Prepositions

HSK 6 Grammar

Original teaching practice. Read one pattern, cover its model and try the questions before checking the separate answer section. Examples adapted from Chinese Grammar Wiki (AllSet Learning, CC BY-NC-SA) retain the course-reference provenance.

鉴于 (in light of / given)

Given the storm warning

- The city government announces closures as a typhoon approaches.
- **鉴于台风即将到来，全市学校明天停课。** – "In view of the approaching typhoon, all schools in the city will close tomorrow."

鉴于 + situation, decision

- **鉴于** = "in view of, given, considering": it states the situation behind a decision.
- It opens the sentence; the second clause states what will be done.

鉴于天气原因，比赛推迟。
jiàn yú tiān qì yuán yīn bǐ sài tuī chí
Word guide: 鉴于 – in view of; 天气 – the weather; 原因 – reasons; 比赛 – the match; 推迟 – is postponed.



Official decisions

- **鉴于他的表现，公司决定给他升职。** – "In view of his performance, the company decided to promote him."
- Common in notices, reports and formal letters.

鉴于他的表现，公司决定给他升职。
jiàn yú tā de biǎo xiàn gōng sī jué dìng gěi tā shēng zhí
Word guide: 鉴于 – in view of; 他 – his; 表现 – performance; 公司 – the company; 决定 – decided; 给 – to; 他 – him; 升职 – promote.

■ Formal and forward-looking

- 鉴于 introduces the basis for a decision or measure; it is not for casual causes (use 因为).
- A 鉴于 phrase often comes first to state the basis. Its position can vary; check that the main decision remains a complete clause.

■ 鉴于 versus 由于 and 因为

- 由于 / 因为 explain why something happened: 由于下雨，比赛取消了.
- 鉴于 explains why a decision is being made: 鉴于天气，我们决定推迟.

由于下雨，比赛取消了。
yóu yú xià yǔ bǐ sài qǔ xiāo le
Word guide: 由于 – due to; 下雨 – rain; 比赛 – the match; 取消 – was cancelled.

■ Recap

- **鉴于 + situation，decision** = in view of / given … (formal, official).
- 由于 / 因为 explain causes of events; 鉴于 justifies decisions.

Practise this pattern step by step.

Practice without the models

■ 鉴于 (in light of / given)

0601.1 Complete (notice): "In view of the weather, the match is postponed." ……天气原因，比赛推迟。

0601.2 Which suits a casual explanation to a friend?

- A. 我饿了鉴于。
- B. 因为我饿了，我们去吃饭吧。
- C. 鉴于饿，吃饭。
- D. 鉴于我饿了，我们去吃饭吧。

0601.3 Build: "In view of his performance, the company promoted him."

Arrange all chunks: 鉴于他的表现 / 公司决定 / 给他升职。/ ，

0601.4 鉴于 typically justifies a decision.

True or false? Explain or repair the statement.

0601.5 The city government announces closures as a typhoon approaches. 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.

Write or say your own response before reading the key.

Answers and explanations

■ 鉴于 (in light of / given)

0601.1 鉴于

鉴于 + situation, decision.

0601.2 B. 因为我饿了，我们去吃饭吧。

鉴于 ("in view of") is formal and used in official writing. When explaining something casually to a friend, 因为 is the natural choice.

0601.3 鉴于他的表现，公司决定给他升职。

鉴于 + basis, then the decision.

0601.4 True.

It states the basis for what will be done.

0601.5 One possible response: 鉴于台风即将到来，全市学校明天停课。

Check meaning and form:

- My response conveys a message that fits the opening situation.
- I can explain the meaning of the pattern, rather than only naming it.
- 鉴于 introduces the basis for a decision or measure; it is not for casual causes (use 因为).
- A 鉴于 phrase often comes first to state the basis. Its position can vary; check that the main decision remains a complete clause.
- I tried a second response with a name, time, place, or description changed.

This is supported productive practice. Compare meaning and structure; your answer need not copy the model. A partner or teacher must hear the spoken response to comment on pronunciation.