

GRAMMAR :

Conditional Sentences / If – Clauses Type I, II and III

A. Conditional Sentence Type 1:

→ *It is possible and also very likely that the condition will be fulfilled.*

Form: If + Simple Present >>> Future (= will + bare infinitive)

Example: If I find her address, I'll send her an invitation.

Exercise :

Complete the Conditional Sentences (Type I) by putting the verbs into the correct form.

1. If you (send)this letter now, she (receive)..... . it tomorrow .
2. If I (do)..... this test, I (improve) my English.
3. Peggy (go) shopping if she (have) time in the afternoon.
4. Simon (go) to London next week if he (get) a cheap flight.
5. If they (study / not)harder, they (pass / not) the exam.
6. If it (rain) tomorrow, I (have to / not)water the plants.

B. Conditional Sentence Type 2 :

→ *It is possible but very unlikely, that the condition will be fulfilled.*

Form: *if* + Simple Past >>> Conditional (= would + bare infinitive)

Example: If I found her address, I would send her an invitation.

Exercise :

Complete the Conditional Sentences (Type II) by putting the verbs into the correct form.

1.If I (be) rich, my life (change) completely.

2.I (invite) all my friends if (have) a house by the beach.

3.If we (have) a yacht, we (sail) the seven seas.

4.If they (tell) their father, he (be)very angry.

5.We (help) you if we (know)how.

6.My brother (buy)a sports car if he (have)the money.

C. Conditional Sentence Type 3 :

→ *It is impossible that the condition will be fulfilled because it refers to the past.*

Form: *if* + Past Perfect, Conditional II (= would + have + Past Participle)

Example: If I had found her address, I would have sent her an invitation.

Exercise :

Complete the Conditional Sentences (Type III) by putting the verbs into the correct form.

1. If you (study) for the test, you (pass)it.
2. If you (ask)me, I (help)you.
3. If you (speak) English, she (understand)
4. I (write)you a postcard if I (have) your address.
5. If it (not/ start) to rain, we (walk)to the museum.
6. If she (take) the bus, she (not / arrive) on time.

Answer Key :

Exercise 1:

1. send / will receive
2. do / will improve
3. will go / has
4. will go / gets
5. don't study / will not pass
6. rains / will not have to

Exercise 2:

1. were / would change
2. would invite / had
3. had / would sail
4. told / would be
5. would help / knew
6. would buy / had

Exercise 3:

1. had studied / would have passed
2. had asked / would have helped
3. had spoken / would have understood
4. would have written / had had
5. hadn't started / would have walked
6. had taken / wouldn't have arrived