

Adverbs with adjectives

HSK 5

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.

格外 (especially / exceptionally)

■ Compare with the usual experience

- Today feels colder than the usual weather.
- 今天格外冷。 – 格外 presents the cold as exceptional relative to a reference expectation.

■ Build the form

- The pattern in this lesson is 格外 (especially / exceptionally). 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.

今天格外冷。

jīn tiān gé wài lěng

Word guide: 今天 – today; 格外 – especially; 冷 – cold.

■ Read examples in context

- In the opening example, 今天格外冷。: 格外 presents the cold as exceptional relative to a reference expectation.
- Explain who acts, what is described and which time or group is relevant before choosing an English paraphrase.

■ Know the boundary

- The reference may be usual conditions or the surrounding situation.
- There is no fixed temperature difference associated with 格外.

■ Use the distinction

- 格外 presents the cold as exceptional relative to a reference expectation.
- The reference may be usual conditions or the surrounding situation. There is no fixed temperature difference associated with 格外.

■ Try it with help closed

Today feels colder than the usual weather. 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: 今天格外冷。

- My response conveys a message that fits the opening situation.
- I can explain the meaning of the pattern, rather than only naming it.
- The reference may be usual conditions or the surrounding situation.
- There is no fixed temperature difference associated with 格外.
- I tried a second response with a name, time, place, or description changed.

Practise this pattern step by step.