

Examples of future unreal conditional

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λέγοιτ' ἄν, εἰ μὴ γλῶσσαν ἐγκλήοι φόβος.

This would be described as pleasing everyone if fear did not block their tongues.

Sophocles Antigone 504-5

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εἰ τὴν αὐτὴν γνώμην περὶ τῶν ἄλλων ἔχοιτε, ἥνπερ περὶ ὑμῶν αὐτῶν, οὐκ ἂν εἶη ὅστις οὐκ ἐπὶ τοῖς γεγενημένοις ἀγανακτοίη, ἀλλὰ πάντες ἂν περὶ τῶν τὰ τοιαῦτα ἐπιτηδεύοντων τὰς ζημίας μικρὰς ἡγοῖσθε.

if you had the same feelings about others as about yourselves, not one of you but would be indignant at what has been done; you would all regard the penalties appointed for those who resort to such practices as too mild.

Lysias Speeches 1.1

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