

Nouns

Ref Hsk4 Grammar

— “among them, of which”

reaches back into a **group you’ve just named** — “among them, of which, of these.” It’s the Chinese “of which / of whom,” so it can’t stand without a group already on the table for it to point at.

Structure: Group ,

{zh: |wǒ|I / |yǒu|have / |sì|four / |liàng / |qì chē|cars / , |qí zhōng|of which / |sān|three / |liàng / |shì|are / |Bǎo mǎ|BMWs / 。 }

I have four cars, three of which are BMWs.

{zh: |zhè me|so / |duō|many / |xiàng mù|projects / , |qí zhōng|of which / |zuì|the most / |nán|difficult / |de / |shì|is / |huán jìng|the environmental / |xiàng mù|one / 。 }

Of all these projects, the hardest is the environmental one.

Remember: = “**within that (group)**” — (“that”) + (“inside”). It always looks *backward* to a set already mentioned; = “one of them.”

Watch out

- It can’t open a brand-new topic — name the group first, then .