

Optative Moods

The Optative mood presents the action as conceivable but contains no definite anticipation of realization. It is one step farther removed from reality than the subjunctive mood.

Types of Optative Moods:

1. Voluntative use of the Optative mood is the expression of a wish.
2. There is the Potential Optative Mood which implies a condition “What would he wish to say if he could say anything?” [Acts 17:18](#)
3. Then the Deliberative Optative – sometimes indirect questions are expressed by the Optative. An unusual doubtful attitude of mind is normally implied. [Luke 1:29](#)