HSK 5 Grammar 12: Verb phrases

HSK 5 难免 and 受 + verb, taught from the reviewed topic handout; classroom examples, not official exam items.

Two verb habits for a new team member

Week one

刚换了一份工作，难免会叫错同事的名字。

A slip that is natural at the start: 难免.

A month later

小周的报告很受同事重视。

Your work receives value from others: 受.

难免: bound to happen

1. **The word** 难 'hard' + 免 'avoid': hard to avoid, bound to.
2. **The frame** (subject or situation) + 难免 + (会) + verb phrase. 会 is optional.
3. **Example** 我弟弟第一次一个人坐夜车，难免有点紧张。He is bound to feel a little nervous.
4. **The tone** Kind and understanding: a mistake, a worry or a small trouble that people accept.

Decision

难免会紧张 and 难免紧张 are both natural; if you use 会, it sits between 难免 and the verb.

难免 is not a duty

难免 — natural result

刚上夜班，难免会犯困。

Feeling sleepy is understood.

必须 — a duty

上夜班必须保持清醒。

Staying awake is required.

受: on the receiving end

Unit	Meaning	Example
受欢迎	be popular	这家店很受学生欢迎。
受重视	be valued	小周的报告很受同事重视。
受关注	receive attention	新规定很受居民关注。
受到影响	be affected	航班受到了影响。
受伤	get injured	他的膝盖受了伤。

Use the evidence

The person or group can sit between 受 and the verb. 受不了 means 'cannot stand it' and is its own unit.

Who acts, who receives?

1. **Active** 同事们重视小周的报告。The colleagues are the subject; they value the report.
2. **With 受**小周的报告很受同事重视。The report is the subject; it receives the value.
3. **Where the people go** The colleagues move between 受 and 重视.

Decision

The people and the report stay the same; 受 swaps who performs the action with who receives it.

Your turn: bound to, or a duty?

Your turn

Chen has just started a household budget. Missing one entry is natural. Which sentence fits?

A. 刚开始记账，难免会漏掉一笔账。
B. 刚开始记账，必须漏掉一笔账。
C. 刚开始记账，受漏掉一笔账。

Your turn: the popular map

Your turn

The city museum's map is popular with foreign visitors. Which sentence says this?

A. 市博物馆的地图很受外国游客欢迎。
B. 市博物馆的地图很受欢迎外国游客。
C. 外国游客很受市博物馆的地图欢迎。

Answers: 难免 and 受

1. **The budget** 刚开始记账，难免会漏掉一笔账。A natural slip; 必须 would make it a duty.
2. **The map** 市博物馆的地图很受外国游客欢迎。The visitors sit between 受 and 欢迎.
3. **Build it** 刚打开空调，难免会觉得有点冷。
4. **Receiver as subject** 这段短视频很受家长重视。

Decision

难免 comes before 会 and the verb; 受 takes the giver before the verb, never after it.

Check yourself

Your turn

This app is popular with older people, and beginners are bound to tap the wrong button. Which pair is right?

A. 这个软件很受老年人欢迎。刚开始用，难免会点错按钮。
B. 这个软件很受欢迎老年人。刚开始用，难免会点错按钮。
C. 这个软件很受老年人欢迎。刚开始用，必须点错按钮。
D. 老年人很受这个软件欢迎。刚开始用，会难免点错按钮。