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GRAMMAR PRACTICE: ZERO CONDITIONAL

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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 boil water, it evaporates.

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:

When I get up late I miss my bus.

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.

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.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7

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? _____

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'.

LIVEWORKSHEETS