

Traditional Chinese Word Order and Sentence Patterns

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Subject

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Time

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Place

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Verb

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Object (often)

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我 + 今天 + 在家 + 吃 +
晚餐

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她 + 下午 + 在圖書館 + 看
+ 書

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我們 + 週末 + 在市場 + 買
+ 水果

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Oops

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dìdì□n (chángyòng
"zài")

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shíjī□n

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zh□y□

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我今天在家吃晚餐。

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shòucí

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dòngcí

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Better

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我們週末在市場買水果。

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她下午在圖書館看書。

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我在台北工作今天。

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我今天工作在台北。

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我今天去在公司。

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我今天台北工作。

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是...的 Construction for Emphasis

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把 Construction (Disposal)

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連...都/也 Pattern (Even)

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一...就... Pattern (As soon as)

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越來越... Pattern (More and more)

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我今天去公司。Wǒ jīntiān
qù gōngsī.

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我今天在台北工作。Wǒ
jīntiān zài Táiběi
gōngzuò.

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我今天在台北工作。Wǒ
jīntiān zài Táiběi
gōngzuò.

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Indicates what happened
to the object, often with a
change or disposal.

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Used to emphasize when,
where, or how an action
took place.

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jīntiān zài Táiběi
gōngzuò.

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Indicates a progressive
increase in a quality or
state.

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As soon as V1 happens, V2
occurs.

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Even N does/did V;
emphasizes extremity.

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Verb + 起來 + Comment

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A 比 B + Adjective

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雖然...，但是...

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因為...，所以...

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一邊...一邊...

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不但...，而且...

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如果...，就...

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先...然後...

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除了...以外，還/也...

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Although..., but...

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Comparative: A is more
[adj] than B.

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Used to express how
something seems or feels
when doing the action.

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Not only..., but also...

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Doing two actions
simultaneously.

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Because..., so...

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besides... also...; in addition
to

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first... then...; sequencing
actions

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If..., then...

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對...來說

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只要...就...

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Time + 才 + Verb

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Time + 就 + Verb + 了

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快要...了

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對...感興趣

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即使...也...

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只有...才...

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除了...以外，都...

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action occurs later than
expected; only then

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as long as... then...; if
condition met, result
follows

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as for...; from the
perspective of

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Expresses interest in
something

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Indicates something is
about to happen

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action occurs earlier than
expected; as early as

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Except for... all...

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Only if... then...

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Even if... still...

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與其...不如...

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除非...，才...

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非...不可

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無論...，都...

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既然...，就...

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由於...，因此...

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為了...，而...

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Descriptive complement
with 得

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Potential complement

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Insist on doing / must

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Only if... then...

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Rather than A, better to B

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Since ... therefore ...

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Since ... then ...

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No matter ... still ...

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Expressing ability or
inability to achieve a result

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Describing the degree or
manner of an action

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In order to ... (and) so ...

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Double object
construction

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Existence with 有

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越...越... pattern

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Simultaneous actions with
著

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既...又...

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The more... the more...

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Indicating the existence of
something in a location

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Giving, teaching, or telling
someone something

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Both... and... (used to
describe two qualities or
actions simultaneously)

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Doing V2 while V1 is
ongoing

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