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.

- Each frame dies without its partner rule.
- Learn the lock, not just the word.

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 nǔlì.) — 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**。(Rènhé rén dōu bùnéng shuōfú 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

Quick check

Your turn

What makes 他连见都没见过 work?

A. 都
B. the repeated verb 见

Check yourself

Your turn

Correct 我在中国里。

A. 我在中国。
B. 我在中国的里面。