



SI VS SÍ: DIFFERENCES SIMPLIFIED & KEY USES





DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SI VS SÍ

Si without an accent

Used to create conditional sentences.



Si la veo, yo le digo. If I see her, I'll let her know.

Sí with an accent

Direct translation of 'yes'.



Sí, yo le digo si la veo. Yes, I'll let her know if I see her.

WHEN TO <u>USE SI</u> IN SPANISH

KEY POINTS

- Si is to form conditional sentences, also known as <u>Spanish si clauses</u>.
- Si is also used to express uncertainty and compare <u>hypothetical situations</u>.



No sé si Emma se enojó conmigo. I don't know if Emma is mad at me.

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WHEN TO USE SÍ IN SPANISH

AFFIRM

EMPHASIZE

REFLEXIVE FORM



<u>Sí</u>, soy mexicano. <u>Yes</u>, I'm Mexican.



Creo que <u>sí</u> estoy enfermo. I think <u>I am</u> sick.



Los niños se ayudan <u>entre sí</u>. Children help <u>each other</u>.

SI VS SÍ: KEY POINTS

Si (no accent)

- It has a less emphatic pronunciation.
- It's used to create **conditional sentences**. Si (if) introduces the condition that must be fulfilled to reach an outcome.
- It can also express uncertainty and compare hypothetical situations.

Sí (with accent)

- Its pronunciation **emphasizes** the vowel 'i'.
- It means 'yes'.
- It emphasizes the affirmative information given in a sentence.
- When combined with prepositions, *si* is used in **reflexive expressions**, indicating actions directed towards oneself.

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