

Noun Phrases

HSK 3 Grammar

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.

(some / some..., others...)

■ A group contains different preferences

- Several classmates prefer tea while other classmates prefer coffee.
- – divides the understood group into subsets.

■ Build the form

- The pattern in this lesson is (some / some..., others...). 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.

yǒu de rén xǐ huan chá

Word guide: – some; – people; – like; – tea.

■ Read examples in context

yǒu de guì yǒu de pián yi

Word guide: – some; – expensive; – some; – cheap.

- In the opening example, : divides the understood group into subsets.
- Explain who acts, what is described and which time or group is relevant before choosing an English paraphrase.

■ Know the boundary

- It does not give their sizes, and more than two groups are possible: .
- Do not infer that each group is half the class.

■ Use the distinction

- divides the understood group into subsets.
- It does not give their sizes, and more than two groups are possible: . Do not infer that each group is half the class.

■ Try it with help closed

Several classmates prefer tea while other classmates prefer coffee. 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:

- My response conveys a message that fits the opening situation.
- I can explain the meaning of the pattern, rather than only naming it.
- It does not give their sizes, and more than two groups are possible: .
- Do not infer that each group is half the class.
- I tried a second response with a name, time, place, or description changed.

Practise this pattern step by step.