

HSK 6 Grammar 10: 假使

HSK 6 假使 就 (formal if), taught from the reviewed topic handout; classroom examples, not official exam items.

A formal 'if' for the school paper

To a classmate — 要是

要是没人来参加，这条河就没法清理。

In the article — 假使

假使没人来参加，这条河就没法清理。

The frame: 假使 + condition , 就 / 便 + result

- 1 **Looking ahead** 假使明天突然降温, 公园里的花就会受冻。
- 2 **The supposed opposite of the past** 假使你当时听了医生的建议, 你的身体便不会这么虚弱。
- 3 **Where 就 goes** The result's subject comes first, then 就 or 便, then 会 or 能: 工程就会延期。

Decision

便 is the written partner of 就; in the full pattern, keep one of them.

A ladder of tone

要是 — casual, everyday talk



如果 — neutral, everywhere



假如 — a little more careful



假使 · 倘若 — literary: essays, reports, speeches

Your turn: the full pattern

Your turn

Which sentence follows the full pattern, with the result marker in its usual place?

- A. 就假使预算不足，工程会延期。
- B. 假使预算不足，工程就会延期。
- C. 假使预算不足就，工程会延期。

Your turn: a text to a classmate

Your turn

Which is the most natural text to a classmate about lunch?

- A. 假使你还没吃，咱们便去食堂。
- B. 要是你还没吃，咱们就去食堂。
- C. 倘若你还没吃，咱们便去食堂。

Answers: supposing

- 1 The budget 假使预算不足，工程就会延期。
- 2 The lunch text 要是你还没吃，咱们就去食堂。
- 3 The power cut 假使今晚停电，家里的暖气就无法启动。
- 4 The closed library 假使昨天图书馆开门，我就借到那本书了。

Decision

假使这座城市没有公共图书馆，很多孩子就无法借到书。 — formal, for a city report.

Check yourself

Your turn

A report: if the bridge were closed, traffic in the whole district would stop. Which sentence fits?

- A. 假使这座桥被关闭，全区的交通便会中断。
- B. 假使这座桥被关闭便，全区的交通会中断。
- C. 要是这座桥关了嘛，全区的交通就停了呗。