

# Zero Conditional

We use **zero conditional** for

► **Instructions:**

"If you press the button, the computer turns on".

► **General truths:** Things that always, usually or often happen.

"If you heat water to 100 C, it boils".

► **Laws of nature:** If you don't use your muscles, they become small and weak.

**Structure:**

**If + subject + present tense + subject + present tense**

**Example:** *If we have no food at home, we go out to eat.*

'If' means the same as 'when': *If he is angry, his face gets red.* = **When** he is angry, his face gets red.

*If you put some water in a fridge, it turns into ice.* = **When** you put some water in a fridge, it turns into ice.

**Note:** You can often see zero conditional with an imperative: "*If you need me, call me!*"

**Write the sentences below in the zero conditional form. Use contractions.**

**Example:**

She / not drink coffee / get a terrible headache

**If she doesn't drink coffee, she gets a terrible headache.**

1. You / drink / a lot of poison / die

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2. He / eat / a lot of junk food / get fat

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3. I / be late / my father / drive / me / to school

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4. My grandparents /visit / bring / presents / for us

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5. I / not clean my room / my mother / yell / at me

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