

HSK 4 Grammar 23: Quantity & Scope

HSK 4 连/为 ... 而/任何/既 ... 又/在 ... 上, taught from the reviewed topic handout; classroom examples, not official exam items.

Five tools, one golden thread

The repeated verb, the goal-first order, no 的 after 任何, matching halves, and the position word after the place.

连 ... 都: the verb on trial

The repeat is the engine

这个人我连见都没见过。(Zhège rén wǒ lián jiàn dōu méi jiàn guo.) — I've never even met this person.

他连说都不说就走了。(Tā lián shuō dōu bù shuō jiù zǒu le.) — He left without even saying a word.

Try it: the roommate complaint

- 1 **The grievance** A roommate uses your things without asking.
- 2 **Build the trial** 连问都不问 (lián wèn dōu bù wèn) — without even asking.
- 3 **Add the outcome** 就用我的东西! (jiù yòng wǒ de dōngxi!)
- 4 **Feel the force** The doubled 问 maxes the indignation.

Decision

他连问都不问就用我的东西! — He uses my things without even asking!

为 ... 而 ...: the why, then the what

The goal leads, 而 bridges

我们为梦想而努力。(Wǒmen wèi mèngxiǎng ér nǚlì.) — We strive for our dreams.

不要为了别人而活。(Búyào wèile biérén ér huó.) — Don't live for other people.

任何 ... 都 / 也: any whatsoever

- 1 **The sweep** 任何 is a stronger, more formal “any” than 谁 / 什么.
- 2 **Lock one: no** 的任何人 ✓, 任何的人 ×.
- 3 **Lock two: its** 都 / 也任何人都不能说服他。(Rèn hé rén dōu bù néng shuō fú tā.)
— No one at all can persuade him.
- 4 **Try it** 任何人都不能在这里大声说话。— No one whatsoever may talk loudly in here.

Decision

A bare 任何人是 left hanging — the sweep needs its 都.

既 ... 又 ...: matching halves

Sentence	A	B
这家餐厅既便宜又好吃。	Cheap	Tasty
他做事情既快又好。	Fast	Well-done
这个手机既漂亮又实用。	Beautiful	Practical

Use the evidence

A and B should match in length and type — the dressed-up cousin of 又 ... 又

在 + place + 上 / 里 / 下 / 旁边

English	Chinese	Literal
On the table	在桌子上	At table-on
In the bag	在包里	At bag-in
Under the bed	在床下	At bed-under
Next to my house	在我家旁边	At my-house-side

Check yourself

Your turn

Which pair is right? (1) What makes 连见都没见过 work? (2) Correct the error 我在 中国里。

- A. The 都; 在中国的里面
- B. The repeated 见; 在中国
- C. The 都; 在中国旁
- D. The repeated 见; 在中国下