Nouns

HSK 4 Grammar

Original teaching practice. Read one pattern, cover its model and try the questions before checking the separate answer section. Examples adapted from Chinese Grammar Wiki (AllSet Learning, CC BY-NC-SA) retain the course-reference provenance.

其中 (among them / of which)

Thirty students, five from abroad

- Your teacher describes your new class to a visitor.
- **我们班有三十个学生，其中五个是留学生。** – "There are thirty students in our class, five of whom are international students."

Group，其中 + part

- **其中** = "among them, of which": it refers back to a group just mentioned and picks out part of it.
- It starts the second clause: 我买了三本书，其中一本是小说.

我买了三本书，其中一本是小说。
wǒ mǎi le sān běn shū qí zhōng yì běn shì xiǎo shuō
Word guide: 我 – I; 买 – bought; 三本 – three; 书 – books; 其中 – of which; 一本 – one; 是 – is; 小说 – a novel.



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■ The most, the best, a share

- **这些菜我都喜欢，其中我最喜欢饺子。** – "I like all these dishes; of them, I like dumplings best."
- With 之一: **长城是其中最有名的景点之一。** – "The Great Wall is one of the most famous sights among them."

其中我最喜欢饺子。
qí zhōng wǒ zuì xǐ huan jiǎo zi
Word guide: 其中 – among them; 我 – I; 最 – most; 喜欢 – like; 饺子 – dumplings.

■ Name the group first

- 其中 needs a group in the previous clause; it cannot start a conversation.
- The common form is 其中 + number + measure word: 其中两个, 其中一本.

■ 其中 versus 中间 and 里

- 其中 refers to a group already named: 其中两个.
- 在 … 中 / 在 … 里 names the group in the same phrase: 在这些学生中，他最高.

在这些学生中，他最高。
zài zhè xiē xué sheng zhōng tā zuì gāo
Word guide: 在 – among; 这些 – these; 学生 – students; 中 – (among); 他 – he; 最 – most; 高 – tall.

■ Recap

- **Group，其中 + part** = of which, among them; it points back to a group just named.
- Use 在 … 中 when the group is named in the same phrase.

Practise this pattern step by step.

Practice without the models

■ 其中 (among them / of which)

0601.1 Complete: "I have three friends here; one of them is a doctor." 我在这儿有三个朋友，…… 一个是医生。

0601.2 Which sentence is correct?

- A. 我最喜欢其中。
- B. 其中我最喜欢这个。
- C. 其中的这些颜色很好看。
- D. 这些颜色都很好看，其中我最喜欢蓝色。

0601.3 Build: "I like all these dishes; of them, I like dumplings best."

Arrange all chunks: 其中我 / ， / 这些菜我都喜欢 / 最喜欢饺子。

0601.4 在这些学生中 names the group within the same phrase.

True or false? Explain or repair the statement.

0601.5 Your teacher describes your new class to a visitor. 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.

Write or say your own response before reading the key.

Answers and explanations

■ 其中 (among them / of which)

0601.1 其中

其中 picks out part of the group just mentioned.

0601.2 D. 这些颜色都很好看，其中我最喜欢蓝色。

The group must be named first; then 其中 picks one.

0601.3 这些菜我都喜欢，其中我最喜欢饺子。

Group, then 其中 + choice.

0601.4 True.

其中 points back; 在 … 中 names the group directly.

0601.5 One possible response: 我们班有三十个学生，其中五个是留学生。

Check meaning and form:

- My response conveys a message that fits the opening situation.
- I can explain the meaning of the pattern, rather than only naming it.
- 其中 needs a group in the previous clause; it cannot start a conversation.
- The common form is 其中 + number + measure word: 其中两个, 其中一本.
- I tried a second response with a name, time, place, or description changed.

This is supported productive practice. Compare meaning and structure; your answer need not copy the model. A partner or teacher must hear the spoken response to comment on pronunciation.