

Adverbs with Adjectives

Ref Hsk5 Grammar

+ / — “especially, exceptionally”

pushes a quality beyond the usual — “especially, exceptionally, particularly.” It’s a touch more literary than , marking something that **stands out from the norm**.

Structure: + Adjective / Verb

{zh: |yǔ hòu|after the rain / |de / |kōng qì|the air / |gé wài|exceptionally / |xīn xiān|fresh / 。 }

The air after rain is exceptionally fresh.

{zh: |jiàn dào|seeing / |lǎo péng you|her old friend / , |tā|she / |gé wài|especially / |gāo xìng|happy / 。 }

Seeing her old friend, she was especially happy.

Remember: = “outside the usual grid” (= a frame/square) → “exceptionally, beyond the norm.” It’s the more literary, stands-out cousin of .

Watch out

- It implies a *departure from normal* — for plain “very,” / fit; for “stands out,” .