Conditional 0

If + present simple , present simple

If clause   result clause

1. For general truths

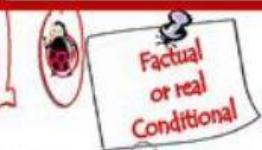   Ex: *Ice melts if you heat it.*

2. For instructions

   Ex: *If you press the button, it turns on.*

3. Habits and daily routines

   Ex: *If I drink, I never drive.*

You can also think of it this way.

If + present continuous, simple present

If clause   result clause

If I am driving, I never answer my mobile phone.

When I'm reading, my cat sits on my laptop.

You can use **modals** in the result clause:

Ex: *If I don't have my glasses, I can't drive.*

If you want to pass the exam, you must study hard.

You can also use the **imperative** in the result clause

Ex: *If you drink, don't drive.*

If you fail the exam, study more!

When can be used instead of **if**

I always smoke when I drink.

When I'm sad, I go shopping.

I can't drive unless I have my glasses.

You can't drive a car unless you have a license.

Unless can be used instead of **if not**

Watch Out!

If the conditional comes first, you need a comma.
You don't need a comma if the conditional doesn't come first.

1 Match the sentences to make conditionals:

If babies are hungry	don't disturb me
If you touch a fire	they get fat.
If I am sleeping	I listen *to my* MP3
If people eat too much	People die
If they don't eat	Snakes bite
When I'm jogging	you get burned
If they are scared	they cry

3 Find the mistakes and correct them:

1. If you see him, told him I'm looking for him.

2 When you do exercise drink plenty of water.

3. Unless you not receive it tomorrow, giving me a call.

4 People gets fat if they eat junk food.

5 I eat a bag of popcorns, when I go to the cinema.

6 If I reading, I don't listen to anybody.

7. I always ask for directions if I got lost.

2 Complete the sentences:

1. Plants can die unless _____

2. If you don't sleep _____

3. If I heat water _____

4 She feels good when _____

5 Brush your teeth if _____