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

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如 果 — neutral, everywhere

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假 如 — a little more careful

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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。