

Adverbs with Adjectives

HSK 4 Grammar

挺 + adjective (+ 的) – quite / pretty

挺 (tǐng) intensifies an assessment in everyday conversation. The assessment can be positive or negative. It does not have a fixed strength relative to 很: context and emphasis matter.

Structure: 挺 + Adjective (+ 的)

这个菜挺好吃的。

zhè ge cài tǐng hǎo chī de

Word guide: 这个 – this; 菜 – dish; 挺 – quite; 好吃 – tasty.

This dish is quite tasty.

最近大家都挺忙的。

zuì jìn dà jiā dōu tǐng máng de

Word guide: 最近 – recently; 大家 – everyone; 都 – all; 挺 – quite; 忙 – busy.

Everyone has been quite busy lately.

的 is common, but optional in many expressions. Both 挺好的 and 挺好 are natural. 挺有意思 means “quite interesting”; it can also end with 的. Do not mark an answer wrong simply because 的 is absent.

Use it in a situation: Someone asks how your new course is going. You might answer 挺好的 (“Quite well”). If an item costs more than you expected, 这个挺贵的 means “This is quite expensive”.

Check the distinction: Does 挺 guarantee praise? No. 挺麻烦的 means “quite troublesome”. Does every 挺 phrase need 的? No. 挺好 is a natural short assessment.

Try it: Describe a course, a dish, or a journey using 挺. Then change the assessment from positive to negative. A possible pair is 这个菜挺好吃的 / 这个菜挺贵的。