

Grammar

CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE - HANDLING COLLUSION

Conditional Clauses/ 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.

Content	If clause (condition)	Main clause (result/ consequence)
A real and possible situation/result, which depends on a certain condition.	<i>If</i> ice is heated,	it melts.
Use the simple present in both parts of the sentence.	If + simple present	simple present
A possible situation in the future which the speaker thinks is real and possible. It indicates what will happen, provided that a certain situation is given. If the first condition happens, something will happen as a result.	<i>If</i> I find her address,	I'll send her an invitation.
Use the present tense after <i>if</i> , not will (future)!	If + simple present	will-Future
It is used to refer to what could happen if a present situation were different. It is possible but <i>very unlikely</i> that the condition will be fulfilled.	<i>If</i> I found her address,	I would send her an invitation.
Use the past tense after <i>if</i> , not would (conditional)!	If + simple past	Present Conditional (= would + Infinitive)

FUTURE TENSE will +Infinitive	Present/ future hypothetical condition	
	would +infinitive	could+infinitive
I will ring (I'll ring) You will ring (I'll ring) He/she will ring (I'll ring) We will ring (I'll ring) You will ring (I'll ring) They will ring (I'll ring)	I would begin (I'd begin) You would begin (you'd begin) He/she would begin (he'd begin) We would begin (we'd begin) You would begin (you'd begin) They would begin (they'd begin)	I could begin You could begin He/she could begin We could begin You could begin They could begin