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1 Any row gets skipped in database because of UNIQUE or CHECK

- In SQL, we can define **constraints** on columns to control what values can go in.
- **UNIQUE constraint** → Makes sure no two rows have the same value in that column.
 - Example: If you have a column id with UNIQUE constraint, and you try to insert 1, 2, 2, 3, the second 2 will **not be allowed**.
- **CHECK constraint** → Makes sure the values satisfy a condition.
 - Example: CHECK (age >= 18) → If someone tries to insert age = 16, SQL **rejects that row**.
- That's why your note says numbers like 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 — some numbers might get skipped if they violate UNIQUE or CHECK rules.
- Key idea: **Constraints prevent invalid or duplicate data from entering the table.**

2 CDL, CREATE, ALTER, DROP, TRUNCATE, RENAME

- **CDL = Data Definition Language (DDL)** → Used to **define and modify database structures** (not the data itself).
- **Commands:**
 1. **CREATE** → Makes a new table, database, or other objects.
 2. **CREATE TABLE** students (
 3. id INT,
 4. name VARCHAR(50)
 5.);
 6. **ALTER** → Change an existing table structure (add column, modify column, rename, drop column).
 7. **DROP** → Completely deletes a table or database.
 8. **TRUNCATE** → Deletes **all rows from a table** but keeps the table structure.
 9. **RENAME** → Changes the name of a table.

3 SHOW TABLES

- Lists all tables in the **current database**.
 - `SHOW TABLES;`
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4 SHOW DATABASES

- Lists **all databases** on the server.
 - `SHOW DATABASES;`
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5 Semicolon ;

- Marks the **end of a SQL statement**.
 - Important when you run multiple commands at once.
 - `SELECT * FROM students; -- semicolon ends the statement`
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6 Currently selected database

- To see which database you are using:
 - `SELECT DATABASE();`
 - This tells SQL: “Which database am I working with right now?”
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7 DROP TABLE

- Deletes a table **completely**, including all rows and structure.
 - `DROP TABLE students;`
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8 DROP TABLE IF EXISTS

- Prevents errors if table doesn’t exist:
 - `DROP TABLE IF EXISTS students;`
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9 DROP DATABASE

- Deletes an entire database.
 - If you want to delete multiple databases at once, you can list them (depends on SQL version):
 - `DROP DATABASE db1, db2;`
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10 DDL vs DML rollback

- **DDL (CREATE, ALTER, DROP, TRUNCATE)** → Changes **structure**, cannot be rolled back in most SQL databases.
 - **DML (INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE)** → Changes **data**, can usually be rolled back if you use transactions.
 - Example: If you `DROP TABLE students`, it's gone forever (unless you have a backup).
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1 | 1 ALTER TABLE

- Used to **change table structure**.
 - Syntax examples:
 1. **Modify column type:**
 2. `ALTER TABLE students MODIFY age INT;`
 3. **Change column name:**
 4. `ALTER TABLE students CHANGE old_name new_name VARCHAR(50);`
 5. **Rename table:**
 6. `ALTER TABLE students RENAME TO learners;`
 7. **Add column:**
 8. `ALTER TABLE students ADD grade VARCHAR(5);`
 9. **Drop column:**
 10. `ALTER TABLE students DROP COLUMN grade;`
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1 | 2 TRUNCATE

- Deletes all rows from a table but keeps the table structure.
 - Resets auto-increment indexing to 0.
 - Example: Table had IDs 1, 2, 3... after TRUNCATE, the next inserted row will be 1 again.
 - Difference from DELETE: DELETE keeps indexes intact, TRUNCATE resets them.
 - DELETE FROM students; -- rows deleted, IDs continue from last number
 - TRUNCATE TABLE students; -- rows deleted, IDs reset
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Quick Summary Table

Command	Does what?	Can rollback?	Special notes
CREATE	Create table/database	No	DDL
ALTER	Modify table	No	DDL
DROP	Delete table/database	No	DDL
TRUNCATE	Delete all rows	No	Resets indexes
RENAME	Rename table	No	DDL
SHOW TABLES	Lists tables	N/A	Useful to check structure
SHOW DATABASES	Lists databases	N/A	Useful for server overview
SELECT DATABASE()	Shows current database	N/A	Helps know context