HYPOTHETICAL CLAUSES

SI CLAUSES

DON'T MISTAKE HYPOTHETICAL CLAUSES WITH REGULAR CLAUSES WITH IF

Si tu ne comprends pas, pose des questions !
Si tu ne comprends pas, j'espère que tu poseras des

**SEQUENCE OF TENSES
(same as in English)**

**IF + PRESENT, FUTURE
IF + IMPARFAIT, CONDITIONAL
IF + PLUS-QUE-PARFAIT, PAST CONDITIONAL**

*If I **go**, I **will be** happy.*
*Si j'y **vais**, je **serai** content(e).*
*If I **went**, I **would be** happy.*
*Si j'y **allais**, je **serais** content(e).*
*If I **had gone**, I **would have been** happy.*
*Si j'y **étais allé(e)**, j'**aurais été** content(e).*

IF = SI

SI + IL = S'IL

IF + PRESENT, IMPERATIVE/PRESENT

NO ORDER OF CLAUSES

IF CAN BE IN THE FIRST CLAUSE, OR THE SECOND. THE SEQUENCE OF TENSES REMAINS THE SAME.

*Je m'amuserai, **si** j'y vais.*
*Je m'amuserais, **si** j'y allais.*
*Je me serais amusé(e), **si** j'y étais allé(e).*

OTHER USES OF SI

SUGGESTION: SI + imparfait = WHAT IF

***Si on allait** au zoo demain? **What if we went** to the zoo tomorrow?*

EXPRESSION OF WISH OR REGRET: SI + imparfait = IF ONLY

Ah! Si j'étais plus grand, plus beau, plus riche! If only I were taller, more handsome, richer!

SI = WHETHER

*Ils ne savent pas encore **s'**ils vont en vacances ou pas.*
*They don't know yet **whether** they are going on vacation.*

Saying YES to a negative statement

*Mais **si**, je t'ai dit que ce produit était nuisible à l'environnement.*
*But **yes**, I told you that product was harmful to the environment.*