

因果句

Ref Hsk5 Grammar

之所以 , 是因为 — stating the effect before the cause

之所以 ... 是因为 ... states the **result first**, then explains it — “the reason (why) ... is that ...”. It flips the usual 因为 ... 所以 ... to spotlight the outcome. The second half can also be 是为了 (purpose) or 是想 (intention).

Structure: 之所以 + Result , 是因为 / 是为了 / 是想 + Cause

{zh: 他 |tā|he / 之所以 |zhī suǒ yǐ|the reason why / 成功 |chéng gōng|succeeded / , 是因为 |shì yīn wèi|is because / 很 |hěn|very / 努力 |nǔ lì|hard-working / 。 }

The reason he succeeded is that he worked very hard.

{zh: 我 |wǒ|I / 之所以 |zhī suǒ yǐ|the reason / 告诉 |gào su|am telling / 你 |nǐ|you / , 是想 |shì xiǎng|is to / 让 |ràng|make / 你 |nǐ|you / 小心 |xiǎo xīn|careful / 。 }

The reason I'm telling you is to make you careful.

Remember: 之所以 ... 是因为 ... = 因为 ... 所以 ... run backwards — outcome up front (“the reason X...”), cause behind (“...is that Y”). Use it to put the *result* in the spotlight. Tail variants: 是为了 (purpose), 是想 (intention).

Watch out

- Keep the order: 之所以 + result, then 是因为 + cause — don't put the cause first.