

Not only... but also...

Ref Hsk4 Grammar

不但 / 不仅 / 不只 ... 而且 / 还 / 也 ... — “not only ... but also ...”

Several near-identical frames all mean “**not only A, but also B**”: 不但 / 不仅 / 不只 up front, paired with 而且 / 还 / 也 behind. Mix and match freely — they’re alike in meaning, and B should push *further* than A.

Structure: Subject + 不但 / 不仅 / 不只 + A , 而且 / 还 / 也 + B

{zh: 王师傅 |Wáng shī fu|Master Wang / 不但 |bú dàn|not only / 会 |huì|can / 开车 |kāi chē|drive / , 还 |hái|but also / 会 |huì|can / 修车 |xiū chē|fix cars / 。 }

Master Wang not only drives — he can repair cars too.

{zh: 我们 |wǒ men|we / 不仅 |bù jǐn|not only / 完成 |wán chéng|finished / 了 |le / 任务 |rèn wù|the task / , 而且 |ér qiě|but also / 提前 |tí qián|ahead of schedule / 了 |le / 十天 |shí tiān|by ten days / 。 }

We not only finished the task, but did so ten days early.

Remember: front + back, pick any pair: 不但 / 不仅 / 不只 ($\approx$ “not only”) with 而且 / 还 / 也 ($\approx$ “but also”). 不仅 / 不只 ring a touch more formal; B must *escalate* past A. If the subject changes, put it **after** the conjunction: 不但 ..., 而且**他**也

Watch out

- Keep both halves — Chinese says “not only... but also...” in full, where casual English might drop one.