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IF+ ADJECTIVE

In a formal style, **if** can be used with a similar meaning to **although**. This is common in the structure **if + adjective** (with no verb). **If** is not as definite as **although**; it can suggest that what is being talked about is a matter of opinion, or not very important.

IF + ADJECTIVE is used when adding one criticism of a person or thing that you generally like.

- . His style, **if simple**, is pleasant to read.
- . The profits, **if a little lower** than last year's, are still extremely healthy.
- . Lunch was a grand **if rather noisy affair**.
- . The stories are basically true, **if a little exaggerated**.
- . The eldest son was highly intelligent, **if somewhat lazy**.
- . Donald's essays are always interesting, **if sometimes rather careless**.