

Prepositions

HSK 6

Original teaching practice. Read one pattern, cover its model and try the questions before checking the separate answer section. Examples adapted from Chinese Grammar Wiki (AllSet Learning, CC BY-NC-SA) retain the course-reference provenance.

鉴于 (in light of / given)

■ Given the storm warning

- The city government announces closures as a typhoon approaches.
- 鉴于台风即将到来，全市学校明天停课。 – “In view of the approaching typhoon, all schools in the city will close tomorrow.”

■ 鉴于 + situation, decision

- 鉴于 = “in view of, given, considering”: it states the situation behind a decision.
- It opens the sentence; the second clause states what will be done.

鉴于天气原因，比赛推迟。

jiàn yú tiān qì yuán yīn bǐ sài tuī chí

Word guide: 鉴于 – in view of; 天气 – the weather; 原因 – reasons; 比赛 – the match; 推迟 – is postponed.

鉴于: in view of (formal)

link	where	verb
鉴于台风即将到来 <i>jiànyú táifēng jījiāng dàolái</i> in view of the coming typhoon	全市学校 <i>quán shì xuéxiào</i> all city schools	明天停课 <i>míngtiān tíngkè</i> close tomorrow

■ Official decisions

- 鉴于他的表现，公司决定给他升职。 – “In view of his performance, the company decided to promote him.”
- Common in notices, reports and formal letters.

鉴于他的表现，公司决定给他升职。

jiàn yú tā de biǎo xiàn gōng sī jué dìng gěi tā shēng zhí

Word guide: 鉴于 – in view of; 他 – his; 表现 – performance; 公司 – the company; 决定 – decided; 给 – to; 他 – him; 升职 – promote.

■ Formal and forward-looking

- 鉴于 introduces the basis for a decision or measure; it is not for casual causes (use 因为).
- A 鉴于 phrase often comes first to state the basis. Its position can vary; check that the main decision remains a complete clause.

■ 鉴于 versus 由于 and 因为

- 由于 / 因为 explain why something happened: 由于下雨，比赛取消了。
- 鉴于 explains why a decision is being made: 鉴于天气，我们决定推迟。

由于下雨，比赛取消了。

yóu yú xià yǔ bǐ sài qǔ xiāo le

Word guide: 由于 – due to; 下雨 – rain; 比赛 – the match; 取消 – was cancelled.

■ Recap

- 鉴于 + **situation, decision** = in view of / given ... (formal, official).
- 由于 / 因为 explain causes of events; 鉴于 justifies decisions.

Practise this pattern step by step.

Practice without the models

Choose a pattern, cover its teaching examples, and attempt its questions. Use the labels to find feedback in the separate key.

■ 鉴于 (in light of / given)

0601.1 Complete (notice): “In view of the weather, the match is postponed.”
天气原因，比赛推迟。

0601.2 Which suits a casual explanation to a friend?

- A. 我饿了鉴于。
- B. 因为我饿了，我们去吃饭吧。
- C. 鉴于饿，吃饭。
- D. 鉴于我饿了，我们去吃饭吧。

0601.3 Build: “In view of his performance, the company promoted him.”

Arrange all chunks: 鉴于他的表现 / 公司决定 / 给他升职。 / ,

0601.4 鉴于 typically justifies a decision.

True or false? Explain or repair the statement.

0601.5 The city government announces closures as a typhoon approaches. Close the examples. Say a Mandarin response, then write it in Chinese. Explain briefly in English what the lesson's pattern adds. Compare with the model, then change one detail and try again.

Write or say your own response before reading the key.

A fresh situation

R1. Interpret and repair. A notice says 鉴于场地有限，本次活动需要预约. A learner reads it as proof that reservations have already been made. Limit the claim.

R2. Use it yourself. Write a formal decision based on limited time, without adding an unsupported cause.

Write your responses before opening the key. Compare meaning as well as form; a different valid answer need not copy the model.

Answers and explanations

Check after your attempt. For open tasks, compare the message and the stated criteria, then revise one detail.

■ 鉴于 (in light of / given)

0601.1 鉴于

鉴于 + situation, decision.

0601.2 B. 因为我饿了，我们去吃饭吧。

鉴于 (“in view of”) is formal and used in official writing. When explaining something casually to a friend, 因为 is the natural choice.

0601.3 鉴于他的表现，公司决定给他升职。

鉴于 + basis, then the decision.

0601.4 True.

It states the basis for what will be done.

0601.5 One possible response: 鉴于台风即将到来，全市学校明天停课。

Check meaning and form:

- My response conveys a message that fits the opening situation.
- I can explain the meaning of the pattern, rather than only naming it.
- 鉴于 introduces the basis for a decision or measure; it is not for casual causes (use 因为).
- A 鉴于 phrase often comes first to state the basis. Its position can vary; check that the main decision remains a complete clause.
- I tried a second response with a name, time, place, or description changed.

This is supported productive practice. Compare meaning and structure; your answer need not copy the model. A partner or teacher must hear the spoken response to comment on pronunciation.

■ Fresh-situation answers

R1. Limited space is the stated reason for requiring reservations. The notice sets a requirement; it does not report that any particular person has reserved.

R2. One possible response. 鉴于时间有限，本次讨论只安排两个主题。This states a reason and a scoped decision. It does not claim the other topics are unimportant.

Recall later. Tomorrow, identify the accepted reason and the resulting decision in a new 鉴于 notice.