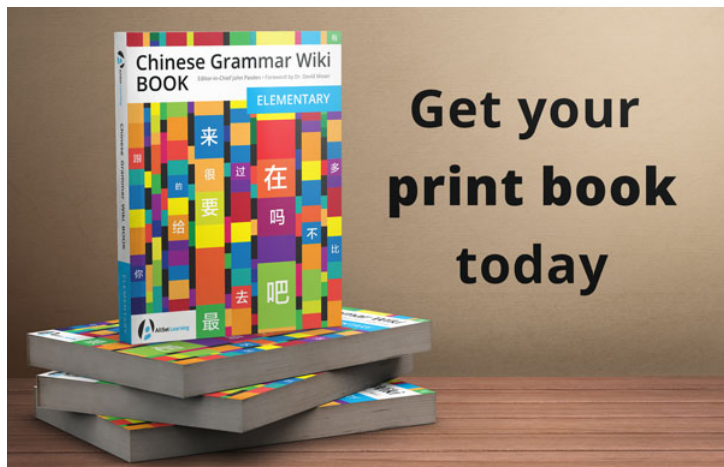


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A1 grammar points



"A1" (Beginner) is the first and lowest level used on the Chinese Grammar Wiki. It is [roughly equivalent to HSK Levels 1-2](#).

There are **40** total grammar points in the list below.

Parts of Speech

These following grammar points fit pretty neatly into one part of speech category.

Adverbs

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Negation of "you" with "mei"	没 + 有	
Standard negation with "bu"	不 + Verb / Adj.	
The "all" adverb "dou"	都 + Verb / Adj.	
The "also" adverb "ye"	也 + Verb / Adj.	

Conjunctions

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Expressing "and" with "he"	Noun 1 + 和 + Noun 2	
Offering choices with "haishi"	A + 还是 + B ?	

Numbers

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Age with "sui"	Subj. + Number + 岁	
Measure word "ge"	Number + 个 + Noun	
Structure of dates	Number + 年 + Number + 月 + Number + 日	
Structure of days of the week	星期 + Number	
Structure of numbers	Number + Unit	
Structure of times (basic)	Number + 点(钟)	

Particles

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Expressing close possession without "de"	Pronoun + Noun	
Expressing possession with "de"	Noun 1 + 的 + Noun 2	
Questions with "ne"	……呢 ?	
Suggestions with "ba"	Command + 吧	

Verbs

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Expressing existence in a place with "zai"	在 + Place	
Expressing existence with "you"	Place + 有 + Obj.	
Expressing possession with "you"	Subj. + 有 + Obj.	
Using the verb "jiao"	叫 + Name	

Using the verb "qu"	去 + Place
Using the verb "xing"	姓 + Surname

Auxiliary verbs

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Expressing ability or possibility with "neng"	能 + Verb	
Expressing a learned skill with "hui"	会 + Verb	
Expressing "be going to" with "yao"	Subj. + 要 + Verb (+ 了)	
Expressing permission with "keyi"	可以 + Verb	
Wanting to do something with "yao"	要 + Verb	

Verb phrases

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
How to do something with "zenme"	怎么 + Verb ?	
Negation of past actions with "meiyou"	没有 + Verb	
Negative commands with "buyao"	不要 + Verb	

Grammatical Structures

These are grammatical structures that do not correspond to one particular part of speech.

Basics

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Basic sentence order	Subj. + Verb (+ Obj.)	
Connecting nouns with "shi"	A + 是 + B	
Expressing "excessively" with "tai"	太 + Adj. + 了	
Simple "noun + adjective" sentences	Noun + 很 + Adj.	

Question Forms

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Affirmative-negative question	Verb + 不 + Verb / Adj. + 不 + Adj.	
Placement of question words	什么 / 什么时候 / 谁 / 哪儿 / 为什么 / 怎么	
Tag questions with "bu"	……是不是 / 对不对 / 好不好 ?	
Tag questions with "ma"	……是吗 / 对吗 / 好吗 ?	
Yes-no questions with "ma"	……吗 ?	

Comparisons of Similar Grammar Points

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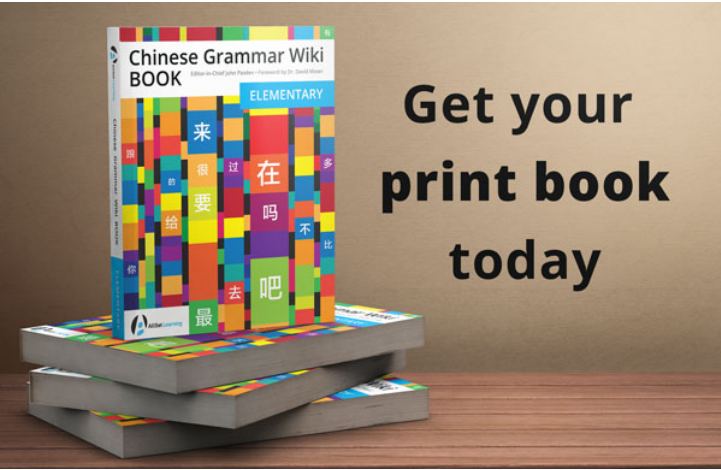
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Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Comparing "er" and "liang"	二 vs 两	

See Also

- For more information on the levels used here, see the [Grammar Points by Level](#) page.
- This list in French: [Grammaire chinoise niveau A1](#)

A2 grammar points



"A2" (Elementary) is the second level used on this Chinese Grammar Wiki. It is [roughly equivalent to HSK Levels 2-3](#).

There are 99 total grammar points in the list below.

Parts of Speech

These following grammar points fit pretty neatly into one part of speech category.

Adjectives

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Negative adjectives with "-si le"	Adj. + 死了	

Adverbs

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Approximations with "chabuduo"	Subj. + 差不多	
Emphasizing quantity with "dou"	大家 / 很多人 + 都……	
Expressing actions in progress with "zai"	(正)在 + Verb	
Expressing "all along" with "yizhi"	Subj. + 一直 + Predicate	
Expressing "already" with "yijing"	已经……了	
Expressing "always" with "zongshi"	总是 + Verb	
Expressing "and also" with "hai"	还 + Verb	
Expressing "just" with "gang"	Subj. + 刚 + Verb	
Expressing "only" with "zhi"	只 + Verb	
Expressing "then" with "jiu"	就 + Verb Phrase	
Negative commands with "bie"	别 + Verb	
Simultaneous tasks with "yibian"	一边 + Verb 1 (,) 一边 + Verb 2	

Adverbs with Adjectives

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Asking about degree with "duo"	Subj. + 多 + Adj. ?	
Basic comparisons with "yiyang"	Noun 1 + 跟 / 和 + Noun 2 + 一样 + Adj.	
Expressing "a little too" with "you dian"	有点(儿) + Adj.	
Expressing "both A and B" with "you"	又…… 又……	
Expressing distance with "li"	Place 1 + 离 + Place 2 + Adv. + 近 / 远	
Expressing "even more" with "geng"	更 + Adj.	
Expressing "not very" with "bu tai"	不太 + Adj.	
Expressing "really" with "zhen"	真 + Adj.	
Intensifying with "duo"	Subj. + 多 + Adj.	
Moderating positive adjectives with "hai"	还 + Adj.	
Modifying nouns with adjective + "de"	Adj. + 的 + Noun	
Modifying nouns with phrase + "de"	Phrase + 的 + Noun	
Superlative "zui"	最 + Adj. (+ 了)	

Conjunctions

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Expressing "or" in statements	……或者……	
Expressing "with" with "gen"	跟…… + Verb	

The filler word "neige"	……那个……
Two words for "but"	……，可是 / 但是……

Nouns

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
After a specific time with "yihou"	Time / Verb + 以后	
Before a specific time with "yiqian"	Time / Verb + 以前	
Expressing "before" in general with "yiqian"	以前，……	
Expressing "just now" with "gangcai"	刚才 + Verb	
Expressing "when" with "de shihou"	……的时候	
In the future in general with "yihou"	以后，……	
Time words and word order	Subj. + Time…… / Time + Subj.……	

Numbers

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Approximating with sequential numbers	Number 1 + Number 2	
Big numbers in Chinese	Number + 万 / 亿	
Structure of times (advanced)	Number 1 + 点(钟) + Number 2 + 分	

Numbers and Measure Words

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Using "ji" to mean "several"	几 + Measure Word + Noun	

Particles

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Change of state with "le"	……了	
Conceding with "ba"	……吧	
Expressing "already" with just "le"	Subj. + Verb Phrase + 了	
Expressing completion with "le"	Subj. + Verb + 了 + Obj.	
Expressing experiences with "guo"	Verb + 过	
Expressing "not anymore" with "le"	不 / 没有 + Verb Phrase + 了	
Expressing "now" with "le"	New Situation + 了	
Modal particle "ne"	……呢？	
Sentence-final interjection "a"	……啊	
Softening speech with "ba"	……吧	
Structural particle "de"	的 / 得 / 地	
Using "guo" with "le"	Verb + 过 + 了	

Prepositions

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Basic comparisons with "bi"	Noun 1 + 比 + Noun 2 + Adj.	
Expressing "from... to..." with "cong... dao..."	从……到……	

Verbs

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Basic comparisons with "meiyou"	Noun 1 + 没有 + Noun 2 + Adj.	
Directional verbs "lai" and "qu"	来 / 去 + Place	
Polite requests with "qing"	请 + Verb	

Auxiliary verbs

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Auxiliary verb "yao" and its multiple meanings	要 + Noun / 要 + Verb	
Expressing "should" with "yinggai"	应该 / 该 + Verb	
Expressing "will" with "hui"	会 + Verb	
Expressing "would like to" with "xiang"	想 + Verb	

Verb phrases

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Actions in a row	(Verb Phrase 1) + (Verb Phrase 2)	

Expressing "difficult" with "nan"	难 + Verb
Expressing duration with "le"	Verb + 了 + Duration
Expressing "never" with "conglai"	从来 + 不 / 没(有) + Verb
Expressing ongoing duration with double "le"	Verb + 了 + Duration + 了
Expressing "together" with "yiqi"	一起 + Verb
Inability with "mei banfa"	没办法 + Verb
Indicating location with "zai" before verbs	Subj. + 在 + Place + Verb
Reduplication of verbs	Verb + Verb
Special cases of "zai" following verbs	Verb + 在 + Place
Special verbs with "hen"	很 + Verb
Using "dao" to mean "to go to"	到 + Place
Using "hao" to mean "easy"	好 + Verb
Verb-ing briefly with "yixia"	Verb + 一下
Verbs that take double objects	Subj. + Verb + Indirect Obj. + Direct Obj.

Grammatical Structures

These are grammatical structures that do not correspond to one particular part of speech.

Complements

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Potential complement "-bu dong" for not understanding	Verb + 不懂	
Result complements "-dao" and "-jian"	Verb + 到 / 见	
Result complement "-wan" for finishing	Verb + 完 (+了)	

Noun Phrases

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Expressing "some" with "yixie"	一些 + Noun	
Using "youde" to mean "some"	有的 + Noun	

Numbers and Measure Words

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Counting money	Number + 块 / 元 (+ Number + 毛 / 角) (+ 钱)	
Expressing "every" with "mei"	每 + Measure Word (+ Noun)	
Expressing "half" with "ban"	Number + Measure Word + 半 + Noun	
Measure words for counting	Number + Measure Word + Noun	
Measure words in quantity questions	几 + Measure Word (+ Noun) ?	
Measure words with "this" and "that"	这 / 那 + Measure Word (+ Noun)	
Ordinal numbers with "di"	第 + Number (+ Measure Word)	

Question Forms

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Asking how something is with "zenmeyang"	……怎么样？	
Asking why with "zenme"	怎么……？	
Questions with "le ma"	Verb + 了 + 吗？	

Sentence Patterns

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Cause and effect with "yinwei" and "suoyi"	因为…… 所以……	
Expressing "about to happen" with "le"	快 + Verb / Adj. + 了	
Expressing "everything" with "shenme dou"	什么 + 都 / 也……	
Expressing location with "zai... shang / xia / li"	在 + Place + 上 / 下 / 里 / 旁边	
Expressing "stop doing" with "bie... le"	别 + Verb + 了	

Comparisons of Similar Grammar Points

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Adverbs

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Comparing "bu" and "mei"	不 vs 没	

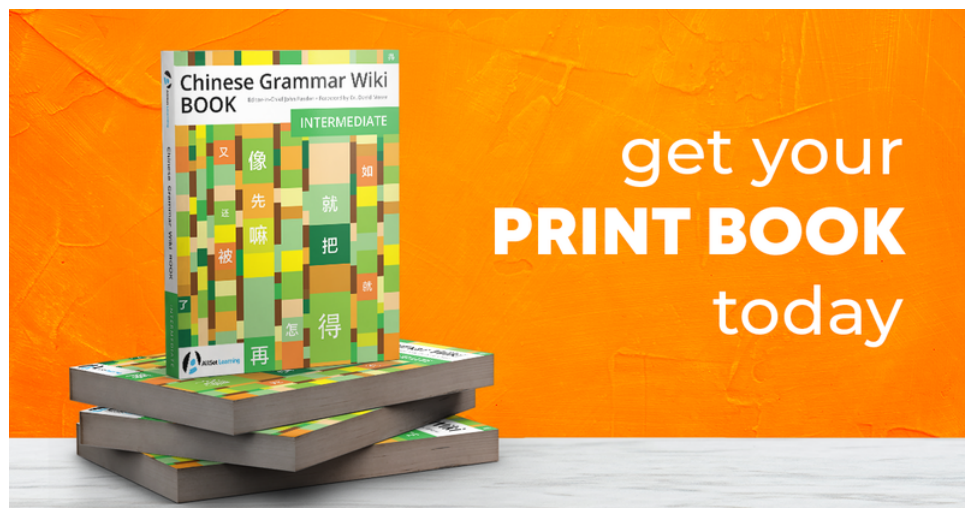
Auxiliary verbs

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Comparing "yao" and "xiang"	要 vs 想	

See Also

- The next level is: [B1 grammar points](#)
- For more information on the levels used here, see the [Grammar Points by Level](#) page.
- This list in French: [Grammaire chinoise niveau A2](#)

B1 grammar points



"B1" (Intermediate) is the third level as defined by the European Common Framework. It is [roughly equivalent to HSK Levels 3-4](#).

There are **146** total grammar points in the list below.

Parts of Speech

These following grammar points fit pretty neatly into one part of speech category.

Adjectives

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Adjectives with "-ji le"	Adj. + 极了	
Expressing "not very" with "bu zenme"	不怎么 + Adj.	
Indicating the whole with "quan"	全 + Noun	
Reduplication of adjectives	Adj. + Adj.	
Turning adjectives into adverbs	Adj. + 地 + Verb	

Adverbs

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Coincidence with "zhenghao"	Subj. + 正好 + Verb Phrase	
Continuation with "hai"	Subj. + 还 + Verb Phrase / Adj.	
Emphasis with "jushi"	就是 + Verb	
Emphasizing negation with "you"	又 + 不 / 没 + Verb	
Expressing "about to" with "jiuyao"	还有 + Time Period + 就要 + Verb Phrase + 了	
Expressing "again" in the future with "zai"	再 + Verb	
Expressing "again" in the past with "you"	又 + Verb + 了	
Expressing "all along" with "yuanlai"	Subj. + 原来 + Predicate	
Expressing "all at once" with "yixiazi"	Subj. + 一下子 + Verb + 了	
Expressing "almost" using "chadian"	Subj. + 差点 + Predicate	
Expressing "already" with "dou"	都 + Time + 了	
Expressing "always" with "conglai"	从来 + 都 (是) + Predicate	
Expressing "as a result" with "jieguo"	Reason / Condition , 结果 + Result	
Expressing duration of inaction	Duration + 没 + Verb + 了	
Expressing "each other" with "huxiang"	互相 + Verb Phrase	
Expressing earliness with "jiu"	Subj. + Time + 就 + Verb + 了	
Expressing "enough" with "gou"	Subj. + 够 + Predicate (+ 了)	

Expressing "finally" with "zhongyu"	Subj. + 终于 + Predicate + 了
Expressing "had better" with "haishi"	还是 + Verb
Expressing "had better" with "zuihao"	Subj. + 最好 + Predicate
Expressing "in this way" with "zheyang"	Condition , 这样 + Result / Purpose
Expressing lateness with "cai"	Subj. + Time + 才 + Verb
Expressing "one by one" with "yi"	一 + Measure Word + 一 + Measure Word
Expressing "small quantity" with "jiu"	就 + Subject + Predicate
Sequencing with "xian" and "zai"	先…… , 再……
Using "always" as a complaint with "laoshi"	Subj. + 老 (是) + Verb
Using "cai" for small numbers	才 + Number + Measure Word + Noun
Using "ye" and "dou" together	也都 + Verb / Adj.

Adverbs with Adjectives

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Adjectives with "name" and "zheme"	那么 / 这么 + Adj.	
Expressing "quite" with "ting"	挺 + Adj. + 的	
Expressing "rather" with "bijiao"	Subj. + 比较 + Adj.	

Auxiliary Words

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Ending a non-exhaustive list with "shenme de"	Noun 1, Noun 2 + 什么的	
Expressing "stuff like that" with "zhileide"	像…… 之类的 + Category	
Non-exhaustive lists with "dengdeng"	…… 等 / 等等	

Conjunctions

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
A softer "but" with "buguo"	…… , 不过……	
Expressing "how about" with "yaobu"	Reason / Situation , 要不 + Suggestion + 吧	
Expressing "in addition" with "haiyou"	…… , 还有 , ……	
Expressing "in addition" with "lingwai"	…… , 另外 , ……	
Expressing "in addition" with "zaishuo"	…… , 再说 , ……	
Expressing "then..." with "name"	那么……	
Using "lai" to connect two verb phrases	通过 / 用 + Method + 来 + Verb Phrase	

Measure Words

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Reduplication of measure words	MW + MW	

Nouns

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Expressing "before" and "after" with "zhiqian" and "zhihou"	Event + 之前 / 之后 , ……	
Expressing "ever since" with "yilai"	Time / Event + 以来 , ……	
Expressing "when" with "shi"	Time + 时	
Sequencing past events with "houlai"	…… , 后来……	

Numbers

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Expressing fractions with "fenzhi"	Denominator + 分之 + Numerator	
Indicating a number in excess	Number + 多	

Particles

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Advanced yes-no questions with "ma"	Confirmation + Question + 吗 ？	
Aspect particle "zhe"	Verb + 着	
Expressing the self-evident with "ma"	Statement + 嘛	
Reviewing options with "ba"	Option 1 吧 , …… ; Option 2 吧 , ……	
Using "de" (modal particle)	……的	

Prepositions

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Expressing "about" with "guanyu"	关于 + Obj. , ……	
Expressing "all the way until" with "zhidao"	直到 + Time / Event , Subj. + 才 ……	
Expressing "for" with "gei"	Subj. + 给 + Recipient + Verb Phrase	
Expressing "for" with "wei"	为 + Person + Predicate	
Expressing "less than" with "budao"	不到 + Number + Measure Word + Noun	
Expressing "towards" with "xiang"	向 + Direction / Person + Verb	
Expressing "toward" with "wang"	往 + Direction Word	
Idiomatic phrases with "zai"	在 + Topic + 上 , Subj. ……	
Using "dui" with verbs	Subj. + 对 + Person + Verb	

Verbs

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Appearance with "kanqilai"	看起来……	
Causative verbs	Subj. + 让 / 叫 / 请 / 使 + Person + Predicate	
Expressing "it depends" with "kan"	这 / 那 + 要看 / 得看 + Unclear Situation	
Expressing "it seems" with "haoxiang"	好像……	
Expressing "mistakenly think that" with "yiwei"	Subj. + 以为 ……	
Expressing "through" with "jingguo"	经过 + Event / Time , ……	
Expressing "through" with "tongguo"	通过 + Agent / Method , ……	
Expressing "to come from" with "laizi"	Subj. + 来自 + Place	
Making judgments with "suan"	Subj. + 算 + Adj. + 的	
Using "lai" as a dummy verb	(让 +) Subj. + 来	

Auxiliary verbs

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Expressing "don't need to" with "buyong"	Subj. + 不用 + Verb Phrase	
Expressing "must" with "dei"	得 + Verb	

Verb phrases

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Doing something less with "shao"	少 + Verb	
Doing something more with "duo"	多 + Verb	
Expressing actions in progress (full form)	正在 + Verb + 着 + 呢	
Expressing "not often" with "bu zenme"	不怎么 + Verb	
Expressing "until" with "dao"	Verb + 到 + Time / Event	
Measure words for verbs	Verb + Number + Measure Word	
Separable verb	Verb-Obj.	
Verbs followed by "gei"	Subj. + Verb + 给 + Recipient + Obj.	
Verbs preceded by "gei"	Subj. + 给 + Target + Verb + Obj.	

Grammatical Structures

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Complements

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Degree complement	Verb + 得……	
Direction complement	Verb (+ Direction) + 来 / 去	
Direction complement "-qilai"	Verb / Adj. + 起来	
Potential complement	Verb + 得 / 不 + Complement	
Result complements	Verb + 好 / 完 / 错	
Result complement "-xiagu"	Verb + 下去	

Noun Phrases

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Expressing "all" with "suoyou"	所有 (+ 的) + Noun	
Expressing "one of" with "zhiyi"	……之一	
Expressing "the other" with "lingwai"	另外 + Number + Measure Word + Noun	

Question Forms

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Simple rhetorical questions	不是…… 吗？	

Sentence Patterns

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
The "shi... de" construction for emphasizing details	是…… 的	
The "shi... de" construction for indicating purpose	是…… 的	
The "shi... de" patterns: an overview	是…… 的	
Topic-comment sentences	Topic , Comment	
Using "ba" sentences	Subj. + 把 + Obj. + Verb Phrase	
Using "bei" sentences	Subj. + 被 + Doer + Verb Phrase	

Basic/Simple Sentence Patterns

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Alternative existential sentences	Place + Verb + 着 + Noun Phrase	
Expressing "as one likes" with "jiu"	想 + Question Word + 就 + Question Word	
Expressing "double negation"	Subj. + 不是 + 不 / 没 + Predicate	
Expressing "even" with "lian" and "dou"	连 + Subj. + 都 (+ 不 / 没) + Verb	
Expressing "every time" with "mei" and "dou"	每次 + Event 1 + 都 + Event 2	
Expressing "every" with question words	Question Word + 都 + Predicate	
Expressing "how often"	Subj. + 多长时间 + Verb + 一次 (+ Obj.)	
Expressing "more and more" with "yuelaiyue"	Subj. + 越来越 + Adj. + 了	
Expressing "multiples" with "bei"	Noun 1 + 是 + Noun 2 + 的 + Number + 倍	
Expressing "not at all" with "yidianr ye bu"	Subj. + 一点 + 也 / 都 + 不 + Adj.	
Expressing not knowing how to do something using "hao"	Subj. + 不知道 + Verb Phrase + 好	
Expressing purpose with "weile"	为了 + Purpose + Verb	
Expressing "some" with question words	在哪儿 / 谁 / 什么 / 什么时候	
Phrases using "laishuo"	对 + Person + 来说 / 一般来说	

Comparison Patterns

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Expressing comparable degree with "you"	Noun 1 有 Noun 2 + Adj. + 吗？	
Expressing "compared with" using "gen"	跟 + Noun 1 + 比 (起来) , Noun 2……	
Expressing "even more" with "geng" or "hai"	Noun 1 + 比 + Noun 2 + 更 / 还 + Adj.	
Expressing "much more" in comparisons	Noun 1 + 比 + Noun 2 + Adj. + 多了	

Complex Sentence Patterns

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Conceding a point with "shi"	Adj. + 是 + Adj. , 但是……	
Events in quick succession with "yi... jiu..."	Subj. + 一 + Event 1 , 就 + Event 2	
Expressing "although" with "suiran" and "danshi"	虽然…… , 但是 / 可是……	
Expressing "either... or..." with "yaome"	要么…… , 要么……	
Expressing "except" and "in addition" with "chule... yiwai"	除了…… (+ 以外) , Subj. + 都 / 也 / 还……	
Expressing good luck with "haihao"	还好 + Lucky Incident , 不然 + Bad Outcome	
Expressing "if... then..." with "ruguo... jiu..."	如果…… , 就……	
Expressing "if" with "ruguo... dehua"	如果…… (的话) , (就)……	
Expressing "not only... but also" with "budan... erqie..."	不但…… , 而且……	
Expressing "no wonder"	Reason , 怪不得 / 难怪 + Observation	
Expressing various aspects with "yi fangmian"	一方面…… , 一方面……	
Expressing "when" with "dengdao"	等(到) + Time / Event , Subj. + 再 / 就……	

Comparisons of Similar Grammar Points

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Adverbs

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Comparing "changchang" and "jingchang"	常常 vs. 经常	
Comparing "gang" and "gangcai"	刚 vs. 刚才	
Comparing "youdian" and "yidian"	有点 vs. 一点	

Auxiliary Verbs

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Comparing "hui," "neng," "keyi"	会 vs. 能 vs. 可以	

Conjunctions

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Comparing "haishi" and "huozhe"	还是 vs. 或者	

Nouns

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Comparing "renjia" and "bieren"	人家 vs. 别人	
Comparing "zhijian" and "zhongjian"	之间 vs. 中间	

Prepositions

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Comparing "li" and "cong"	离 vs. 从	

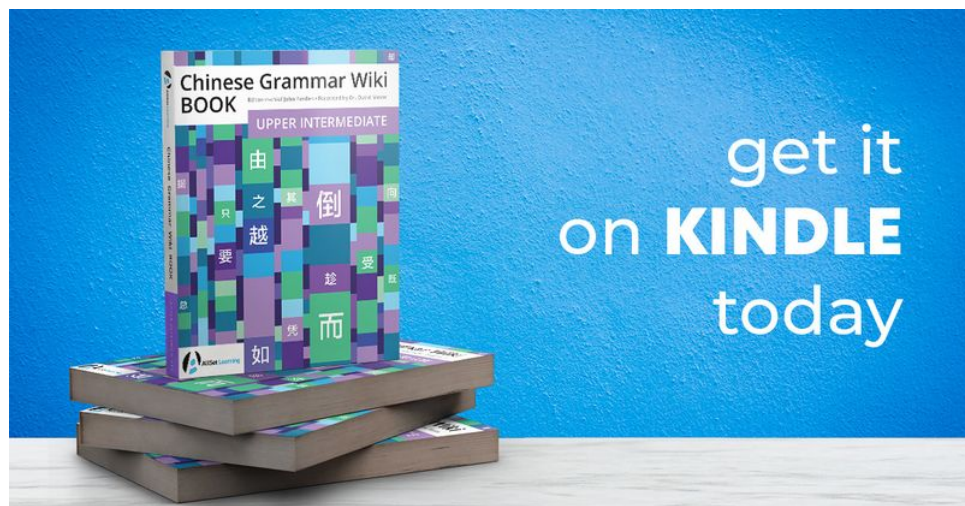
Time Words

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Comparing "yihou" and "de shihou"	以后 vs. 的时候	

See also

- For more information on the levels used throughout this wiki, see the [Grammar Points by Level](#) page.
- This list in French: [Grammaire chinoise niveau B1](#)

B2 grammar points



"B2" (Upper Intermediate) is the fourth level, as defined by the European Common Framework, which is used on this Chinese Grammar Wiki. It is [roughly equivalent to HSK Levels 4-5](#).

There are 152 total grammar points in the list below.

Parts of Speech

These following grammar points fit pretty neatly into one part of speech category.

Adjectives

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Adjectival complement "de budeliao"	Adj. + 得不得了	
Adjectival complement "de hen"	Adj. + 得很	
Expressing "a bit too"	Adj. + 了 + (一)点儿	
Saying "a lot" with "youdeshi"	Subj. + 有的是 + Noun	

Adverbs

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Advanced uses of "dou"	Subj. + 都 + Predicate	

Advanced uses of "hai"	Subj. + 还 + Predicate + 呢
Advanced uses of "zong"	总 + Media + Verb
Assessing situations with "kanlai"	看来 + Judgment to the Situation ; 在 + Person + 看来
Declaring the only option with "zhihao"	只好 + Verb Phrase
Emphatic adverb "ke"	可 + Adj. (+ 了)
Expressing "after all" with "bijing"	毕竟
Expressing a last chance with "zaibu... jiu..."	再不.....就.....
Expressing "almost" using "chadian mei"	Subj. + 差点没 + Verb
Expressing "anyway" with "fanzheng"	反正
Expressing "as much as possible" with "jinliang"	尽量 + Verb
Expressing concern with "kongpa"	恐怕 + Subj.
Expressing difficulty with "hao (bu) rongyi"	好(不)容易
Expressing "even" with "shen zhi"	甚至
Expressing "feel free" with "jinguan"	尽管 + Verb
Expressing "have to" with "budebu"	Subj. + 不得不 + Verb
Expressing "in the end" with "daodi"	到底
Expressing "in the end" with "jiujing"	究竟
Expressing "just" do it with "gancui"	Subj. + 干脆 + Verb Phrase
Expressing "nearly" with "jihu"	Subj. + 几乎 + Verb
Expressing "never again" with "zai ye bu"	Subj. + 再也 + 不 + Verb Phrase + 了
Expressing "once" with "cengjing"	Subj. + 曾经 + Verb + 过 (+ Obj.)
Expressing "originally" with "benlai"	本来.....
Expressing "over and over again" with "zaisan"	再三 + Verb
Expressing "simply" with "jianzhi"	简直.....
Expressing "since the beginning" with "yixiang"	一向 + Verb
Expressing "to make certain" with "qianwan"	千万 + Verb/Verb Phrase
Expressing wasted efforts with "bai"	白 + Verb
Expressing "while you're at it" with "shunbian"	Subj. + Verb Phrase 1 , 顺便 + Verb Phrase 2
Repeated actions in the past with "you"	Subj. + Verb + 了 + 又 + Verb
Rhetorical questions with "nandao"	难道.....?
The opposite of "chabuduo" is "cha hen duo"	Subj. + 差很多

Auxiliary Words

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Listing things with "a"啊 ,啊	

Conjunctions

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Expressing "and then" with "yushi" , 于是	
Using "er" to explain contrasting ideas	Sentence 1 , + 而 + Sentence 2	

Nouns

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Expressing "among" with "dangzhong"	当中	
Expressing "each other" with "bici"	彼此 + Verb	
Expressing "when" using "dang"	当.....的时候 ,	
Expressing "within (it/them)" with "qizhong"	其中	
Name-calling with "zhege"	Noun + 这个 + Category	

Particles

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Advanced "le" after an object	Verb + Obj. + 了	
Advanced "le" with complements	Subj. + Verb + 了 + Complement	
Marking a topic with "ma"	Statement + 嘛	
Softening the tone of questions with "ne"呢?	

Prepositional Phrase

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Defining upper and lower limits	级别 / 次序 / 数目 + 以上 / 以下	

Prepositions

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Expressing "along with..." with "suizhe"	随着 A + 的 + Verb , Subj. + Predicate	
Expressing "ever since" with "zicong"	(自)从……	
Expressing "for..." with "eryan"	对 + Person / Group + 而言 , ……	
Expressing "including" with "zainei"	(包括)…… 在内 , ……	
Expressing "on the basis of" with "ping"	凭……	
Expressing passive voice with "gei"	Receiver + 给 + The Doer + 给 + Verb Phrase	
Expressing "with regards to" with "zhiyu"	至于 + Topic , Comment	
Limiting scope with "jiu"	就…… (来说 / 而言)	
Opportune timing with "chen"	趁 + Situation / Opportunity……	

Sentence Patterns

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Emphasizing a negation with "bing"	Subj. + 并 + 不 + Verb / Adj.	
Expressing "if it were not for" with "yaobushi"	要不是 …… (的话) , ……	
Expressing "thanks to" with "duokui"	Good Outcome , 多亏 (了) + Lucky Incident	
Expressing "that's all" with "eryi"	Subj. + (仅仅) + 是 + Obj. + 而已	
Using "jiang" as a formal "ba"	Subj. + 将 + Obj. + Verb Phrase	

Verbs

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Challenging a verb with "shenme"	Verb + 什么 + Obj.	
Comparing specifically with "xiang"	Noun 1 + 不像 + Noun 2 + 这么 / 那么 + Adj. / Verb	
Comparisons with "biqi"	比起 + B (+ 来) , A ~	
Comparisons with "buru"	不如……	
Making "-ize" and "-ify" verbs with "hua"	Noun / Adj. + 化	
Using "nanguai" as a verb	难怪 + Specific Person / People ……	

Auxiliary verbs

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Expressing future with "jiang"	Subj. + 将 / 将要 / 将会 + Verb Phrase	

Verb phrases

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Combining verbs with "bing"	Verb Phrase 1 + 并 / 并且 + Verb Phrase 2	
Emphasizing the doer of an action with "you"	由 + Person + Verb	
Expressing "hard to avoid" with "nanmian"	(Subj. +) 难免 + Verb Phrase	
Expressing "moreover" with "bingqie"	Verb Phrase 1 + 并 / 并且 + Verb Phrase 2	
Expressing "to be worth" doing with "zhide"	值得 + Verb	
Indicating negative impact with "haide"	害得 + Verb Phrase	
Passive verbs with "shou"	受 + Verb	
Using "zhe" when "verbing away"	Verb + 着 + Verb + 着 + 就 + Comment + 了	

Grammatical Structures

These are grammatical structures that do not correspond neatly to just one particular part of speech.

Adverbs with Adjectives

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Expressing "especially" with "gewai"	格外 + verb	

"But" Statements

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Expressing "although" with "jinguan"	尽管…… , 但是……	
Expressing contrariness with "dao"	倒……	
Expressing "on the contrary" with "fan'er"	…… , 反而 ……	
The "however" adverb "que"	…… , 却……	

Cause/Effect Statements

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples

Expressing "due to..." with "youyu"	由于……，……
Expressing "since" with "jiran"	既然……，就……
Expressing "therefore" with "yinci"	……，因此……
Stating the effect before the cause	之所以……，是因为 / 是为了 / 是想……

Complements

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Advanced degree complements	Adj. + 得 + 很 / 不得了 / 要命 / 不行	
Advanced potential complements	Verb + 得了 / 不了	
Advanced result complements "zhu", "kai", and "chulai"	Verb + 住 / 开 / 出(来)	
Advanced uses of direction complement "-qilai"	Verb + 起来	
Complement "-huai le"	Verb + 坏了	
Complement "-zhao"	Verb + 着	
Tricky uses of "dao"	Verb + 到	
Using "lai" and "qu" when "verbing around"	Verb + 来 + Verb + 去	

Conditional Statements

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Expressing "as long as" with "zhiyao"	只要……，就……	
Expressing "once...then..." with "yidan...jiu..."	一旦……，就……	
Expressing "only after" with "cai"	……，才……	
Expressing "only if" with "zhiyou"	只有……，才……	
Expressing "unless" with "chufei"	除非……，才……	

"Even If" Statements

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Expressing "even if..." with "jishi"	即使……，也……	
Expressing "even if..." with "jiushi"	就是……，也……	
Expressing "even if..." with "jiusuan"	就算……，也……	
Expressing "even if..." with "napa"	哪怕……，也……	

"If" Statements

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Expressing "if...then..." with "jiru"	假如……，就……	
Expressing "if...then..." with "yaoshi"	要是……，就……	
Expressing "what if" with "wanyi"	万一……怎么办？	
Marking a topic with "de hua"	Topic + 的话，Comment	

"No Matter" Statements

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Expressing "no matter" with "buguan"	不管……，都 / 也……	
Expressing "no matter" with "wulun"	无论 / 不论……，都 / 也……	

Sentence Patterns

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Advanced uses of "ba"	把 + Noun + Verb……	
Advanced uses of "lian"	连 + Verb + 都 + 不 / 没 + Verb (，就……)	
Basic comparisons with "bu bi"	Noun 1 + 不比 + Noun 2 + Adj.	
Conditions with "yao" and "jiu"	要 + Verb + 就 + Verb……	
Expressing "any" with "renhe"	任何 + Noun + 都 / 也……	
Expressing "both...and..." with "ji...you"	既……也 / 又……	
Expressing "can't do without" with "shaobuliao"	Subj. + 少不了 + Noun / Verb Phrase	
Expressing "equal to" with "dengyu"	A, 等于 B	
Expressing "from" with "cong...zhong"	从 + noun + 中 + result	
Expressing indifference with "jiu"	Verb + 就 + Verb	
Expressing "no" (noun) "to" (verb) with "wu...ke..."	无 + Noun + 可 + Verb	
Expressing "not even one"	一 + Measure Word + (Noun) + 也 / 都 + 不 / 没 + Verb	
Expressing "not only...even..." using "budan...shen zhi lian"	Subj. + 不但……，甚至连 + New Subject + 也 + Matching Situation	

Expressing purpose with "hao"	Action , 好 + Purpose
Expressing "related to..." with "you guan de"	跟 / 和 + Topic + 有关的 + Noun
Expressing simultaneous actions with "yimian"	一面…… , 一面……
Expressing "so-called" with "suowei"	所谓 + (的) Noun Phrase
Expressing "the more... the more..." with "yue... yue..."	Subj. + 越 + Verb + 越 + Adj. / Verb
Expressing the only two possibilities	不是…… , 就是……
Expressing "within" a period of time using "zai... nei"	在 + Time + 内
Expressing "would rather" with "ningke"	宁可…… , 也……

Either... or

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Providing two options with double "huozhe"	或者…… , 或者……	

Let alone

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Expressing "let alone" with "bie shuo"	别说…… , 就是……	
Expressing "let alone" with "geng buyong shuo"	…… , 更不用说……	

Not only... but also...

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Many types of "not only... but also..."	不但 / 不只 / 不仅…… , 而且 / 还 / 也 ……	

Comparisons of Similar Grammar Points

What's the difference between this grammar point and that grammar point? Check here.

Adverbs

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Comparing "benlai" and "yuanlai"	本来 vs 原来	
Comparing "cai" and "jiu"	才 vs 就	
Comparing "zai" and "you"	再 vs 又	

Auxiliary Words

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Comparing "zongsuan" and "zhongyu"	总算 vs 终于	

Conjunctions

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Comparing "gen" and "dui"	跟 vs 对	

Prepositions

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Comparing "chao" "xiang" and "wang"	朝 vs 向 vs 往	
Comparing "dui" and "duiyu"	对 vs. 对于	
Comparing "duiyu" and "zhiyu"	关于 vs 对于 vs 至于	
Comparing "gei" and "wei"	给 vs. 为	
Comparing "guanyu" and "duiyu"	关于 vs 对于	

Separate Functions

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Comparing "shihe" and "heshi"	适合 vs 合适	

Time Words

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Comparing "pingshi" and "pingchang"	平时 vs. 平常	
Comparing "yihou" and "zhihou"	以后 vs. 之后	
Comparing "yihou" "ranhou" "houlai"	以后 vs. 然后 vs. 后来	

Verbs

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Comparing "kanqilai" and "kanlai"	看起来 vs. 看来	
Comparing "xiande" and "kanqilai"	显得 vs 看起来	

See Also

- For more information on the levels used here, see the [Grammar Points by Level](#) page.
- This list in French: [Grammaire chinoise niveau B2](#)

C1 grammar points

"C1" (Advanced) is the fifth level, as defined by the European Common Framework, which is used on this Chinese Grammar Wiki. It is roughly equivalent to **HSK Levels 5-6**.

NOTE: This level is currently incomplete. Many more grammar points will need to be added.

There are **68** total grammar points in the list below.

Parts of Speech

These following grammar points fit pretty neatly into one part of speech category.

Adverbs

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Advanced usages of the contrary "dao"	Subject + Verb + 得 + 倒 + Adjective	
Emphasizing with "henshi"	Subj. + 很是 + Adj.	
Expressing "a full" with "zuzu"	足足 + Verb	
Expressing "again and again" with "yizai"	Subj. + 一再 + Verb	
Expressing "always previously" with "xianglai"	Subject + 向来 (都) + Verb/Verb Phrase	
Expressing "as expected" with "guoran"	果然 + Predicate	
Expressing "as if" with "sihu"	Subj. + 似乎 ……	
Expressing "as long as" with "fanshi"	凡是 + Noun 都 / 就 / 一律 + Predicate	
Expressing "contrary to expectations" with "pianpian"	A ,Subject + 偏偏 + B	
Expressing "even so" with "zaibu...ye..."	再不……也……	
Expressing "no exception" with "yilu"	一律 + Predicate	
Expressing "nothing but" with "wufei"	无非 + 是 + Verb / Noun	
Expressing the unexpected with "jingran"	Subj. + 竟然 ……	
Expressing "when the time comes" with "dao shihou"	A, 到时候 + B	
Expressing "why" with "hebi"	Subj. + 何必 + Predicate	

Auxiliary Words

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Expressing that something has already happened with "laizhe"	Sentence + 来着	

Conjunctions

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Expressing "as well as" with "yiji"	Subj. + 何必 + Predicate	
Expressing "in short" with "zongzhi"	（……，）总之，……	
Indicating contrast with "ze"	Clause 1 , + 则 + Clause 2	
"In order to avoid" with "yimian"	以免 + Verb Phrase	

Nouns

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Expressing "your side" with "ben"	本 + Noun	
Indicating a characteristic with "xing"	Word + 性	

Particles

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Expressing "is or is not" with "shifou"	是否 + Verb/Adjective	
Expressing possession with "zhi"	Noun + 之 + Noun	
Expressing "whether or not" with "yufou"	Verb/Adjective + 与否	
Using the particle "hei"	Sentence + 呗	

Prepositions

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Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Expressing "in light of" with "jianyu"	鉴于 + observation, conclusion/suggestion	

Sentence patterns

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Adding emphasis with "fei...buke"	Subj. + 非(要) + Verb Phrase (+ 不可)	
"Could it be that" with "qibushi"	岂不是 + rhetorical question	
Expressing "at the same time" with "jian"	Subject + 兼 + Verb + A + 和 + B	
Expressing "could it be possible that" with "mofei"	Subject + 莫非 + rhetorical question	
Expressing "from this" with "youci"	由此 + Verb	
Expressing "must" with "feidei"	非得 + Action + 不可/不行/不成	
Expressing "nothing is more...than" with "moguoyu"	Object 1 + 莫过于 + Object 2	
Expressing "rather than..." with "yugui... buru"	与其 + A , 宁可 / 宁愿 / 宁肯 + B	
Expressing "similar to" with "gen... shide"	跟 + Noun/Pronoun/Adjective + 似的	
Expressing "to be worthy of" with "bukuishi"	不愧是 (不愧为) + N	
Expressing who is in charge with "you... zuozhu"	Area of responsibility + 由 + Person(s) + 做主	
Stating two or more reasons with "yilai...erlai"	一来 + Reason 1 , 二来 + Reason 2	
Using "yi... wei..."	以 + A + 为 + B	

Verbs

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Expressing "I bet" using "liang"	谅 + Subject + Verb phrase	
Expressing "lies in" with "zaiyu"	…… 在于 ……	

Verb phrases

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Expressing something is "not worth doing" with "buxie"	Subject + 不屑(于) + Verb	
Facilitating an outcome with "yibian"	以便 + Verb	

Grammatical Structures

These are grammatical structures that do not correspond to one particular part of speech.

Cause/Effect Statements

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Using "because" with "er" to indicate effect	因为…… , 而……	

"If" Statements

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Expressing "if... then..." with "jiashi"	假使…… , 就……	

Sentence Patterns

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Additional way to express "in the name of"	Subj. + 借 + noun + 之名 + situation	
Explaining purpose with "wei... er..."	为…… , 而……	
Express an action and its effect by using "tongguo... shi"	通过 + verb (situation occurring) , 使 resultative situation	
Expressing "inevitably" with "shibi"	势必	
Expressing "in the name of" with "yi... de mingyi"	以 + Subject + 名义	
Use "tangruo" to express "if"	倘若 + resultative situation	
Using the "suo" structure	所 + Verb + 的	

Let alone

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Expressing "let alone" with "hekuang"	连……都(也) …… , 何况……	

Comparisons of Similar Grammar Points

What's the difference between this grammar point and that grammar point? Check here.

Adverbs

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Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Comparing "buduan" and "buting_"	不断 vs 不停	
Comparing "yizhi" and "yixiang"	一直 vs. 一向	

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Nouns

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Comparing "bici" and "duifang_"	彼此 + Verb	

Separate Functions

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Comparing "fan'er" and "xiangfan"	反而 vs 相反	

See Also

- For more information on the levels used here, see the [Grammar Points by Level](#) page.