Zero and First Conditional + Present Tense Sentences

Notes

A - First Conditional/future time clauses

- **The First Conditional** (If clause + Pres. Simple + Main Clause or Main clause +If clause) is about the **future** and describes situations that are **likely** to happen.
- You have to use a comma to separate the *If clause* from the main clause when the if-clause comes first, as in *If she arrives in time, we'll go to the cinema'.*
- In **future time clauses**, the present simple is used in phrases beginning with ***before, as soon as, after, until, unless and when*** and the main clause comes in the future simple.
  As soon as *he gets home, I'll call you.*

B -The Zero Conditional

- The Zero conditional is about something that is always true .
- Both verbs (If clause + Main Clause) are in the **Present Simple**, as in
  If he's not at home by six, I call the school.
- You can use **When/If** in the zero conditional
- ***In case*** means *'because it's possible that...'. It's related to precaution, as in I wear two watches,* ***in case*** *one of them stops.*
  Unless means ***except if/if not,*** *as in 'I won't* ***go*** *to the party* ***unless*** *you come and pick me up .*
  I won't go to the party ***if you don't come*** *and pick me up.*
  She'll have to move house **unless** *she gets that job she's applied for (= She'll have to move house if she doesn't get the job she's applied for).*
- We can use **modals** in the main clause of conditionals, as in
  If you want your kids to be independent, you shouldn't protect them so much.'
- **Imperatives** can be used in the main clause of the zero conditional, as in
  If you come home late, ***don't make*** *any noise, please.*











A - Write *Zero or First Conditional* sentences and fill in the correct gaps with IF or WHEN.

1 _____ she _____(get up) in the morning, she _____ (start) texting her friends.

2 _____ people live to be 100 in the UK, they _____(receive) a letter from the queen.

3 _____ the girl _____(not get) better, I _____ (have to) call the doctor.

4 You_____ (have to) buy a car ___ you _____ (make) the decision to give private classes.

5 _____ I _____(not tell) Josh the truth, he _____(not know) he's dating a shoplifter.

6 _____ you _____(stay) indoors all the time, you _____(not become) healthier.

7 Ice _____ (melt) easily _____ you _____(leave) it near the cooker.

8 _____ (you - can- give) this letter to Susan _____ you _____(meet) her before lunch time, please?

9 _____ it rains, I _____(put on) a raincoat and I _____(take) an umbrella with me.

10 _____ you _____ (not water) the garden every day, the flowers _____ (not bloom).



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