Overview of the uses of the subjunctive and optative

	Subjunctive	Optative
Main	Hortative (1 st person plural)	Wish
	Prohibitive (with μη, aorist)	
		Potential (with ἀν)
Sub	Purpose primary	Purpose secondary
	Future real conditionals	Future unreal conditionals
	(ἐαν + subj, fut indic)	(εi + opt, opt + ἀν)
	General relative/temporal	General relative/temporal
	(ὁταν + subj etc)	General past
	General present reference	(rare – later imperfect)
		Indirect statement in
		secondary sequence