HSK 4 Grammar 22: Noun phrases

HSK 4 noun-phrase tools 所有/之一/另外, taught from the reviewed topic handout; classroom examples, not official exam items.

Three noun tools, three locks

所有 counts the whole crowd in; 之一 points at one trophy; 另外 hands you the other one.

- Where 不 sits, where 之一 ends, and the missing 的.
- Each lock is an exam item.

所有 … 都: the bouncer at the door

Counting the whole crowd in

所有人都走了吗？(Suǒyǒu rén dōu zǒu le ma?) — Has everyone left?

我们学校所有的老师都会说英文。(Wǒmen xuéxiào suǒyǒu de lǎoshī dōu huì shuō Yīngwén.) — All the teachers at our school can speak English.

The trap: where the negative sits

不是所有人都去

Not everyone is going — some go.

所有人都不去

None of them are going — nobody goes.

之一: one trophy from the shelf

Pointing without denying

她是我最好的朋友之一。(Tā shì wǒ zuì hǎo de péngyou zhīyī.) — She is one of my best friends.

这是世界上最大的城市之一。(Zhè shì shìjiè shàng zuì dà de chéngshì zhīyī.) — This is one of the biggest cities in the world.

另外: the other one, no 的

1. **The countdown shape** 我有两个手机，一个是小米，另一个是 iPhone。— One's a Xiaomi, the other's an iPhone.
2. **The no-的 rule** 另外一个人 ✓; 另外的人 means something looser — "other people".
3. **Try it** 我们街上有两家奶茶店，一家很火，另一家更好喝。— One's popular, the other's tastier.
4. **Check** 一个 … 另一个 …: point at the first, hand 另外 the second.

Decision

Bare 另 for a singular: 另一个, 另一种.

Quick check

Your turn

所有人都不去 means what?

A. nobody is going

B. some people are going

Check yourself

Your turn

Which is correct?

A. 另外的一个同学也来了。
B. 另外一个同学也来了。