Conditional 0

Factual or real Conditional

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 _____.

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