

## Examples of εἰ as whether

μελλόντων δὲ τῶν Ἴωνων λύειν καὶ ποιέειν τὰ κελευόμενα, Κώης ὁ Ἐρξάνδρου  
στρατηγὸς ἐὼν Μυτιληναίων ἔλεξε Δαρείῳ τάδε, πυθόμενος πρότερον εἰ οἱ φίλον εἶη  
γνώμην ἀποδέκεσθαι παρὰ τοῦ βουλομένου ἀποδείκνυσθαι·

*While the Ionians were on the point of destruction and carrying out their orders, Coes the son  
of Erxander, the general of the Mytilenians, after first finding out whether he would be keen to  
accept an opinion from someone who wanted to give it, said the following to Darius.*

Herodotus Histories 4.97

σκέψασθε δὲ παρ' ὑμῖν αὐτοῖς οὕτως περὶ τούτου τοῦ πράγματος, ζητοῦντες εἴ τις  
ἐμοὶ καὶ Ἐρατοσθένει ἔχθρα πώποτε γεγένηται πλὴν ταύτης.

*Consider this affair further in your own minds, asking yourselves whether any enmity has ever  
arisen before this between me and Eratosthenes.*

Lysias Speeches 1.43

σκοπεῖσθαι οὖν χρὴ ἡμᾶς εἴτε ταῦτα πρακτέον εἴτε μή·

*So we must examine the question whether we ought to do this or not;*

Plato Crito 46b

σκόπει εἰ ἔτι μένει ἡμῖν ἢ οὐ, ὅτι οὐ τὸ ζῆν περὶ πλείστου ποιητέον ἀλλὰ τὸ εὖ ζῆν.

*See whether we still hold to this, or not, that it is not living, but living well which we ought to  
consider most important.*

Plato Crito 48b

πρῶτον μὲν οὖν ἡμῖν τοῦτ' αὐτὸ ἀποκρίναι, εἰ ἀληθῆ λέγομεν φάσκοντές σε  
ὡμολογηκέναι πολιτεύσεσθαι καθ' ἡμᾶς ἔργῳ ἄλλ' οὐ λόγῳ, ἢ οὐκ ἀληθῆ.

*First then, answer this question, whether we speak the truth or not when we say that you  
agreed, not in word, but by your acts, to live in accordance with us.*

Plato Crito 52d