HSK 4 Grammar 18: "No matter" statements

HSK 4 不管/无论 patterns, taught from the reviewed topic handout; classroom examples, not official exam items.

Whatever the case, the result holds

不管 and **无论** say the outcome holds whatever the case — and both demand an open variable in the first clause.

- Spoken takes **不管**; writing takes **无论**.
- The open-variable rule is what the exam tests.

The frame: 不管 + open variable，都 / 也 + Result

Two sweeps

不管你穿什么都好看。(Bùguǎn nǐ chuān shénme dōu hǎokàn.) — No matter what you wear, it looks good on you.

不管怎么样，我们都要好好准备。(Bùguǎn zěnmeyàng, wǒmen dōu yào hǎohāor zhǔnbèi.) — No matter what, we must prepare properly.

Try it: the rain promise

1. **The promise** You'll come whatever the weather.
2. **Open the variable** 下不下雨 (xià bu xiàyǔ) — the A-not-A form is the openness.
3. **Build it** 不管下不下雨，我都来。(Bùguǎn xià bu xiàyǔ, wǒ dōu lái.)
4. **Check** Open variable first clause, 都 in the second: the pattern is complete.

Decision

No matter whether it rains, I'm coming.

无论: the written twin

Same grammar, better clothes

无论多么成功，他都觉得自己不够好。(Wúlùn duōme chénggōng, tā dōu juéde zìjǐ bú gòu hǎo.) — No matter how successful he is, he always feels he's not good enough.

无论天多热，都要坚持。(Wúlùn tiān duō rè, dōu yào jiānchí.) — No matter how hot it gets, we have to keep going.

Watch out: no open variable, no pattern

Works

不管你穿什么 ✓ — 什么 is open.

Fails

不管这件衣服 × — a flat noun clause ranges over nothing.

Quick check

Your turn

Which pair can close a 不管 sentence – 不管多忙，他 ___ 来?

A. 都 / 也
B. 就 / 才

Check yourself

Your turn

Is 无论这件衣服都好看 correct?

A. correct

B. not correct