

# HSK 2 Sentence Patterns Cheat Sheet

HSK 1 lets you produce isolated phrases. HSK 2 lets you produce complex sentences. Master these 7 patterns and you have the gr

## 1 Comparison: A 比 B + adj.

Subject + ■ + target + adjective. Don't add ■/■ inside.

我比他高。  
Wǒ bǐ tā gāo.  
I'm taller than him.  
公交车比地铁慢。  
Gōngjiāochē bǐ dìtiě màn.  
The bus is slower than the subway.  
中文比英文有意思。  
Zhōngwén bǐ yīngwén yǒu yìyì.

## 3 Concession: 虽然... 但是...

■■ = although; ■■ = but. Together: 'X is true, but Y is also true.'

虽然累, 但是很高兴。  
Suīrán lèi, dànshì hěn gāoxìng.  
Although tired, I'm happy.  
虽然下雨, 但是我还是去了。  
Suīrán xià yǔ, dànshì wǒ hái shì qù le.  
Although it rained, I still went.  
虽然他个子高, 但是跑得不快。  
Suīrán tā gèzi gāo, dànshì pǎo de bù kuài.

## 5 Ongoing state: V + 着

■ = static continuing state. Compare ■■ = action in progress.

门开着呢。  
Mén kāi zhe ne.  
The door is open (right now).  
他坐着看书。  
Tā zuò zhe kàn shū.  
He's reading while sitting.  
我等着你呢。  
Wǒ děng zhe nǐ ne.

## 7 Imminent: 快要... 了

■■ ... ■ = about to. The ■ at the end is required.

快要下雨了。  
Kuàiyào xià yǔ le.  
It's about to rain.  
我快要回家了。  
Wǒ kuàiyào huí jiā le.  
I'm about to head home.  
电影快要开始了。  
Diànyǐng kuàiyào kāishǐ le.  
The movie's about to start.

## 2 Cause & effect: 因为... 所以...

■■ marks the reason; ■■ marks the result. At HSK 2, use both halves.

因为下雨, 所以我没去。  
Yīnwèi xià yǔ, suǒyǐ wǒ méi qù.  
Because it rained, I didn't go.  
因为累了, 所以早点回家。  
Yīnwèi lèi le, suǒyǐ zǎo diǎn huí jiā.  
Because I'm tired, I went home early.  
因为是妈妈的生日, 所以我们一起吃饭。  
Yīnwèi shì māmā de shēng rì, suǒyǐ wǒ men yìqǐ chī fàn.

## 4 Experiential aspect: V + 过

■ = 'ever experienced.' Doesn't say when, just that it's in your history.

我去过北京两次。  
Wǒ qù guo Běijīng liǎng cì.  
I've been to Beijing twice.  
你看过这本书吗?  
Nǐ kàn guo zhè běn shū ma?  
Have you read this book?  
他没吃过这个菜。  
Tā méi chī guo zhè ge cài.

## 6 Result complement: V + 完/懂/到

Add a result word after the verb: ■=finished, ■=understood, ■=arrived/got.

我吃完饭了。  
Wǒ chī wán fàn le.  
I've finished eating.  
我听懂了。  
Wǒ tīng dǒng le.  
I understood.  
我在路上看到了他。  
Wǒ zài lùshang kàn dào le tā.  
I saw him on the way.

**Daily 5-minute drill** Pick one pattern. Build 5 sentences about your own life. Say them aloud. Two weeks across all 7 → internalized.