

Sentence patterns

Ref Hsk4 Grammar

... — “take A as B”

The elegant, semi-classical frame **A B** means “take / regard A as B” — treating one thing as your basis, standard, or focus. It rings formal, and it’s the engine behind a whole family of set phrases.

Structure: + A + + B

{zh: |wǒ men|our / |gōng sī|company / |yǐ|takes / |Yà zhōu|the Asian / |shì chǎng|market / |wéi|as / |zhǔ|its focus / 。 }

Our company focuses mainly on the Asian market.

{zh: |xǔ duō|many / |qǐ yè|firms / |fā zhǎn|grow / |hěn|very / |kuài|fast / , |yǐ|take / |Mài dāng láo|McDonald’s / |wéi|as / |lì|an example / 。 }

Many firms have grown fast — take McDonald’s as an example.

Remember: **A B** = “take A as your B.” Memorise the set phrases and you’ve got it: ... (“mainly”), ... (“for example”), ... (“proud of”), (“put people first”). The everyday paraphrase is A B.

Watch out

- It’s formal/written — in casual speech, A B carries the same idea.