

# Comparing similar conjunctions

## HSK 5 Grammar

Use the examples with their context and limits. Recall a sentence before reading the model. Original teaching additions accompany examples adapted from Chinese Grammar Wiki (AllSet Learning, CC BY-NC-SA); see the course reference provenance.

### vs (with vs toward)

#### ■ A partner marker does not guarantee a reply

- You tell someone the news, without saying whether they answered.
- – introduces the person addressed in this context.

#### ■ Build the form

- The pattern in this lesson is **vs (with vs toward)**. Locate it in the original interlinear examples below.
- Keep the words in their demonstrated positions; the pattern must fit the intended situation as well as the sentence form.

*wǒ gēn tā shāng liang*

Word guide: – I; – with; – him; – discuss.

#### ■ Read examples in context

*tā duì wǒ xiào le*

Word guide: – he; – toward; – me; – smile.

- In the opening example, : introduces the person addressed in this context.
- Explain who acts, what is described and which time or group is relevant before choosing an English paraphrase.

#### ■ Know the boundary

- implies joint discussion, but does not itself prove a two-way exchange.
- also directs speech towards him.

#### ■ Use the distinction

- introduces the person addressed in this context.
- implies joint discussion, but does not itself prove a two-way exchange. also directs speech towards him.

#### ■ Try it with help closed

You tell someone the news, without saying whether they answered. 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.

#### One possible response:

- My response conveys a message that fits the opening situation.
- I can explain the meaning of the pattern, rather than only naming it.
- implies joint discussion, but does not itself prove a two-way exchange.
- also directs speech towards him.
- I tried a second response with a name, time, place, or description changed.

Practise this pattern step by step.