

## Chinese Grammar: 有点儿(yǒu diǎnr) VS 一点儿 (yì diǎnr)

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### Part 1

yǒu diǎnr

有 点 儿

有点儿 is placed before an adjective or a psych verb to express a negative feeling or complaint.

#### 1. Pattern: 有点儿+Adj.

Wǒ yǒu diǎnr è.

1) 我 有 点 儿 饿。

I'm a little hungry.

Zhè ge cài yǒu diǎnr xián.

2) 这 个 菜 有 点 儿 咸。

This dish is a bit salty.

#### 2. Pattern: 有点儿+Psych Verb

Wǒ yǒu diǎnr tǎo yàn tā.

1) 我 有 点 儿 讨 厌 他。

I kind of don't like him.

Wǒ yǒu diǎnr hài pà tā.

2) 我 有 点 儿 害 怕 他。

I'm kind of afraid of him.

**Note:** 有点儿 is used to describe something unsatisfying or uncomfortable.

Wǒ yǒu diǎnr shū fu.

我 有 点 儿 舒 服。 ×

I feel better.

Wǒ yǒu diǎnr bù shū fu.

我 有 点 儿 不 舒 服。 ✓

I don't feel very well.

Fáng jiān yǒu diǎnr gān jìng.

房 间 有 点 儿 干 净。 ×

The room is a little clean.

Fáng jiān yǒu diǎnr bù gān jìng.

房 间 有 点 儿 不 干 净。 ✓

The room is a bit dirty.

## Part 2

### yì diǎnr 一点儿

#### 1. Pattern: Adj.+ (一) 点儿

一点儿 can be used after an adjective to express comparison, or used in an imperative sentence to express the speaker's expectation.

Jīn tiān bǐ zuó tiān lěng yì diǎnr.

1) 今天比昨天冷一点儿。

It's a little colder today than yesterday. (comparison)

Kuài yì diǎnr, wǒ men kuài chí dào le.

2) 快(一)点儿, 我们快迟到了。

Hurry up a bit, we are going to be late. (expectation)

Zhè jiàn chèn shān yǒu diǎnr guì, néng pián yi yì diǎnr ma?

3) 这件衬衫有点儿贵, 能便宜一点儿吗?

(complaint) (expectation)

This shirt is a little expensive. Can you do cheaper?

#### 2. Pattern: Adj.+了+一点儿

This structure indicates a situation that does not meet someone's expectation or indicates some changes compared with the past.

Zhè jiàn yī fu dà le yì diǎnr.

1) 这件衣服大了一点儿。

This dress is a little bigger. (complaint)

Zhè jiàn yī fu yǒu diǎnr dà.

= 这件衣服有 点儿大。

Nǐ pàng le yì diǎnr.

2) 你胖了一点儿。

You've gained some weight. (change)

### 3. Pattern: Adj. + (一) 点儿+了

This structure indicates a change that the speaker expected is realized.

Tiān qì zhōng yú nuǎn huó yì diǎnr le.

1) 天气终于暖和一点儿了。

It's finally becoming a bit warmer.

Xiàn zài fáng jià pián yi yì diǎnr le.

2) 现在房价便宜一点儿了。

Now the house price is a little bit cheaper.

### 4. Pattern: Verb+ (一) 点儿+Noun

This pattern indicates a small or uncertain quantity.

Wǒ xiǎng qù mǎi yì diǎnr shuǐ guǒ.

1) 我想去买一点儿水果。

I want to buy some fruit.

Tā huì shuō yì diǎnr Hànyǔ.

2) 他会说一点儿汉语。

He can speak a little Chinese.

**Note:** The pattern 有点儿+Noun actually means 有 (Verb) +(一)点儿+Noun.

It follows the pattern: Verb+(一)点儿+Noun.

Dì shàng yǒu diǎnr shuǐ.

1) 地上 有 点儿 水。

There is some water on the floor.

Tā liǎn shàng yǒu yì diǎnr fān qié jiàng.

2) 他脸上 有 一点儿 番茄 酱。

There is a little ketchup on his face.

yì diǎnr yě/dōu bù/méi

### 5. Pattern: 一点儿 + 也/都 + 不/没

This pattern means "not at all."

Zhè ge cài yì diǎnr yě bú là.

1) 这个菜 一点儿 也不 辣。

This dish is not spicy at all.

Tā yì diǎnr dōu méi biàn.

2) 他 一点儿 都 没 变。

He hasn't changed at all.

## Conclusion

a little; a bit	
有点儿	一点儿
<p><b>有点儿 +Adj./Psych Verb:</b> indicates a negative feeling or complaint.</p> <p><b>Note:</b>  <b>有点儿</b> is used to describe something unsatisfying or uncomfortable.                      Wǒ yǒu diǎnr lèi.                      我 有 点 儿 累。                      I'm a little tired.                      Wǒ yǒu diǎnr bù shū fu.                      我 有 点 儿 不 舒 服。✓                      I'm not feeling very well.                      Wǒ yǒu diǎnr shū fu.                      我 有 点 儿 舒 服。×                      I feel better.</p>	<p><b>Adj.+一点儿:</b> indicates comparison, expectation                      Jīn tiān bǐ zuó tiān lěng yì diǎnr.                      今 天 比 昨 天 冷 一 点 儿。                      It's a little colder today than yesterday.  <b>Adj.+了+一点儿:</b> indicates something doesn't meet someone's expectation or indicates changes.                      Zhè jiàn yī fu dà le yì diǎnr.                      这 件 衣 服 大 了 一 点 儿。                      This dress is a little bigger.  <b>Adj.+一点儿+了:</b> indicates the change that the speaker expected is realized.                      Xiàn zài fáng jià pián yi yì diǎnr le.                      现 在 房 价 便 宜 一 点 儿 了。                      Now house prices are a little cheaper.</p>
<p><b>Note:</b>                      有点儿+Noun, it actually follows this structure:  <b>有 (Verb) + (一) 点儿+Noun:</b>                      Dì shàng yǒu diǎnr shuǐ.                      地 上 有 点 儿 水。                      There is some water on the floor.</p>	<p><b>Verb+ 一点儿 +Noun:</b> indicates a small or uncertain quantity.                      Tā huì shuō yì diǎnr Hànyǔ.                      他 会 说 一 点 儿 汉 语。                      He can speak a little Chinese.</p>
<p>_____</p>	<p><b>一点儿+也/都+不/没:</b> not at all                      Tā yì diǎnr dōu méi biàn.                      他 一 点 儿 都 没 变。                      He hasn't changed at all.</p>