

NCEA LEVEL THREE PRESCRIBED GRAMMAR

Useful sentence structures and expressions

- 3.1 Asking other people's opinions using 你看。。。 怎么样/好不好？
- (i) 你看这件毛衣怎么样？
What do you think of this jersey?
 - (ii) (你说) 我们冬天去旅游好不好？
What do you think about going on a winter holiday?
 - (iii) (你看) 我学日语好还是法语好？
Should I study Japanese or French?
- 3.2 Expressing your point of view with reasons using 我觉得/对我来说
- (i) 我觉得打工很重要因为。。。
I think working part time is very important because....
 - (ii) 我觉得中学生不应该喝酒因为。。。
I don't think secondary students should drink because.....
 - (iii) 对我来说，学开车很难因为。。。
As far as I'm concerned/in my opinion, learning to drive is hard because...
- 3.3 Giving examples and supporting for your statements and ideas using 比如.
- (i) 北京有很多好玩的地方。比如，长城，北海公园，中山公园都很有名。
There are many interesting places in Beijing. For example, the Great Wall, Beihai Park, Zhongshan Park, all are well known.
 - (ii) 我觉得会说中文很有用。比如，我可以看中文电影，将来还可以去中国工作。
I think being able to speak Chinese is quite useful. It allows me to watch Chinese films, and later I can also go to work in China.

3.4 Giving suggestions and recommendations using 觉得+...可以 ...
应该 ...
最好 ...

(i) 我觉得你可以。

I think you can....

(ii) 我觉得你应该。

I think you should....

(iii) 我觉得你最好。

I think you had better...

(iv) (我觉得)妈妈回来以前，我们最好做完功课！

We'd better finish our homework before Mum comes back!

3.5 Giving instructions and making suggestions to someone not to do something using 别/不要

(i) 别看电视了！

Stop watching TV!

(ii) 你明天千万不要迟到！

Make sure you are not late tomorrow!

(iii) 今天可能会下雪，你最好别骑车。

It may snow today. You'd better not ride the bike.

3.6 Asking someone to do something using 让

(i) 爸爸让我今天晚上做饭。

Dad asked me to cook tonight.

(ii) 王小明让你马上到他家去。

Wang Xiaoming wanted you to go to his house immediately.

(iii) 请你让王先生给我写信。

Please ask Mr Wang to write to me.

3.7 To forbid or tell someone not to do something or to say that something is not allowed using 不让

- (i) 爸爸不让我开他的车。
My Dad told me not to drive his car. / My Dad won't let me drive his car.
- (ii) 哥哥有一个女朋友，可是他不让我告诉妈妈。
My brother has a girlfriend but he told me not to tell Mum about her.
- (iii) 公共汽车上不让吃东西。
Eating food is not allowed (is forbidden, is prohibited) on the bus.

3.8 Expressing “as well as/in addition to...” using 除了... (以外) ...还

- (i) 除了踢足球以外，他还会打板球。
As well as playing soccer, he also plays cricket.
- (ii) 我们什么都有。除了电视和电话，还有一个电脑。
We have got everything. As well as a TV and a telephone, we also have a computer.

3.9 Expressing exception using 除了... (以外)

- (i) 除了踢足球以外，他不喜欢别的运动。
He doesn't like any sports except for soccer.
- (ii) 除了星期三，我哪天都有空。
I'm free every day except Wednesday.

3.10 Expressing “in order to “ using 为了...

- (i) 为了学中文，他常常去看中文电影。
In order to learn Chinese, he often goes to Chinese movies.
- (ii) 为了给孩子们做早饭，妈妈每天六点起床。
In order to cook breakfast for the children, Mum gets up at 6 every day.

311 Expressing “to, in, for” using 对...

- (i) 新西兰人对外国人很友好。
New Zealanders are very friendly to foreigners.
- (ii) 学生们对电脑感兴趣。
The students are interested in computers.
- (iii) 对小明来说，学外语一点也不难。
For Xiaoming, learning foreign languages is not hard at all.

312 Describing “ a repetitive action” using 又

- (i) 又下雨了！
It is raining again!
- (ii) 王兰昨天迟到了。今天她又迟到了。
Wang Lan was late yesterday. Today she was late again.
- (iii) 他以前看过这个电影了，可是他又看了一次。
He had seen this film before but he saw it again,

312 Expressing intentions “ to have more,...then, to do something again”
using 再

- (i) 我已经吃完饭了可是我想再吃一个冰淇淋。
I've finished my meal but I still want to have an ice cream.
- (ii) 我们打算先去上海，再去南京。
We are planning to go to Shanghai first, then go to Nanjing.
- (iii) 王兰昨天迟到了。今天她不想再迟到了。
Wang Lan was late yesterday. She doesn't want to be late again today.
- (iv) 他看过这个电影了可是他想再看一次。
He has seen this film but he wants to see it again.

313 Frequently used “doubled verbs ” in informal situations e.g. 听听/ 听一听

(i) 我可以听听这个cd 吗? Or 我可以听一听这个cd 吗?

May I listen to this CD?

(ii) 王先生要带我们去学校看一看。

Mr Wang is going to take us to have a look around the school.

(iii) 请您在这里等一等, 他马上就来。 Please wait here for a minute, he'll come immediately.

(iv) 爷爷说我应该练一练汉字。

My Grandpa said that I should practise my Chinese characters.