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

A. Conditional Sentence Type I:

→ 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