

Adverbs with adjectives

HSK 4

Use the examples with their context and limits. Recall a sentence before reading the model. Original teaching additions accompany examples adapted from Chinese Grammar Wiki (AllSet Learning, CC BY-NC-SA); see the course reference provenance.

挺 + Adj + 的 (quite / rather)

■ A common ending is not compulsory

- You give a casual positive evaluation of a dish.
- **这个菜挺好吃的。** – 挺 intensifies the pleasant taste in an everyday comment.

■ Build the form

- The pattern in this lesson is **挺 + Adj + 的 (quite / rather)**. Locate it in the original interlinear examples below.
- Keep the words in their demonstrated positions; the pattern must fit the intended situation as well as the sentence form.

这个菜挺好吃的。

zhè ge cài tǐng hǎo chī de

Word guide: 这 – this; 个 – (measure word); 菜 – dish; 挺 – quite; 好吃 – tasty.

■ Read examples in context

- In the opening example, **这个菜挺好吃的。**: 挺 intensifies the pleasant taste in an everyday comment.
- Explain who acts, what is described and which time or group is relevant before choosing an English paraphrase.

■ Know the boundary

- 的 is common in 挺 ... 的 but can be omitted, as in 挺好 or 挺有意思.
- The word does not guarantee a warm or positive evaluation in every context.

■ Use the distinction

- 挺 intensifies the pleasant taste in an everyday comment.
- 的 is common in 挺 ... 的 but can be omitted, as in 挺好 or 挺有意思. The word does not guarantee a warm or positive evaluation in every context.

■ Try it with help closed

You give a casual positive evaluation of a dish. Close the examples. Say a Mandarin response, then write it in Chinese. Explain briefly in English what the lesson's pattern adds. Compare with the model, then change one detail and try again.

One possible response: 这个菜挺好吃的。

- My response conveys a message that fits the opening situation.
- I can explain the meaning of the pattern, rather than only naming it.
- 的 is common in 挺 ... 的 but can be omitted, as in 挺好 or 挺有意思.
- The word does not guarantee a warm or positive evaluation in every context.
- I tried a second response with a name, time, place, or description changed.

Practise this pattern step by step.