

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.

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| 0 You have to pay a fine | a if she eats seafood. |
| 1 If I'm late for work, | b the police come automatically. |
| 2 Jane gets very ill | c if his opponent misses the ball. |
| 3 If water cools to 0°C, | d if you get caught speeding. |
| 4 He scores a point | e my manager always notices. |
| 5 If the alarm goes off, | 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