

Adverbs with Adjectives

Ref Hsk4 Grammar

挺 + 形容词 + 的 — “quite, pretty”

挺 ... 的 is a laid-back “quite, pretty, rather” — a relaxed, conversational intensifier that almost always wraps up with 的. It’s softer than 很 and pops up constantly in everyday chat.

Structure: 挺 + Adjective + 的

{zh: 你 |nǐ|your / 男朋友 |nán péng you|boyfriend / 挺 |tǐng|pretty / 帅 |shuài|handsome / 的 |de / 。 }

Your boyfriend is pretty handsome.

{zh: 最近 |zuì jìn|lately / 大家 |dà jiā|everyone / 都 |dōu / 挺 |tǐng|quite / 忙 |máng|busy / 的 |de / 。 }

Everyone’s been quite busy lately.

Remember: 挺 wants its 的 — 挺好的, never bare 挺好. Think of 挺 ... 的 as a matched pair of bookends around the adjective. It’s the casual, easygoing “pretty / quite,” softer than 很 / 非常.

Watch out

- Leave off the 的 and it sounds unfinished to a native ear.