

HSK 1 · School, Study and Work Routines

Beginner routines; classroom examples, not official exam items.

Routines, ownership, timetables

Person + time + verb + object; 有 for having; and a timetable read by rows, not by hope.

The routine sentence

- 1 **The order** Person + time + verb + object: 我上午学中文 (wǒ shàngwǔ xué Zhōngwén).
- 2 **Add a place with** 我在学校学中文 (wǒ zài xuéxiào xué Zhōngwén) — at school.
- 3 **The questions** 在哪里学习 ? Where do you study? 在哪里工作 ? Where do you work? 什么时候 ? When?
- 4 **Try it** Say one real routine of yours in the four-slot order.

Decision

Four slots: who, when, doing what, to what.

有 and 没有

有 — having

学校有图书馆。(Xuéxiào yǒu túshūguǎn.) — The school has a library.

没有 — its ordinary negative

学校没有游泳池。(Xuéxiào méiyǒu yóuyǒngchí.) — The school has no pool.

The timetable, row by row

Timetable	Question	Answer
周一九点中文课，十点 数学课	中文课几点开始？	九点 — nine, not ten
Same row	学校没有游泳池 denies...	The pool, not the library

Watch out: never 不有

- 不有 × — the ordinary negative of 有 is 没有.
- A negative sentence denies its own object, not the whole school.

Check yourself

Your turn

Which pair is right? (1) How do you negate 有? (2) Which question asks when?

- A. 不有; 在哪里
- B. 没有; 什么时候
- C. 没有; 在哪里
- D. 不有; 什么时候