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If 1

Parts of if sentences

If Nankya passes PLE, she will join senior one.





If clause main clause

NOTE:

Nankya will join senior one if she passes PLE.

If 1

About if 1

- ✓ If 1 goes with a present simple tense in the '**if clause**' and future simple in the '**main clause**'
- ✓ In if 1 sentences, the chances of the action of the verb happening are there and still there

Examples of if 1 sentences

1. If I eat dirt, I shall fall sick.
2. If you are clever, you will pass exams.
3. The radio will receive clever signals if you adjust the aerial.

If 1

Points to Note

- ✓ When we talk about the general truth, we use the present simple tense in both the if clause and the main clause. (**zero conditional**)

Examples

1. If you heat water, it boils.
2. If you increase the volume, the sound becomes high.
3. If the radio stops working, take it to the mechanic.

- ✓ **Use a comma in the if clause if the clause comes first and don't apply a comma if the main clause comes first.**

If 2

About if 2

- ✓ If **2** goes with a past simple or past continuous tense in the '**if clause**' and conditional present tense in the '**main clause**'
- ✓ We use if 2 when the action of the verb is impossible i.e there is no chance of the action happening.

Examples of if 2 sentences

1. If I were a lion, I would not eat humans.
2. If I were God, I would make people live forever.
3. If my father was a teacher, he would teach well.
4. Mackin would get distinctions if he was a candidate.

Conditional tense

-would + infinitive = conditional present tense

Will come = future simple tense

Would come = conditional present tense

The radio will receive clever signals if you adjust the aerial.

The radio would receive clever signals if you adjusted the aerial.

If 2

Points to Note

- ✓ We use '**were**' to emphasize the impossibility of the action to happen whereas '**was**' is used when the action is impossible at that moment but can be possible with time.

Examples

1. If my brother were a lion, he would eat every person. (correct)

~~If my brother was a lion, he would eat every person.~~ (incorrect)

2. If my brother was a teacher, he would teach well. (correct)

~~If my brother were a teacher, he would teach well.~~ (incorrect)

If 2

Change the following sentences to if2.

1. If I get money, I will buy a radio.
2. If I get enough money, I will start up a farm.
3. James will become rich if he cares and feeds his animals well.
4. That goat will produce a lot if we feed it well.
5. If that ewe conceived now, it will give birth in October.
6. If the doctor arrives on time, his bull will not die.
7. If you spray your sheep regularly, you will save them from flies.
8. Muhungu will teach about animal husbandry if he comes tomorrow.
9. The herdswoman will sell some milk if she needs money.
10. The milk will get spoilt if you put it in a dirty container.
11. If I sell all my cattle, I will not get any manure.

If 1

If clause is in the present simple tense

Main clause is in the future simple = will come

If 2

If clause is in the past simple

Main clause is in the conditional present tense = would come

If 3

If clause is in the past perfect tense had given

Main clause is in the conditional present perfect tense = would have come

If 3

About if 3

- ✓ If **3** is used in past perfect tense in the '**if clause**' and conditional present perfect tense in the '**main clause**'
- ✓ The if 3 condition expresses unfulfilled conditions or regrets.
- ✓ The chances for the action to happen were there but are now over.

If 3

Examples

1. If I had revised hard, I would have passed the exam.
2. If he had listened to his parents, he wouldn't have landed into problems.
3. If I had got money, I would have bought a radio.
4. I would have bought a radio if I had got money.

Note

For purposes of emphasis, we sometimes use the inversion where we begin with the auxiliary verb “had” to replace “if”

If 3

Examples

1. If you wash the utensils, you will attend the show.

If you had washed the utensils, you would have attended the show.

Had you washed the utensils, you would have attended the show.

1. Their concert will not be interesting if they don't practise well.

Their concert wouldn't have been interesting if they hadn't practised well.

Their concert wouldn't have been interesting hadn't they practised well.

1. If they don't get enough money, they will not make the birthday bash.

If they hadn't got enough money, they wouldn't have made the birthday bash.

Hadn't they got enough money, they wouldn't have made the birthday bash.

If 3

Points to Note

- ✓ The position of '**not**' in the main clause; it is after the first helping verb '**would**' .

Examples

1. If my brother had become a teacher, he would not have punished us. (correct)

~~If my brother had become a teacher, he would have not punished us.~~ (incorrect)

2. He would not have been arrested if had had some common sense. (correct)

~~He would have not been arrested if he had had some common sense.~~ (incorrect)

If 3

Change these sentences to if3.

1. If I were you, I would consult my siblings during the holidays.
2. They will feel excited if they go for the trip.
3. You will not eat food if you don't cook.
4. If James did his housework, he would attend the concert.
5. If they don't enjoy the vacation, they will not report to school early.
6. If you pay the fare, the conductor will stop asking you.
7. We would prepare a lot of meals if they visited us.
8. Jackson will study French if he gets a teacher.
9. If the show turns out to be nice, people will reward you.
10. If the candidates report early to school, we will begin studying.

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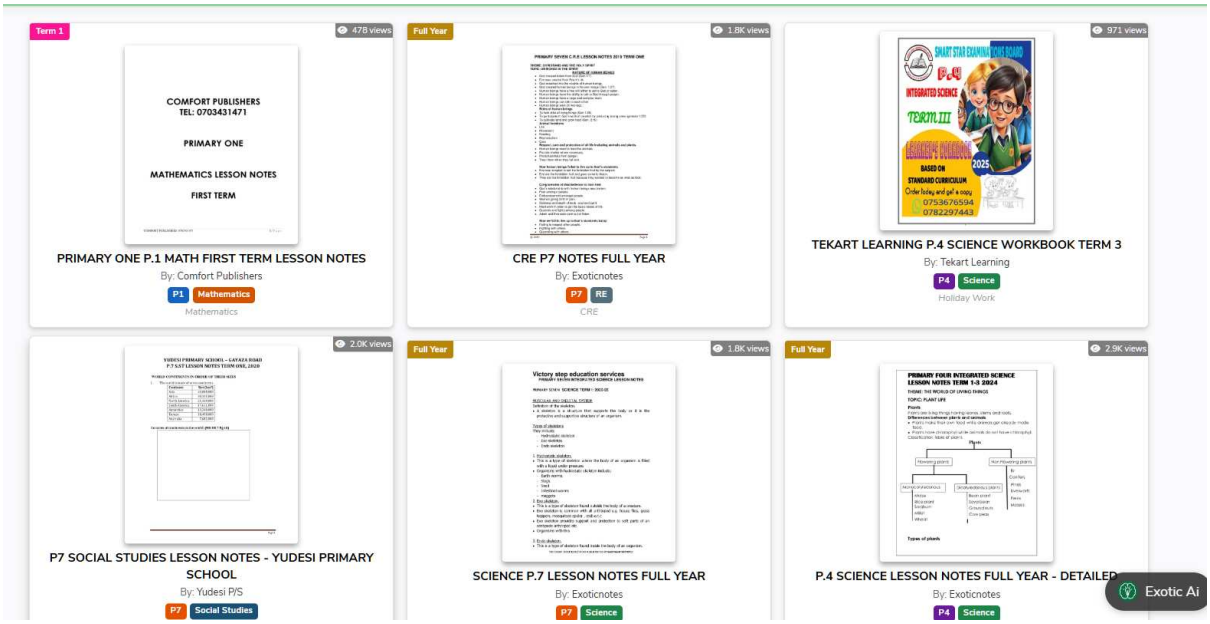






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