If... then! ⚡

Zero & First Conditionals · Fill-in-the-gap practice

Name: Class: Date:

🔁 Zero conditional

Facts, science and things that are **always** true or **always** happen.

If + present simple, present simple

- \+ If you press this button, the light turns on.
- − If I don't sleep enough, I can't concentrate.
- ? What happens if you drop a phone in water?

🔮 First conditional

A **real possibility** in the future: one specific situation.

If + present simple, will / won't + verb

- \+ If it's sunny tomorrow, we'll go to the beach.
- − If you don't hurry, you won't catch the train.
- ? Will you call me if you need help tonight?

A Zero conditional: always true

8 situations that happen every time

✏️ Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the **present simple** in both parts. Watch out for **negatives** and **questions**!

1 🧪 **Science class.** *Your teacher explains what always happens to ice.*

If you _____ (heat) ice, it _____ (melt).

2 🔋 **Your phone.** *This happens every single time the battery is almost empty.*

If my battery _____ (drop) below 5%, my phone _____ (switch off) automatically.

3 🌱 **The school garden.** *A general fact about plants.*

Plants _____ (not / grow) if they _____ (not / get) enough sunlight.

4 🐱 **Your friend's cat.** *You ask what her cat normally does during storms.*

What _____ your cat _____ (do) if it _____ (hear) thunder?

5 🎮 **Your little brother.** *He has the same reaction every time he plays online.*

My little brother _____ (get) really grumpy if he _____ (lose) a match.

6 🚲 **Your routine.** *On rainy days you always take the bus instead.*

If it _____ (rain), I _____ (not / cycle) to school.

7 ⚽ **Football rules.** *You ask your coach about a rule of the game.*

_____ the referee _____ (stop) the game if a player _____ (touch) the ball with their hand?

8 🍝 **Family habits.** *You ask a friend what usually happens at her house in the evenings.*

If your parents _____ (not / be) at home, who _____ (cook) dinner?

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B First conditional: what will happen?

8 real possibilities in the future

✏️ Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the **present simple** after *if* and **will / won't + verb** in the result. Watch out for **negatives** and **questions**!

1 📚 **Tomorrow's maths test.** *It's 7 pm and you're deciding what to do tonight.*

If I _____ **study** tonight, I _____ **pass** the test tomorrow.

2 🚌 **Running late.** *The bus leaves in three minutes and your friend is still tying his shoes.*

Hurry up! If we _____ **not / leave** now, we _____ **miss** the bus.

3 ❄️ **Weekend plans.** *The forecast says it might snow on Saturday. You ask your friend about his plans.*

What _____ you _____ **do** if it _____ **snow** on Saturday?

4 🎉 **Your party next Friday.** *You're not sure yet if Lucía can come.*

If Lucía _____ **come** to my party, she _____ **bring** her new speaker.

5 📵 **Mum's warning.** *You've just checked your phone at the dinner table again.*

If you _____ **use** your phone at dinner again, I _____ **not / let** you go out this weekend.

6 🏞️ **The school trip next month.** *Only a few students have signed up so far. You ask a classmate.*

_____ the teacher _____ **cancel** the trip if not enough students _____ **sign up** ?

7 🎤 **Concert tickets.** *They go on sale at 10 am tomorrow and thousands of fans are waiting online.*

If the website _____ **crash**, we _____ **not / get** tickets for the concert.

8 🤧 **Your friend has a cold.** *She has a basketball match on Monday.*

If you _____ **not / take** some medicine, _____ you _____ **feel** better by Monday?

💡 **Remember:** never use *will* in the *if*-part!

× ~~If it will rain tomorrow...~~ ✓ If it rains tomorrow, we'll stay at home.

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C Zero or first? You decide!

Read the situation carefully, then choose the right conditional

🕵️ First tick **Zero** or **First**. Then complete the sentence with the verbs in brackets in the correct form.

Zero clues: always, every time, usually, a fact, a rule, a habit

First clues: tomorrow, tonight, next week, on Sunday, one specific future situation

1 🐍 **Nature documentary.** *A general fact about how snakes behave.*

Snakes _____ (attack) if they _____ (feel) threatened.

☐ Zero ☐ First

2 🎂 **Your best friend's birthday is tomorrow.** *You haven't got her a present yet.*

If I _____ (finish) my homework early tonight, I _____ (make) her a card.

☐ Zero ☐ First

3 🥣 **Your mornings.** *This happens to you every time you skip breakfast.*

If I _____ (not / have) breakfast, I _____ (feel) tired all morning.

☐ Zero ☐ First

4 🏆 **The football final is next Sunday.** *Your town is very excited about the match.*

If our team _____ (win) on Sunday, the whole town _____ (celebrate).

☐ Zero ☐ First

5 🎨 **Art class.** *You ask a question about colours that is always true.*

What _____ (happen) if you _____ (mix) blue and yellow paint?

☐ Zero ☐ First

6 ⛈️ **Tonight's weather forecast.** *A big storm is coming this evening.*

If the storm _____ (be) very bad, _____ the school _____ (close) tomorrow?

☐ Zero ☐ First

7 🐶 **Your dog.** *It's always the same when your family goes out without him.*

My dog _____ (not / eat) if we _____ (leave) him alone at home.

☐ Zero ☐ First

8 🧥 **Your jacket.** *You lent it to a friend for tonight's party, and your class trip is the day after tomorrow.*

If you _____ (not / give) it back tomorrow, I _____ (not / have) anything warm for the trip.

☐ Zero ☐ First

🚀 **Challenge:** Write two sentences about yourself, one zero and one first conditional.

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