

## Speculations – unlikely to come true

*The Vargases have been living in California for 15 years. However, Mr and Mrs Vargas have never forgotten Mexico, the country where they lived when they were young.*

1. **If the economic situation was better now, we would probably go to Mexico.**
2. **I would move back tomorrow if the situation was better in Mexico.**
3. **It's true. We might go back if they offered better wages.**
4. **If we moved back, we couldn't give the children such a good education.**
5. **Even if we both found jobs, we wouldn't be able to send them to a good school.**
6. **But I'd feel very unhappy if we had to give up our Mexican traditions here.**



a) *What time does the speaker refer to in these sentences?*

b) *Make a list of the verb forms in the main-clauses and if-clauses.*

<b>main-clause</b>	<b>if-clause</b>
we would go back I would move we might go back we couldn't give we wouldn't be able to send I'd feel  <i>refers to the future</i>	it was it was they offered we moved we found we had to give up  <i>refers to the present and/or future</i>
<b>would + infinitive</b> <b>might/could/should + infinitive</b>	<b>past simple</b>

**unrealistic condition** (impossible)

**unlikely to come true** (improbable)