些桌子搬进去吧。

Let's move these tables inside.

70. 主语+被+宾语+动词+其他成分

Sentence Types · Special Sentence Patterns · Passive Sentence 1

我的词典被朋友借走了。

My dictionary was borrowed by a friend.

冰箱里的水果被谁吃了？

Who ate the fruit in the fridge?

71. 主语+被+动词+其他成分

Sentence Types · Special Sentence Patterns · Passive Sentence 1

桌子上的作业被拿走了。

The homework on the desk was taken away.

病人已经被送到医院了。

The patient has already been sent to the hospital.

72. “着”表示动作的伴随：动词1+着+动词2

Sentence Types · Special Sentence Patterns · Serial Verb Sentence 2

老师总是笑着回答大家的问题。

The teacher always answers everyone's questions with a smile.

我喜欢听着音乐做运动。

I like exercising while listening to music.

73. A比B+更/还+形容词

Sentence Types · Special Sentence Patterns · Comparative Sentence 2

她的汉语比我更好。

Her Chinese is even better than mine.

今天比昨天还冷。

Today is even colder than yesterday.

74. A跟B一样

Sentence Types · Special Sentence Patterns · Comparative Sentence 2

我的爱好跟他一样。

My hobbies are the same as his.

他买的新手机跟我的一样。

The new phone he bought is the same as mine.

75. A跟B一样+形容词

Sentence Types · Special Sentence Patterns · Comparative Sentence 2

坐地铁跟坐公交车一样方便。

Taking the subway is as convenient as taking the bus.

这个房间跟那个房间一样大。

This room is as big as that one.

76. A不比B+形容词

Sentence Types · Special Sentence Patterns · Comparative Sentence 2

这张画不比那张好看。

This painting is not necessarily better-looking than that one.

我的汉语水平不比他高。

My Chinese level is not necessarily higher than his.

77. A比B+多/少/早/晚+动词+数量短语

Sentence Types · Special Sentence Patterns · Comparative Sentence 2

我比他早到十分钟。

I arrived ten minutes earlier than him.

哥哥比弟弟多吃了三个饺子。

The older brother ate three more dumplings than the younger brother.

78. 表示出现：处所词+动词+趋向补语/结果补语+动态助词（了）+数量短语+人/物

Sentence Types · Special Sentence Patterns · Existential Sentence 3

前边开过来一辆出租车。

A taxi came over from the front.

楼上搬来了一家人。

A family moved in upstairs.

79. 表示消失：处所词+动词+结果补语+动态助词（了）+数量短语+人/物

Sentence Types · Special Sentence Patterns · Existential Sentence 3

树上飞走了三只小鸟。

Three little birds flew away from the tree.

他家里跑丢了一只羊。

A sheep ran away from his home.

80. 强调说话人的看法或态度

Sentence Types · Special Sentence Patterns · 是...的 Sentence 2

这个问题其实是很简单的。

This problem is actually very simple.

多写多练对学习汉字是很有帮助的。

Writing more and practicing more is very helpful for learning Chinese characters.

81. 主语+动词+宾语+动词+补语

Sentence Types · Special Sentence Patterns · Verb-Copying Sentence

我们昨天打篮球打了一个下午。

We played basketball for a whole afternoon yesterday.

你今天上课上得怎么样？

How was your class today?

82. 先……，再/然后……

Sentence Types · Compound Sentences · Successive Compound Sentences

你先去买门票，再来这里找我。

You first go buy the tickets, then come here to find me.

我想先吃饭，然后回房间休息。

I want to eat first, then go back to the room to rest.

83. 或者……，或者……

Sentence Types · Compound Sentences · Alternative Compound Sentences

每周末，我们或者踢足球，或者打篮球。

Every weekend, we either play soccer or play basketball.

春节的时候，人们或者回家过节，或者出门旅游。

During the Spring Festival, people either go home for the holiday or go out traveling.

84. 一会儿……，一会儿……

Sentence Types · Compound Sentences · Coordinate Compound Sentences

他一会儿进来，一会儿出去，忙得很。

He goes in one moment and goes out the next, extremely busy.

最近的天气一会儿冷，一会儿热。

The weather recently is cold one moment and hot the next.

85. 又……，又……

Sentence Types · Compound Sentences · Coordinate Compound Sentences

这件衣服又便宜又好看。

This piece of clothing is both cheap and good-looking.

那个又高又漂亮的女孩儿是谁？

Who is that tall and beautiful girl?

86. 一边……，一边……

Sentence Types · Compound Sentences · Coordinate Compound Sentences

他一边工作，一边学习中文。

He works while studying Chinese.

我喜欢一边跑步，一边听音乐。

I like to run while listening to music.

87. 不但……，而且……

Sentence Types · Compound Sentences · Progressive Compound Sentences

不但我学习中文，而且我的弟弟也学习中文。

Not only do I study Chinese, but my younger brother also studies Chinese.

我哥哥不但会打篮球，而且打得很好。

My older brother not only can play basketball, but he also plays very well.

88. 虽然……，可是……

Sentence Types · Compound Sentences · Adversative Compound Sentences

房间虽然不大，可是很干净。

Although the room is not big, it is very clean.

虽然天气很冷，可是他还是坚持每天锻炼。

Although the weather is very cold, he still insists on exercising every day.

89. 如果....., 就.....

Sentence Types · Compound Sentences · Hypothetical Compound Sentences

如果明天不下雨, 我们就去爬山。

If it doesn't rain tomorrow, we will go hiking.

如果你需要帮忙, 就给我打电话。

If you need help, just call me.

90.的话, 就.....

Sentence Types · Compound Sentences · Hypothetical Compound Sentences

你有时间的话, 就一起去吧。

If you have time, let's go together.

你觉得满意的话, 咱们就买。

If you are satisfied, let's buy it.

91. 只有....., 才.....

Sentence Types · Compound Sentences · Conditional Compound Sentences

只有努力学习, 才能得到好成绩。

Only if you study hard can you get good grades.

只有多听、多说、多看, 你的中文水平才能提高。

Only by listening, speaking, and reading more can your Chinese level improve.

92. 只要....., 就.....

Sentence Types · Compound Sentences · Conditional Compound Sentences

只要你坚持学习, 就一定能学好。

As long as you keep studying, you will definitely learn it well.

只要你同意, 我们就这么决定了。

As long as you agree, we will decide it this way.

93. 为了.....,

Sentence Types · Compound Sentences · Purpose Compound Sentences

为了考上大学, 她每天努力学习。

In order to get into university, she studies hard every day.

为了早点儿到家, 我打算坐飞机。

In order to get home earlier, I plan to take a plane.

94.了..... (就)

Sentence Types · Compound Sentences · Condensed Compound Sentences

他吃了药就好多了。

After taking the medicine, he felt much better.

我打算下了课就去图书馆。

I plan to go to the library after class.

95. 概数表达法2: 用“大概”表示概数

Special Expressions · Number Expressions

你大概多长时间能到?

About how long will it take you to get there?

这些水果大概五十块钱。

These fruits cost about fifty yuan.

96. 概数表达法2: 相邻数词连用表示概数

Special Expressions · Number Expressions

教室里来了七八个学生。

Seven or eight students came into the classroom.

从我家到学校, 走路需要十五六分钟。

It takes about fifteen or sixteen minutes to walk from my home to school.