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GRAMMAR PRACTICE: ZERO CONDITIONAL

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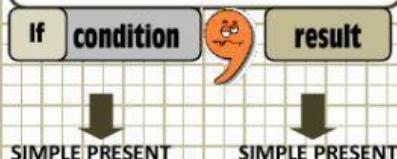
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ZERO CONDITIONAL: FACTUAL OR REAL CONDITIONAL

I Read the information carefully about the zero conditional. Then do the following tasks:

EXAMPLE

If you <u>boil</u> water, it <u>evaporates</u>.

| If | condition | 🐛 | result |

SIMPLE PRESENT   SIMPLE PRESENT

GENERAL TRUTHS

If you mix red and blue, you get purple.

INSTRUCTIONS

If you press the button, the TV turns on.

HABITS/DAILY ROUTINES

If I drink, I never drive.

SCIENTIFIC FACT

If you heat ice, it melts.

WHEN

We can also use **when** instead of **if**, for example:

<u>When</u> I get up late I miss my bus.

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1 Decide if the following statements are true (T) or false (F). Correct the false ones.

a) ☐ The zero conditional indicates a possibility.

b) ☐ You can use the simple present in both clauses.

c) ☐ You must use 'will' in one of the clauses.

d) ☐ There's a comma after the if-clause.

e) ☐ The result clause indicates a fact or something that's always true.

f) ☐ You can replace 'if' with 'when'. The meaning is the same.

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2 Match the clauses of the following examples in a logical way.

1 If you heat water to 100 degrees,   **A** they get rotten.
2 If you don't clean your teeth,   **B** I feel very tired the next day.
3 If I don't eat,   **C** it becomes ice.
4 If you mix yellow and blue,   **D** it boils.
5 If I stay up late,   **E** you feel cold in winter
6 If you don't wear a coat,   **F** you get green
7 If you freeze water   **G** I get hungry.

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3 Study the following example carefully and answer the questions.

Your finger burns if you put it into fire.

A Which clause comes first, condition or result? _____

B Is there a difference in meaning? _____

C What else has changed? _____

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4 Match the clauses in a logical way and circle the correct option.

1 My teacher **was/gets** angry   A I use my umbrella.
2 If I don't drink any coffee,   B if they **don't get/get** any light.
3 I **get/got** sick   C if it **is/was** out of water.
4 If it **rain/rains**,   D if I'm/will be late.
5 I **feel/will feel** sad   E if I eat too much chocolate.
6 Plants die   F I **feel/don't feel** sleepy.
7 A fish can't breathe   G if I see an abused animal.

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5 Complete the sentences with the zero conditional.

1 If you touch the button twice, the menu ....(appear) on the tablet.

2 Ken always .... (get) depressed if he listens to Chopin.

3 If I turn off my mobile phone, I .... (feel) relieved.

4 If I .... (not/do) my chores at home, my mum shouts at me.

5 If I do badly at school, my parents .... (get) very annoyed.

6 Tim's cat just .... (stare) at him if he .... (say) 'fetch'.