

HSK 6 Grammar 8: 谅 + Subject + Verb Phrase

HSK 6 spoken 谅 (I bet you wouldn't), taught from the reviewed topic handout; classroom examples, not official exam items.

A small, confident dare

Your roommate suddenly finds a cup to wash

我谅你也不敢上楼去说。

I bet you wouldn't dare go upstairs and say it.

Notice

Spoken 谅 sizes someone up after they talked big and then looked for a way out.

The pieces: 谅 + subject + 也 + 不 / 没 + verb phrase

不 — wouldn't, an act still ahead

我谅你也不敢当面跟厨师提意见。

没 — didn't, one past occasion

谅你当时也没敢向教练承认自己犯规。

Dare, guess, bet or sympathy?

Sentence	What it does
谅你也不敢问。	a challenge aimed at the listener
我猜你不敢问。· 我估计他不会去。	a calm guess
我打赌明天会下雨。	a real bet about a fact
谅解你不敢说。	sympathy: 谅解 means understand or forgive

Use the evidence

With friends the dare is playful; aimed at a teacher, a boss or a stranger it can sound rude.

Your turn: the camera

Your turn

He promised to return the camera last night; this morning it is still on his desk. Which line fits?

- A. 我谅他昨晚也没敢把相机还给同事。
- B. 我谅他昨晚也敢没把相机还给同事。
- C. 我谅他昨晚也没敢把相机还给同事，其实他已经还了。

Your turn: build the dare

Your turn

Your friend says the late fee is unfair, and the clerk is free. Which dare is correctly built?

- A. 我谅你也不敢去跟管理员说。
- B. 我谅你不也敢去跟管理员说。
- C. 我谅也你不敢去跟管理员说。

Answers: I bet you wouldn't

- 1 The camera 我谅他昨晚也没敢把相机还给同事。
- 2 The clerk 我谅你也不敢去跟管理员说。
- 3 The door that stayed shut 我谅她也没敢推开经理办公室的门。
- 4 Dare, then a calm guess 我谅你周五也没敢去图书馆柜台还那本小说。· 我估计她周五没去还。

Decision

To someone else, use a calm guess with 我估计, not the dare.

Check yourself

Your turn

Your friend keeps saying he will ask the coach for a day off, but never does. Which line is the spoken dare?

- A. 我谅你也不敢跟教练请假。
- B. 我谅解你不敢跟教练请假。
- C. 我打赌你跟教练请假。