

UNIT 7 – THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF CHESS

I. CONDITIONAL CLAUSE

Study these sentences

1. If you want an idea of how big this number is, imagine you have this much money.
2. Then, if you spend one crore rupees every second of your life, it takes approximately 60,000 years for you to spend all the money.
3. If she does that, she calls out ‘checkmate’ and wins the game.
4. If you are on the lookout, you will find many invitation tournaments conducted at school, village, mandal, district and state levels.

In the above sentences, a condition is expressed using an ‘**if-clause**’. Notice the comma at the end of the clause. The clause that follows it is the **main clause**.

Notice the tense in both the clauses – it is **simple present**.

However, sentence 4 has ‘will’, denoting ‘future’.

Sentences 2 and 3 talk about what happens when the condition is met, whereas the first sentence asks the listener/reader to do something when the condition is met with (notice the imperative in the main clause).

If - clauses: Type 0 and 1

- **Sentences 2 and 3** talk about what is certain according to mathematics and according to the rules of chess respectively. This type of condition is called **if-clause Type 0**. This is also used to talk about universal truths, common sense, experience, and facts decided by science.
E.g. 1. If you heat ice, it melts.
2. If you put blue litmus paper in any acid, it turns red.
3. If you step on a snake, it bites.

- **Sentence 4** is an example of **if-clause type 1**. Here ‘will’ is used in the main clause to talk about the possibility of an action in the future.
- Sentence 1 has an imperative in the main clause. We do not know whether it will be fulfilled or not. Since this too expresses possibility, it comes under **if-clause type 1**.
- Notice that if-clause type 0 does not talk about possibility. Usually, it talks about certainty. It does not use ‘will’ or any other auxiliary in the main clause.

II. Read the following sentences and underline the if-clauses. Then, decide whether they are type 0 or type 1. Discuss and then write ‘0’ or ‘1’ against each sentence.

The first one is done for you.

1. You need not buy pink colour. If you mix red and white, you get pink. – 0 2.
2. Listen to your father. If you do not listen to him, you will be in trouble. – 01
3. My brother said, “If you want to get good marks, why don’t you study harder?” – 01
4. Do not take away my homework book. If you do it once again, I will take you to the headmaster. – 01
5. I have a number in my mind. If you divide it by 2, you get zero. If you multiply it by 2, you still get zero. What is it? – 02
6. My science teacher said, “If you keep phosphorous in the air, it catches fire.” – 02
7. It is getting late. If we do not take a taxi, we will not catch the train. – 01
8. Miss Bhanu is very strict. If I am late, she will make me stand in the corner. – 02
9. My social teacher said, “If the demand increases, the prices go up.” – 01
10. My English teacher said, “If you want to learn English, read a lot.” – 01

III. Take three type 0 clauses and three type 1 clauses. Replace ‘if’ with ‘when’ and write the sentences. What did you observe? Which sentence sounds natural?

IV. Write 10 sentences with if clause type 0 and type 1. Use the following clues if you like.

1. oil – water – turn – steam
 - If oil is mixed with water, it turns to steam.
2. divide an even number by two – zero
 - If you divide an even number by 2, the answer will be zero.
3. disturb a snake - bite
 - if you disturb a snake, it will bite you.
4. save money – help in old age
 - If you save money, it will help you in your old age.
5. keep quiet – tell a story
 - If you keep quiet, I will tell you a story.
6. take medicine – get well
 - If you take the medicine, you will get well soon.
7. meet Ravi Varma – ask – see me
 - If you happen to meet Ravi Varma, ask him to see me.
8. buy – two pairs – one pair free
 - If you buy two pairs, you will get one pair free.
9. help me with English – help with Maths 1
 - If you help me with English, I'll help you with Maths 1.
10. Miss bus – what you do?
 - If you miss the bus, what will you do?