

Sentence patterns 2

Class Objective: to be able to understand Chinese sentence patterns.

Concept A: Grammar patterns

1. 一边.....一边 : to indicate 2 actions occurring at the same time
一边 (yī biān) is used before each verb phrase:
Subject + 一边 + verb phrase + 一边 + verb phrase.

我喜欢一边喝咖啡一边看书。(wǒ xǐ huan yī biān hē kā fēi yī biān kàn shū) I like to drink coffee and read a book.

2. 又 to link **adjectival verbs**: 又 (yòu) can be used to indicate 'both...and...'
又 + adj + 又 + adj

Example:

这个酱汁又浓又香。(zhè ge jiàng zhī yòu nóng yòu xiāng) The sauce is both thick and rich.

3. 越来越 to **express change over time**: 越来越 (yuè lái yuè) expresses a situation that becomes 'more and more' over time.
subject + 越来越 + adj

他越来越会说汉语了。(tā yuè lái yuè huì shuō hàn yǔ le) His Chinese is improving more and more.

4. 几次 meaning '**several times**': 几次 (jǐ cì) can be used to explain frequency amount, when used in a question, it's becomes 'how many times?'
Sub + predicate + 几次

我访问了那个名人好几次。(wǒ fǎng wèn le nèi ge míng rén hǎo jǐ cì) I've interviewed this celebrity many times.

你每个星期上运动几次?(nǐ měi gè xīng qī shàng yùn dòng jǐ cì) How many times a week do you workout?

5. 得 to **mark a complement**: 得 (de) can be quite challenging to learn, as there is no English equivalent. Follow this sentence pattern to use the 得 (de) particle:
adj / verb + 得

她说得很好。(tā shuō de hén hǎo) She speaks well.

他开得太快。(tā kāi de tài kuài) He drives too fast.

6. 会 to **indicate 'know how to'**:

sub + 会 + verb + obj.

他会说汉语。(tā huì shuō hàn yǔ) He can speak Chinese.

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