

Nouns

Ref Hsk4 Grammar

其中 — “among them, of which”

其中 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 , 其中

{zh: 我 |wǒ|I / 有 |yǒu|have / 四 |sì|four / 辆 |liàng / 汽车 |qì chē|cars / , 其中 |qí zhōng|of which / 三 |sān|three / 辆 |liàng / 是 |shì|are / 宝马 |Bǎo mǎ|BMWs / 。 }

I have four cars, three of which are BMWs.

{zh: 这么 |zhè me|so / 多 |duō|many / 项目 |xiàng mù|projects / , 其中 |qí zhōng|of which / 最 |zuì|the most / 难 |nán|difficult / 的 |de / 是 |shì|is / 环境 |huán jìng|the environmental / 项目 |xiàng mù|one / 。 }

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

Remember: **其中** = “**within that (group)**” — 其 (“that”) + 中 (“inside”). It always looks *backward* to a set already mentioned; 其中一个 = “one of them.”

Watch out

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