

Traditional Chinese Grammar Patterns

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先.....，再.....
xiān...，zài...

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.....先.....，等.....，再.....
... xiān ...，děng ...，zài ...

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一邊 V1，一邊 V2
yìbiān...，yìbiān...

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一面 V1，一面 V2
yímiàn...，yímiàn...

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A 或者 B
huòzhě

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.....，或者.....
...，huòzhě...

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.....比較.....
bǐjiào

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一.....就.....
yí... jiù...

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因為.....，所以.....
yīnwèi... suǒyǐ...

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Do two actions at the same time.

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Do something first, wait for something, then do the next action.

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Do one action first, then do another.

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Use this to present an alternative option.

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Use this to offer one of two choices.

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Do two actions at the same time; slightly more formal or written.

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Use this to say a reason and its result.

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As soon as one thing happens, another happens right away.

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Say that something is relatively more or less than another.

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.....，這是因為.....
zhè shì yīnwèi...

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.....是因為 / 由於.....
shì yīnwèi / yóuyú...

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由於.....，因此.....
yóuyú... yīncǐ...

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要是 / 如果.....的話，.....
yàoshi / rúguǒ... dehuà...

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只要.....，（.....）就.....
zhǐyào... jiù...

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只有.....，（.....）才.....
zhǐyǒu... cái...

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除了.....以外，還 / 也.....
chúle... yǐwài, hái / yě...

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.....才 / 不過.....而已
cái / búguò... éryǐ

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不過 / 只.....而已
búguò / zhǐ... éryǐ

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A more formal way to show cause and result.

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Use this to state the reason directly.

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Use this to explain why something is true.

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Use this to say something happens only under one condition.

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Use this to say one condition is enough for a result.

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Use this to say what will happen if a condition is met.

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Means 'just' or 'nothing more than' and downplays the amount.

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Shows that something is only a small amount or degree.

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Use this to say something else is included besides one item.

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才 / 就 / 再
cái / jiù / zài

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.....一直.....
yìzhí

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.....一向.....
yíxiàng

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.....往往.....
wǎngwǎng

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.....V 起來.....
qǐ lái

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.....V 起 (O) 來.....
qǐ lái

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V 來 V 去
lái qù

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V 下去
xià qù

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連.....都.....
lián... dōu...

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Describes a habit or tendency that has been true for a long time.

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Shows an action or state continuing without stopping.

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These words compare timing: 才 = later than expected, 就 = earlier or sooner than expected, 再 = after that or one more time.

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Used with separable objects to show starting an action or doing something continuously.

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Often means an action starts, or something seems/feels a certain way.

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Means something often happens or tends to happen in a certain way.

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Even the most obvious or extreme case is included.

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To continue doing something; or move downward.

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Repeated back-and-forth action.

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不但.....而且.....
bùdàn... érqiě...

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既.....又.....
jì... yòu...

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.....既.....又.....
jì... yòu...

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.....不是.....就是.....
bú shì... jiù shì...

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..... (並) 不是.....而是.....
bìng bú shì... ér shì...

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.....是.....而 / 並不是.....
shì... ér/bìng bú shì...

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.....因為.....而.....
yīnwèi... ér...

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.....為了.....而.....
wèile... ér...

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A、B 或者 C、D.....都.....
dōu

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A sentence form showing
two qualities together.

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Describes two qualities at
the same time.

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Not only one thing, but
also another.

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Used to affirm one part
and correct or deny
another part.

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Not A, but actually B.

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Either one thing or
another.

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Means all listed options
share the same result.

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Shows doing something
for a purpose.

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Shows that one thing
happens because of a
cause.

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.....一會兒.....一會兒.....
yíhuìr... yíhuìr...

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.....QW Vs 就 V QW.....
qǐngwèn/wh-word... jiù...

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怎麼 Vs 就怎麼 V.....
zěnmē... jiù zěnmē...

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要 / 想 V QW.....就 V QW
yào/xiǎng... jiù...

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A 比不上 / 不如 B
bǐ bù shàng / bù rú

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A 比不上 / 不如 B 的.....
bǐ bù shàng / bù rú

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X 是 X, 可是.....
shì... kěshì

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.....不但不 / 不但沒....., 反而.....
bù dàn bù / bù dàn méi... fǎn
ér...

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.....並不 / 並沒.....
bìng bù / bìng méi

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Means to do something in exactly the same way as the first action or condition.

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Uses a question word in one clause and repeats the same word in the answer or result clause.

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Describes something changing back and forth in a short time.

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A falls short of B in a certain respect.

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A is not as good as B.

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Means if you want to do something, then do it in whatever way or place you choose.

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A formal way to strongly say something is not the case.

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Not only did something not happen, but the opposite happened.

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Admit one point, then add a contrast.

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.....可不 / 可沒.....
kǒ bù / kǒ méi

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.....又不 / 又沒.....
yòu bù / yòu méi

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.....，還是.....吧
hái shì... ba

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.....，還是別 / 不要..... (了) (吧).....) 雖然.....，不過 / 可是 / 但是.....
hái shì bié / bú yào ... le ba

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suǒ rán ... · bú guò / kě shì / dàn shì ...

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與其.....不如.....
yǔ qí ... bù rú ...

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還好 / 幸虧.....，要不然 / 否則.....
hái hǎo / xìng kuǒ ... · yào bù rán / fǒu zé ...

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既然.....，那麼.....
jì rán ... · nà me ...

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既然.....，(.....)就.....
jì rán ... · jiù ...

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A soft suggestion to choose one option.

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Used in speech to explain why something is unnecessary or untrue.

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A colloquial way to strongly deny or emphasize a negative.

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Used to compare two choices and prefer the second one.

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Used to say one fact is true, but another fact is also true.

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A soft suggestion not to do something.

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Used to say that because a condition is true, something should happen.

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Used to say that because something is true, a certain conclusion follows.

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Used to say something fortunate happened, otherwise a bad result would follow.

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就算是 / 即使.....也 / 都.....
jiù suàn shì / jí shǐ ... · yǐ /
dōu ...

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再.....都.....
zài ... dōu ...

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不管 / 不論 / 無論
A (、B) 還是 / 或是
C · (.....) 都.....
bùguǎn / bùlùn / wúlùn

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不管 / 不論 / 無論
QW..... · (.....) 都.....
bùguǎn / bùlùn / wúlùn

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除非.....，要不然 / 否則.....
chúfǒu

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除非.....，.....才.....
chúfǒu

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.....，再說.....，所以 / 因此 / 因而.....
zàishuō

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.....，因為.....，再說.....
yīnwèi / zàishuō

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.....以為.....，沒想到.....
yǐwéi / méi xiǎngdào

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No matter which option is chosen, the result is the same.

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Used to mean no matter how much or how often, the result stays the same.

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Used to say something is true even under a difficult or extreme condition.

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Only if a condition is met will something happen.

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Something will happen unless a condition is met.

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No matter what, when, or where something happens, the result stays the same.

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You thought something would happen, but the result was unexpected.

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Give a reason, then add another supporting point.

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Add another reason, then give a conclusion.

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一方面.....，一方面（也）.....
yí fāng miàn

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.....，（.....）甚至（於）.....
shènzhì (yú)

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.....，V 著 V 著就.....了
zhe... zhe... jiù... le

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（在）.....上
zài ... shàng

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S 把 OVP
bǎ

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.....V / Vs，.....把.....V / Vs
得.....
bǎ ... de ...

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S 把 N V Nu M
bǎ ... yǎ ...

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S 把 N V 成.....
bǎ ... chéng ...

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被字句
bèi zì jù

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Shows that an action continues for a while and then a change happens.

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Used to show something goes further than the previous item, up to the extreme.

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Describe two sides or two actions at the same time.

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Used to describe an action and its result or degree with 把.

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Used to handle or dispose of an object, often showing what is done to it.

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Used to mean in terms of, regarding, or on a certain aspect.

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Used to show the subject receives an action.

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Used to show changing an object into something else.

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Used to show an object is acted on a certain number of times or amount.

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