

CONDITIONAL SENTENCES

Conditional Sentences are also known as Conditional Clauses or If Clauses. They are used to express that the action in the main clause (without *if*) can only take place if a certain condition (in the clause with *if*) is fulfilled. There are three types of Conditional Sentences.

Conditional Sentence Type 1

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

Form: *if* + Simple Present, will-Future

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

Conditional Sentence Type 2

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

Form: *if* + Simple Past, Conditional I (= would + Infinitive)

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

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.