

”Even If” Statements

Ref Hsk4 Grammar

... — “even if”

... grants a **hypothetical** and then says it changes **nothing** — “even if A, still B.” The clause after is a supposition you’re entertaining; the clause overrides it.

Structure: + Condition , (Subject +) + Result

{zh: |jí shǐ|even if / |nǐ|you / |bù|don’t / |xiǎng|want / |ràng|to let / |wǒ|me / |qù|go / , |wǒ|I / |yě|still / |yào|will / |qù|go / 。 }

Even if you don’t want me to go, I’m still going.

{zh: |jí shǐ|even if / |nǐ|you / |hěn|very / |yǒu qián|rich / , |yě|still / |mǎi bu dào|can’t buy / |xìng fú|happiness / 。 }

Even if you were rich, you couldn’t buy happiness.

{zh: |jí shǐ|even if / |nǐ|you / |méi wèi kǒu|have no appetite / , |yě|still / |yào|should / |chī|eat / |yì diǎn|a little / 。 }

Even if you’ve no appetite, you should still eat a bit.

Remember: = “even IF” (a supposition); = “even THOUGH” (an actual fact). Hypothetical →; real situation → The in the second clause is non-negotiable.

Watch out

- Close cousins arrive at HSK 5: ... and ... (both “even if”), a touch more colloquial.