

Noun Phrases

HSK 3 Grammar

Use the examples with their context and limits. Recall a sentence before reading the model. Original teaching additions accompany examples adapted from Chinese Grammar Wiki (AllSet Learning, CC BY-NC-SA); see the course reference provenance.

有的 (some / some..., others...)

■ A group contains different preferences

- Several classmates prefer tea while other classmates prefer coffee.
- 有的同学喜欢茶, 有的喜欢咖啡。 – 有的 divides the understood group into subsets.

■ Build the form

- The pattern in this lesson is 有的 (some / some..., others...). Locate it in the original interlinear examples below.
- Keep the words in their demonstrated positions; the pattern must fit the intended situation as well as the sentence form.

有的人喜欢茶。

yǒu de rén xǐ huan chá

Word guide: 有的 – some; 人 – people; 喜欢 – like; 茶 – tea.

■ Read examples in context

有的贵, 有的便宜。

yǒu de guì yǒu de pián yi

Word guide: 有的 – some; 贵 – expensive; 有的 – some; 便宜 – cheap.

- In the opening example, 有的同学喜欢茶, 有的喜欢咖啡。: 有的 divides the understood group into subsets.
- Explain who acts, what is described and which time or group is relevant before choosing an English paraphrase.

■ Know the boundary

- It does not give their sizes, and more than two groups are possible: 有的看书, 有的聊天, 有的听音乐.
- Do not infer that each group is half the class.

■ Use the distinction

- 有的 divides the understood group into subsets.
- It does not give their sizes, and more than two groups are possible: 有的看书, 有的聊天, 有的听音乐. Do not infer that each group is half the class.

■ Try it with help closed

Several classmates prefer tea while other classmates prefer coffee. 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.

One possible response: 有的同学喜欢茶，有的喜欢咖啡。

- My response conveys a message that fits the opening situation.
- I can explain the meaning of the pattern, rather than only naming it.
- It does not give their sizes, and more than two groups are possible: 有的看书，有的聊天，有的听音乐.
- Do not infer that each group is half the class.
- I tried a second response with a name, time, place, or description changed.

Practise this pattern step by step.