HSK 3 Say it aloud 8: stories, comparisons and reasons

HSK 3 speaking: stories, comparisons and reasons, taught from the reviewed topic handout; classroom examples, not official exam items.

Say the spine, not the dictionary

A spoken answer has a spine: point, support, close. Say the spine, not the dictionary.

- Stories ride time words; comparisons ride 比 and 没有.
- Reasons ride 因为 …… 所以 ……, both halves, one breath.

The time rail

The rail and the train

上个周末我先去了图书馆，然后打篮球，最后和朋友吃了晚饭。

One sentence per stop; the time words are the rail.

A story needs one turn: 突然下雨了。

Two comparison tools

More than, and not up to

今天比昨天冷。Today is colder than yesterday.

今天比昨天冷多了。Much colder.

我没有他高。I am not as tall as him.

The reason arch

Two legs, one breath

因为下雨了，所以我没去打球。

The cause first: the listener can stop you early and still know why.

Both halves, one breath.

The 90-second answer

Point, support, close

Point: 我更喜欢坐地铁。

Support: 以前我坐公交，有一次堵了半个小时，所以我换了。

Close: 地铁比公交快多了。

Watch out

Two guards

Do not write and recite: the floor hears essays instantly.

Drop 很 in 比 sentences; never add 比 to 没有; one turn per story.

Check yourself

Four checks

Name the three time-rail words.

Much colder than yesterday, with 比.

Not as busy as him: 没有 or 比?

Which two halves carry the reason arch?