

The Structure of Conditions

| <i>Type</i> | <i>Protasis (“if”)</i> | <i>Apodosis (“then”)</i> |
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| First Class Assumed true for argument’s sake. | εἰ [eī] + indicative mood in any tense | Any mood, any tense |
| Second Class Assumed untrue for argument’s sake. | εἰ [eī] + indicative mood; aorist or imperfect tenses | ἄν [an] + indicative mood; aorist or imperfect tenses |
| Third Class Uncertain of fulfillment but still likely. | εἰάν [ean] + subjunctive mood; any tense | Any tense, any mood |
| Fourth Class Remotely possible but less probable future condition. | εἰ [eī] + optative mood; present or aorist tenses | ἄν [an] + optative mood; present or aorist tenses |