HSK 1 · Listening and Reading Habits

Level-one listening and reading task habits; classroom examples, not official exam items.

Whole phrases, whole sentences

> The habits that decide level-one questions: hear the whole phrase, read the whole sentence, match fact to question word.

- A familiar noun alone is insufficient.
- **包括不** and **没** — read every word.

Same person, different action

女儿喝水

“Nǚ’ér hē shuǐ — the daughter drinks water.”

女儿吃饭

“Nǚ’ér chī fàn — the daughter eats a meal.”

Read the question word

Word	Asks	Valid answer
几 (jǐ)	A number	三个人 — three people
谁 (shéi)	A person	我的老师 — my teacher
哪儿 (nǎr)	A place	北京 — Beijing

The rehearsal drill

1. **Teacher reads, script hidden** 桌子上有两个杯子。(Zhuōzi shàng yǒu liǎng ge bēizi.)
2. **Choose between pictures** A table with two cups, or a table with three books?
3. **Why two cups wins** 有 states existence; 两个 counts cups; 桌子上 locates them.
4. **Then the rule** Practise a NEW case after feedback — never the identical exposed item.

Decision

A printed copy would test reading, not listening.

Watch out: quantity is not rescued

- A matching object does not rescue the wrong quantity — two cups is not three books.
- A visible-script task does not prove listening ability.

Quick check

Your turn

What changes between 女儿喝水 and 女儿吃饭?

A. the person
B. the action

Check yourself

Your turn

Which word asks “who”?

A. 几
B. 谁
C. 哪