HSK 4 Grammar 06: Nouns

HSK 4 其中, taught from the reviewed topic handout; classroom examples, not official exam items.

One word owns this topic

> 其中 is the Chinese "of which / of them" — and it always looks backward to a group already on the table.

- It reaches into a set you just named.
- The backward rule is what gets tested.

The frame: Group ，其中 ……

Picking out of the set

我有四辆汽车，其中三辆是宝马。(Wǒ yǒu sì liàng qìchē, qízhōng sān liàng shì Bǎomǎ.) — I have four cars, three of which are BMWs.

这么多项目，其中最难的是环境项目。(Zhème duō xiàngmù, qízhōng zuì nán de shì huánjìng xiàngmù.) — Of all these projects, the hardest is the environmental one.

Try it: the hardest exam

1. **Name the group first** 这学期我们考了三次试。(Zhè xuéqī wǒmen kǎo le sān cì shì.) — This term we took three exams.
2. **Then point back into it** 其中数学最难。(Qízhōng shùxué zuì nán.) — Of them, maths was the hardest.
3. **Check the direction** The group (three exams) came first; 其中 looks backward.
4. **Check the plural** Three exams is a group you can pick from; one exam would not be.

Decision

Name the group, then pick from it — the order never reverses.

Watch out: three boundaries

- 其中 cannot open a brand-new topic — the group must be named first.
- 其中一个 is the set phrase for “one of them”.
- The group must be plural enough to pick from.

Check yourself

Your turn

Which is a correct 其中 sentence?

A. 其中三辆是宝马，我有四辆汽车。
B. 我有四辆汽车，其中三辆是宝马。
C. 我有一辆汽车，其中是宝马。
D. 其中之一最难，我们还没考过试。