HSK 5 Grammar 5: Nouns and Time Frames

HSK 5 noun frames and time patterns, taught from the reviewed topic handout; classroom examples, not official exam items.

当中: among, or in the middle

当 中 places someone or something inside a group, a place or a process — “among”, “in the centre”, “in the middle of an activity”.

- Normal in speech and writing; no praise or blame by itself.
- **谈判当中** = in the middle of negotiations.

彼此: each other (the formal partner)

1. **Both orders work** 彼此信任 · 信任彼此 — trust each other / trust each other.
2. **As an object** 关心彼此 · 爱彼此 — care for each other, love each other.
3. **The reply** 彼此彼此 — "likewise" or "same to you".
4. **The boundary** 互相 goes before the verb only; 彼此 can be an object.

Decision

彼此 is the slightly formal partner of 互相 — notices, emails, careful speech.

以来: ever since

From a start to now

毕业以来，我一直在这里工作。— Since graduating, I have worked here the whole time.

长期以来 / 有史以来 — for a long time now / since history began.

当 … 的时候: when

Everyday — …… 的时候

我到车站的时候，车已经开了。

Formal or storytelling — 当 …… 的时候

当我到车站的时候，车已经开了。

Written: 当我到车站时，……

名词 + 这个 + 类别: a label with attitude

Person, 这个, category — plus a feeling

你这个室友啊，冰箱里的酸奶又过期了。

林阿姨这个邻居，谁家有事她都第一个到。

Practice check

Your turn

彼此信任 – can you also say 信任彼此?

A. no

B. yes

Practice check: part 2

Your turn

Which set phrase means “since history began”?

A. 长期以来
B. 有史以来

Check yourself

Your turn

Since graduating, she has worked here, and her colleagues trust each other. Which pair fits?

A. 毕业以来，她一直在这里工作。同事们彼此信任。
B. 毕业以来，她一直在这里工作。同事们互相彼此信任。
C. 毕业的时候以来，她在这里工作。同事们信任彼此彼此。