

Complex Sentence Patterns

Ref Hsk5 Grammar

/ — “no wonder”

(and its twin) expresses a **dawning realisation** — “no wonder, that’s why.” Some fresh piece of information has just made everything click. The two are interchangeable.

Structure: Reason , / + Observation

{zh: |Xiǎo Zhāng|Xiao Zhang / |qǐng jià|on leave / |le / , |guài bu de|no wonder / |jīn tiān|today / |méi|haven’t / |kàn dào|seen / |tā|him / 。 }

Xiao Zhang’s on leave — no wonder I haven’t seen him today.

{zh: |zhè|this / |yě / |nán guài|isn’t to blame / |tā|him / , |tā|he / |zhè me|so / |xiǎo|young / 。 }

You can’t really blame him — he’s so young.

Remember: = = “no wonder!” — read literally as “*can’t blame* it (given that...),” which is exactly why + a person also means “can’t really blame them” (, “you can hardly blame him”).

Watch out

- Both pair with the explaining fact — the reason comes first, then + what’s now explained.