

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).

