

HSK 6 Grammar 13: 连 ... 何况

HSK 6 连 都 何况 (let alone), taught from the reviewed topic handout;
classroom examples, not official exam items.

A climb to the clearer case

连 + a striking case that is already true:

连专业运动员都游不到对岸,

(更) 何况 + the case even further along:

更何况我们这些初学者呢?

The listener is expected to agree.

The frame and its variants

- 1 With **都** and **更何况**连周末的早班地铁都挤满了人，何况周一早上呢？
- 2 With **也** and **又何况**他连一张市区地图也看不懂，又何况独自开车去外地呢？
- 3 **The roles** A after 连 is the striking case already true; B after 何况 follows even more clearly.

Decision

Swap A and B and the climb breaks — the sentence loses 'let alone'.

Keep the climb the right way round

Right — new drivers, then veterans

这条夜路连新司机都认得，更何况开了二十年的老司机呢？

Reversed — the climb breaks

这条夜路连开了二十年的老司机都认得，更何况新司机呢？

Your turn: the greater case

Your turn

她连保存一张照片也不会，何况 _____ ? Choose the greater case.

- A. 把一份长报告发给全组
- B. 看看现在的时间
- C. 锁上手机屏幕

Your turn: Monday morning

Your turn

连周末的早班地铁都挤满了人，何况周一早上呢？What does the speaker believe about Monday morning?

- A. Monday morning is the quieter train.
- B. Monday morning is crowded, and that is the clearer case.
- C. The weekend early train is nearly empty.

Answers: let alone

- 1 **The phone** 她连保存一张照片也不会，何况把一份长报告发给全组？
- 2 **Monday** Monday morning is crowded — the clearer case.
- 3 **The mountain road** 这条山路连当地向导白天都觉得难走，更何况游客夜里呢？
- 4 **The recording** 这段录音连老师都觉得太快，更何况今年才开始学中文的学生呢？

Decision

这份合同连以中文为母语的人也会读错，更何况一年级的留学生呢？

Check yourself

Your turn

Even adults find this puzzle hard, let alone a five-year-old. Which sentence fits?

- A. 这个谜题连大人都觉得难，更何况五岁的孩子呢？
- B. 这个谜题连五岁的孩子都觉得难，更何况大人呢？
- C. 更何况大人呢，这个谜题连五岁的孩子都觉得难。