

## HSK 5 Grammar 21: Complex sentence patterns

HSK 5 怪不得 and 难怪 (no wonder), taught from the reviewed topic handout; classroom examples, not official exam items.

## The click of 'no wonder'

You notice a scene: the classroom door is locked.



You learn a new fact: the lesson has moved to Building 3.



怪不得 or 难怪 joins them: the earlier scene now makes sense.

## Reason first, then the scene

- 1 **The frame** New fact , 怪不得 or 难怪 + the scene it explains.
- 2 **Example** 地铁停了半个小时, 怪不得站台上挤满了人。
- 3 **Example** 她昨晚只睡了三个小时, 难怪今天开会时一直打哈欠。
- 4 **In speech** 难怪站台上这么挤! 原来地铁停了。The order can flip, often with 原来.

### Decision

In written practice, put the reason first — it is the clearest habit.

## No wonder, or you can't blame him?

No wonder — a scene makes sense

孩子今天参加了三场考试，难怪他不想说话了。

Excusing a person — 这也难怪

孩子今天参加了三场考试，这也难怪他。

You can hardly blame him.

## Your turn: which one excuses Xiao Li?

### Your turn

Xiao Li's seat is empty. His daughter has a fever. Which sentence excuses Xiao Li himself?

- A. 女儿发烧了，难怪小李的座位是空的。
- B. 女儿发烧了，这也难怪小李。
- C. 小李的座位是空的，难怪女儿发烧了。

## Your turn: the football shirts

### Your turn

A match at the stadium is the reason; a bus full of football shirts is the scene. Which sentence links them in that order?

- A. 怪不得今天体育场有足球赛，公共汽车上全是穿球衣的人。
- B. 今天体育场有足球赛，怪不得公共汽车上全是穿球衣的人。
- C. 公共汽车上全是穿球衣的人，怪不得今天体育场有足球赛。

## Answers: reason, then scene

- 1 **Excusing Xiao Li** 女儿发烧了，这也难怪小李。
- 2 **The football shirts** 今天体育场有足球赛，怪不得公共汽车上全是穿球衣的人。
- 3 **The menu** 菜单上都是中文，难怪这位客人看了半天也不点菜。
- 4 **Forgiving her** 她连着上了两个班，还没吃饭，这也难怪她对顾客发脾气。

### Decision

The first option in the Xiao Li item explains the seat, not the person; the third reverses the cause.

## Check yourself

### Your turn

You learn the heating has been off all day. Which sentence explains why everyone is wearing coats indoors?

- A. 暖气关了一整天，难怪大家在屋里都穿着外套。
- B. 大家在屋里都穿着外套，难怪暖气关了一整天。
- C. 难怪暖气关了一整天，这也难怪大家。