

”If” Statements

Ref Hsk4 Grammar

... — “if ... then ...”

... is the everyday spoken “if ... then ...” — a casual twin of ... , especially common in northern China. The opens the result clause.

Structure: + Condition , + Result

{zh: |nǐ|you / |yào shì|if / |zhēn|really / |xiǎng|miss / |wǒ|me / , |jiù|then / |gěi / |wǒ|me / |dǎ diàn huà|call / 。 }

If you really miss me, then call me.

{zh: |yào shì|if / |míng tiān|tomorrow / |bù|doesn't / |xià yǔ|rain / , |wǒ men|we / |jiù|then / |qù|go / |pá shān|hiking / 。 }

If it doesn't rain tomorrow, we'll go hiking.

Remember: = the chatty — same “if,” more spoken (and northern). Both fire in the result. Bonus pattern: ... = “if it weren't for...” (, “if not for the traffic, I'd be there already”).

Watch out

- After the subject, can shrink to :