

LESSON 17: *Conditionals:* *Zero + First Conditional*

1. Zero conditional



This conditional is used when the result will always happen.

Ex: **If water reaches 100 degrees, it always boils.**

It's a fact. I'm talking in general, not about one particular situation.

→ **If + Present Simple , Present Simple.**

2. First Conditional

Examples

- If it **rains**, I **will stay** at home.
- If I **wake** up late, I **will miss** the bus.
- And, if it's **sunny**, we'll **go** to the park.



Usage

To talk about possibilities in the present or in the future

→ If + Present Simple , Future Simple.

Note

Ex: **Unless = if not**

You'll be sick unless you **stop** eating.

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You will be sick if you **don't stop** eating.

PRACTICE

Exercise 1:

A What happens?

Match these phrases to make zero conditional sentences.

- 0 You have to pay a fine
- 1 If I'm late for work,
- 2 Jane gets very ill
- 3 If water cools to 0°C,
- 4 He scores a point
- 5 If the alarm goes off,

- a if she eats seafood.
- b the police come automatically.
- c if his opponent misses the ball.
- d if you get caught speeding.
- e my manager always notices.
- f it freezes.

Exercise 2:

Father and son

Use the words given to make first conditional sentences including *if* and *will* and any necessary changes.

0 you/not/brush/your teeth/they/go/bad

If you don't brush your teeth, they'll go bad.

1 you/eat/all your vegetables/I/give/you some dessert

2 you/have/stomach ache/you/eat/too many plums

3 I/help/you with your homework/you/do/the washing-up?

4 you/not/go to bed now/you/be/tired in the morning

5 your mother/be/cross/you/come home late

Exercise 3:

Change your behaviour

Re-write these sentences about changes of behaviour using *unless* and making any necessary changes.

0 If I don't lose weight, I'll have to buy new clothes.

I'll have to buy new clothes unless I lose weight.

1 If you stop buying CDs, you'll be able to afford a holiday.

You

2 If her cold isn't better, she won't go to school tomorrow.

She

3 If she studies hard, she'll pass the exam.

Unless

4 If you don't listen, you won't know what to do.

Unless