

| Structure                 | Pinyin                         | English Equivalent                  | Example                  | Example Pinyin   | Example Translation  |
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| V 好                       | V hǎo                          | done V-ing                          | 饭还没做好, 请你等一会儿。           | fàn hái méi zuò hǎo, qǐng nǐděng yíhuìr.                             | The food is not cooked yet, please wait awhile.  |
| 一 + M + N + 也 / 都 + 不 + V | yī + M + N + yě / dōu + bù + V | not V even one N                    | 我一个苹果也不吃。                | wǒ yī gè píngguǒ yě bù chī.  | I'm not eating any apples. (Lit. I don't eat even one apple.)  |
| 那                         | nà                             | so then                             | 你不去, 那我也不去了。             | nǐ bù qù, nà wǒ yě bù qù le.   | [If] you don't go, then I won't go either.   |
| 那也                        | nà yě                          | but still                           | A: 我早就复习好了。B: 那也不能一直玩儿啊。 | A: wǒ zǎojiù fùxí hǎole. B: nà yě bùnéng yīzhí wánr ā.               | A: I've done my reviewed a long time ago already.<br>B: But still [you] shouldn't be playing all the time. |
| V1 了就 V2                  | V1 le jiù V2                   | V2 as soon as V1                    | 爸爸回来了我们就吃饭。              | bàba huílai le wǒmen jiù chīfàn.                                     | We'll eat when dad comes back.   |
| V 来 / 去                   | V lái / qù                     | (complements of direction)          | 我们在楼上等你呢, 你上来吧。          | wǒmen zài lóushàng děng nǐ ne, nǐ shànglái ba.                       | We are upstairs waiting, please come up.   |
| V somewhere 来 / 去         | V somewhere lái / qù           | (complements of direction)          | 朋友回家去了。                  | péngyou huíjiā qù le.  | [My] friend went back home.  |
| V O 来 / 去                 | V O lái / qù                   | (complements of direction)          | 明天要带作业来。                 | míngtiān yào dài zuòyè lái.  | You need to bring [your] homework tomorrow.  |
| V 来 / 去 O                 | V lái / qù O                   | (complements of direction)          | 明天要带来作业。                 | míngtiān yào dàilái zuòyè.   | Bring [your] homework tomorrow.  |
| 能 ..... 吗?                | néng ... .. ma?                | how can you...?                     | 你不做作业, 也不练习, 能学好汉语吗?     | nǐ bù zuò zuòyè, yě bù liànxí, néng xuéhǎo Hànyǔ ma?                 | You don't do [your] homework, don't practice, how can you [possibly] learn Chinese well?                   |
| N1 还是 N2 ?                | N1 háishi N2 ?                 | N1 or N2 ?                          | 你要喝咖啡还是喝茶?               | nǐ yào hē kāfēi háishi hē chá?                                       | Do you want coffee or tea?   |
| N1 或者 N2                  | N1 huòzhě N2                   | either N1 or N2                     | 天冷了或者工作累了的时候, 喝杯热茶很舒服。   | tiānlěng le huòzhě gōngzuò leì le de shíhou, hē bēi rèchá hěn shūfu. | When the weather is cold or when you're tired from work, it is very comfortable to drink a cup of hot tea. |
| N1 还是 N2                  | N1 háishi N2                   | N1 or N2 (in question-like clauses) | 我还没想好去爬山还是去看电影。          | wǒ hái méi xiǎng hǎoqù páshān háishi qù kàn diànyǐng.                | I haven't decided whether to go hiking or to go to the movies.   |
| PLACE + V + 着 + N         | PLACE + V + zhe + N            | There is N V'ed in PLACE.           | 桌子上放着一杯咖啡。               | zhuōzi shàngfàng zhe yī bēi kāfēi.                                   | There is a cup of coffee placed on the table.  |

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| PLACE + 没 + V + 着 + N    | PLACE + méi + V + zhe + N  | There is not N V'ed in PLACE.  | 桌子上没放着咖啡。        | zhuōzi shàng méi fàng zhe kāfēi.                | There was no coffee placed on the table.                       |
| 会 + V / A + (的)          | hui + V / A + ( de)        | will V, will be A              | 你穿得那么少， 会感冒的。    | nǐ chuān dé nàme shǎo, huì gǎnmào de.           | You wear so little, you will catch a cold.                     |
| 又 .....又 .....           | yòu ... .. yòu ... ..      | not only ... but also ...      | 这个西瓜又大又甜。        | zhège xīguā yòu dà yòu tián.                    | This watermelon is big and sweet.                              |
| V1 + 着 + V2              | V1 + zhe + V2              | V1-ing while V2-ing            | 弟弟吃着苹果写作业。       | dìdì chī zhe píngguǒ xiě zuòyè.                 | The younger brother is doing homework while eating [an] apple. |
| A 了                      | A le                       | become A                       | 昨天吃了感冒药， 现在好一些了。 | zuótiān chī le gǎnmàoyào, xiànzài hǎo yīxiē le. | I took flu medicine yesterday, and I'm better now.             |
| V 了                      | V le                       | (didn't V but) now V           | 现在我可以穿漂亮的裙子了。    | xiànzài wǒ kěyǐ chuān piàoliang de qúnzi le.    | Now I can wear a beautiful dress.                              |
| 越来越 + A + (了)            | yuèlái yuè + A + ( le)     | more and more A                | 你最近越来越帅了。        | nǐ zuìjīnyuèlái yuè shuài le.                   | You're more and more handsome these days.                      |
| V + 得 + RESULT           | V + dé + RESULT            | can V to RESULT                | 我看得清楚那个汉字。       | wǒ kàn dé qīngchū nàge hànzi.                   | I can see the Chinese character clearly.                       |
| V + 得 + DIRECTION        | V + dé + DIRECTION         | can V to DIRECTION             | 楼这么高， 你上得来吗？     | lóu zhème gāo, nǐ shàng dé lái ma?              | The building is so high, are you able to come up?              |
| V + 不 + result           | V + bù + result            | cannot V to RESULT             | 我找不到好饭馆。         | wǒ zhǎobudào hǎo fànguǎn.                       | I can't seek out a good restaurant.                            |
| V + 不 + direction        | V + bù + direction         | cannot V to DIRECTION          | 楼太高了， 我上不去。      | lóu tài gāo le, wǒ shàng bù qù.                 | The building is too high, I can't go up.                       |
| N 呢？                     | N ne?                      | where is N?                    | 你的书呢？            | nǐ de shū ne?                                   | Where is your book?  |
| 刚 V                      | gāng V                     | just V                         | 儿子刚做完作业。         | érzi gāng zuòwán zuòyè.                         | The son just finished his homework.                            |
| 刚才                       | gāngcái                    | moments ago                    | 刚才儿子在做作业。        | gāngcái érzi zài zuò zuòyè.                     | My son is doing homework moments ago.                          |
| V + 了 + DURATION + O     | V + le + DURATION + O      | V'ed O for DURATION            | 我们坐了一个小时公共汽车。    | wǒmen zuò le yī ge xiǎoshí gōnggòngqìchē.       | We took a bus for an hour.                                     |
| V + 了 + DURATION + O + 了 | V + le + DURATION + O + le | have been V-ing O for DURATION | 我学习了一年汉语了。       | wǒ xué le yī nián Hànyǔ le.                     | I have studied Chinese for a year.                             |
| 对 N 感兴趣/有兴趣              | duì N gǎnxìngqù/ yǒuxìngqù | interested in N                | 他们对中国电影感兴趣。      | tāmen duì Zhōngguó diànyǐng gǎnxìngqù.          | They are interested in Chinese movies.                         |
| 对 N 没兴趣                  | duì N méi xìngqù           | not interested in N            | 他们对中国电影没兴趣。      | tāmen duì Zhōngguó diànyǐng méi xìngqù.         | They are not interested in Chinese movies.                     |

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| 半                   | bàn                             | half hour   | 现在七点半。        | xiànzài qī diǎn bàn。                        | It's half past seven.                              |
| 一刻                  | yī kè                           | quarter hour (when telling time)  | 现在七点一刻。       | xiànzài qī diǎn yī kè。                      | Now it's quarter past seven.                       |
| 一刻钟                 | yī kè zhōng                     | quarter hour (duration)   | 你迟到了一刻钟。      | nǐ chí dào liǎo yī kè zhōng。                | You are late for 15 minutes.                       |
| 差 (chà)             | chà (chà)                       | to (when telling time)  | 已经差一刻八点了!     | yǐjīng chà yī kè bā diǎn le!                | It's already a quarter to eight!                   |
| 再 V                 | zài V                           | again (later)   | 我明天还要再去看。     | wǒ míngtiān hái yào zài qù kànkan。          | I will go see it again tomorrow.                   |
| 又 V                 | yòu V                           | (did) again   | 你今天怎么又迟到了?    | nǐ jīntiān zěnmě yòu chí dào liǎo?          | Why are you late again today?                      |
| S + Q1 + 就 + Q2     | S + Q1 + jiù + Q2               | (S acts in a way so that the answer to Q1 is the same as the answer to Q2.) | 我想喝什么就喝什么。    | wǒ xiǎng hē shénme jiù hē shénme。           | I drink whatever I want to drink.                  |
| S1 + Q + S2 + 就 + Q | S1 + Q + S2 + jiù + Q           | (S2 acts in a way that the answer to Q is true for both S1 and S2.)         | 你喝什么我就喝什么。    | nǐ hē shénme wǒ jiù hē shénme。              | I drink whatever you drink.                        |
| 越 V1/A1 越 V2/A2     | yuè V1/A1 yuè V2/A2             | the more V1/A1 the more V2/A2   | 我们越聊越开心。      | wǒmen yuè liáo yuè kāixīn。                  | The more we chat, the more joyous we are.          |
| N1 跟 N2 一样          | N1 gēn N2 yīyàng                | N1 is like N2   | 你的眼睛跟大熊猫一样。   | nǐ de yǎnjīng gēn dàxióngmāo yīyàng。        | Your eyes are like pandas' [eyes].                 |
| N1 跟 N2 一样 A        | N1 gēn N2 yīyàng A              | N1 is as A as N2  | 儿子跟爸爸一样高。     | érzi gēn bàba yīyàng gāo。                   | The son is as tall as his father.                  |
| 没有 N (这么/那么) A      | méiyǒu N (zhème/nàme) A         | not as A as N   | 我的汉语没有他那么好。   | wǒ de Hànyǔ méiyǒu tā nàme hǎo。             | My Chinese is not as good as his.                  |
| A 一点儿/一些            | A yīdiǎnr/ yīxiē                | A little more A   | 大山比大卫矮一点儿。    | Dàshān bǐ Dàwèi ài yīdiǎnr。                 | Dashan is a little shorter than David.             |
| A 得多/多了             | A dé duō/ duō le                | much more A   | 今天的作业比昨天多得多。  | jīntiān de zuòyè bǐ zuótiān duō dé duō。     | Today's homework is much more than yesterday's.    |
| # #+1               | # #+1                           | # or #+1  | 我每天学习一两个小时汉语。 | wǒ měitiān xuéxí yī liǎng gè xiǎoshí Hànyǔ。 | I study Chinese for one or two hours a day.        |
| 把 + O + V + 了       | bǎ + O + V + le                 | V'ed the O  | 我把钱包忘了。       | wǒ bǎ qiánbāo wàng le。                      | I forgot my/the wallet.                            |
| 不要/别/没把 + O + V + 了 | bùyào/ bié/ méi bǎ + O + V + le | don't/don't/haven't V'ed the O  | 别把手机忘了。       | bié bǎshǒu jī wàng le。                      | Don't forget your/the phone.                       |
| # 左右                | # zuǒyòu                        | approximately #   | 周末我一般十点左右起床。  | zhōumò wǒ yībān shí diǎn zuǒyòu qǐchuáng。   | I usually get up at around 10 o'clock on weekends. |

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| 就 V/A                    | jiù V/A                                   | just (better than expected)         | 坐飞机一个小时就到了。               | zuòfēijī yī gè xiǎoshí jiù dào liǎo.  | It takes only an hour to get there by plane.                                   |
| 才 V/A                    | cái V/A                                   | just (worse than expected)          | 你怎么才来?                    | nǐ zěnmē cái lái?   | How come you only came just now? (Why are you so late?)                        |
| 把 + O + V + 在/到 + PLACE  | bǎ + O + V + zài/ dào + PLACE             | V'd the O to PLACE                  | 我把照片放在你包里了。               | wǒ bǎ zhàopiàn fàng zài nǐ bāo li le.   | I put the photo in your bag.   |
| V + motion V + 来/去       | V + motion V + lái/ qù                    | (compound complements of direction) | 明天我们一起把礼物送过去。             | míngtiān wǒmen yìqǐ bǎ lǐwù sòng guòqù.   | Let's send the gift over together tomorrow.                                    |
| 一边 + V1 + 一边 + V2        | yībiān + V1 + yībiān + V2                 | V1 while V2                         | 他一边唱歌一边跳舞。                | tā yībiān chànggē yībiān tiàowǔ.  | He sang while he danced.   |
| 把 + O + V + result       | bǎ + O + V + result                       | V the O until RESULT                | 我把衣服洗干净了。                 | wǒ bǎ yīfu xǐ gānjìng le.   | I washed my clothes clean.   |
| 把 + O + V + direction    | bǎ + O + V + direction                    | V the O to DIRECTION                | 他把水果拿过来了。                 | tā bǎ shuǐguǒ ná guò lái le.  | He took the fruit over.  |
| 先 .....再/又 .....然后 ..... | xiān ... .. zài/ yòu ... .. ránhòu ... .. | First, then, then, ...              | 我先坐了公共汽车, 又坐了地铁, 然后才到小刚家。 | wǒ xiān zuò le gōnggòngqìchē , yòu zuò le dìtiě , ránhòu cái dào xiǎo gāng jiā. | I first took the bus, then took the subway, and then went to Xiaogang's house. |
| 除了 N 以外                  | chúle N yǐwài                             | except N                            | 除了这个汉字以外, 别的我都认识。         | chúle zhège hànzi yǐwài , biéde wǒ dōu rènshi.                                  | Except for this Chinese character, I know everything else.                     |
| 除了 .....(以外), 还 .....    | chúle.....( yǐwài), hái ... ..            | not only ... , but also ...         | 上网除了看新闻(以外), 还可以听音乐。      | shàngwǎng chúle kàn xīnwén( yǐwài), hái kěyǐ tīng yīnyuè.                       | In addition to watching the news, you can listen to music too.                 |
| 什么                       | shénme                                    | any                                 | 周末你有什么打算吗?                | zhōumò nǐ yǒu shénme dǎsuàn ma?   | Do you have any plans for the weekend?   |
| A 极了                     | A jíle                                    | extremely A                         | 今天天气冷极了。                  | jīntiān tiānqì lěng jíle.   | The weather is extremely cold today.   |
| 如果 .....(的话), 就 .....    | rúguǒ .....( dehuà), jiù ... ..           | if ... , then ...                   | 如果你太累的话, 就休息一会儿。          | rúguǒ nǐ tài lèi dehuà , jiù xiūxi yíhuìr.                                      | If you are too tired, take a break.  |
| A + 得 + CLAUSE           | A + dé + CLAUSE                           | so A that + CLAUSE                  | 儿子累得下了班就睡觉了。              | érzi lèi dé xià le bān jiù shuìjiào le.   | The son was so tired that he went to sleep as soon as he got off work.         |
| A + A + 的                | A + A + de                                | A (with characteristics)            | 她鼻子小小的, 头发黑黑的。            | tā bízi xiǎoxiǎo de , tóufa hēi hēi de.   | Her nose is teeny tiny and her hair is black.                                  |

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| V + V                   | V + V                                 | V for a bit              | 我带你去医院检查检查吧。      | wǒ dài nǐ qù yīyuànjiǎnchá jiǎnchá ba.             | Let me take you to the hospital for to check up a bit.        |
| Q + 都                   | Q + dōu                               | Q-ever                   | 小刚什么都喜欢吃。         | xiǎo gāng shénme dōu xǐhuan chī.                   | Xiao Gang likes to eat anything (lit.                         |
| 只要 .....就 .....         | zhǐyào ... .. jiù ... ..              | as long as               | 只要我有时间, 就一定跟你去旅游。 | zhǐyào wǒ yǒu shíjiān, jiù yīdìng gēn nǐ qù lǚyóu. | As long as I have time, I will definitely travel with you.    |
| 关于                      | guānyú                                | about                    | 关于这件事, 我们还没有决定呢。  | guānyú zhè jiàn shì, wǒmen hái méiyǒu juéding ne.  | We have not decided on this matter yet.                       |
| V + 出来                  | V + chūlái                            | V and produce an outcome | 这个字你能写出来吗?        | zhège zì nǐ néng xiě chūlái ma?                    | Can you write (out) this word?                                |
| V + 出来                  | V + chūlái                            | V and recognize          | 你听出来了吗? 这是谁的声音?   | nǐ tīng chūlái le ma? zhè shì shéi de shēngyīn?    | After listening, did you recognize [it]? Whose voice is this? |
| V + 下来                  | V + xiàlai                            | V down                   | 我真希望时间能慢下来。       | wǒ zhēn xīwàng shíjiān néng màn xiàlai.            | I really hope that time can slow down.                        |
| 想起来                     | xiǎngqilai                            | to recall                | 我想不起来他的名字了。       | wǒ xiǎng bù qilai tā de míngzi le.                 | I can't think of (lit. think up) his name.                    |
| 看起来/看上去                 | kànqǐlái/<br>kànshàngqu               | to seem                  | 他看上去/看起来像40多岁。    | tā kànshàngqu/ kànqǐlái xiàng40 duō suì.           | He looks like he is in his 40s.                               |
| 使/叫/让 + O + A/V         | shǐ/ jiào/ ràng + O + A/V             | make O A/V               | 读书使/叫/让我快乐。       | dúshū shǐ/ jiào/ ràng wǒ kuàilè.                   | Reading makes me happy.                                       |
| O + 被/叫/让 + S + V       | O + bèi/ jiào/ ràng + S + V           | O is V'ed by S           | 我的照相机被/叫/让谁拿走了?   | wǒ de zhàoxiàngjī bèi/ jiào/ ràng shéi nǎzǒu le?   | My camera was taken by who?                                   |
| O + 不/没 + 被/叫/让 + S + V | O + bù/ méi + bèi/ jiào/ ràng + S + V | O is not V'ed by S       | 问题还没有被解决呢。        | wèntí hái méiyǒu bèijiějué ne.                     | The problem has not been solved yet.                          |