

Verbs

Ref Hsk6 Grammar

+ Subject + Verb Phrase — “I bet (you wouldn’t dare)”

In spoken Chinese, voices a confident, slightly challenging bet — “I bet ..., I’m sure ..., you wouldn’t dare.” The speaker is daring the other person, so it almost always comes with / plus , and the speaker is usually .

Structure: + Subject + + / + Verb Phrase

{zh: |liàng|I bet / |tā|he / |yě / |bù gǎn|wouldn’t dare / ! }

I bet he wouldn’t dare!

{zh: |wǒ|I / |liàng|bet / |nǐ|you / |yě / |bù gǎn|wouldn’t dare /
|qù|go and / |tóu sù|complain / 。 }

I bet you wouldn’t dare go and complain.

Remember: = a daring “I bet you wouldn’t...” — a confident challenge, leaning on + / (, “bet he wouldn’t dare”). The speaker is usually , sizing up the other person.

Watch out

- It’s spoken and a touch confrontational — it almost always carries the / + , not a plain positive.