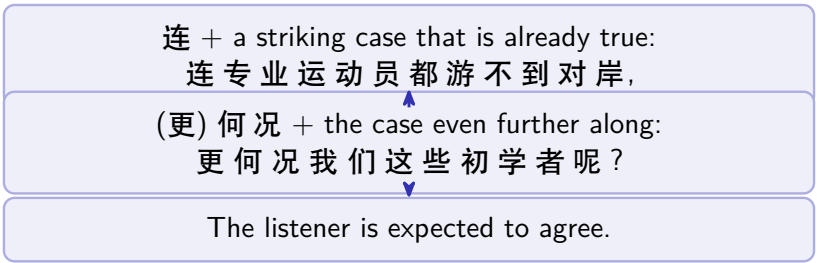
HSK 6 Grammar 13: 连 … 何况

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



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，又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。