

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).





B - Use IF or IN CASE to complete these sentences:

1. You should always have home insurance _____ anything bad happens.
2. _____ you start helping me tidy up the house, I may help you with your review.
3. I avoid using unnecessary features in my mobile phone _____ the battery gets discharged.
4. You should spend time with your kids _____ you really love them.
5. You don't have to keep the present _____ you don't like it.
6. We must always read the instructions before we start _____ we don't want to have problems.
7. I always take an umbrella _____ it rains.
I'll open the umbrella _____ it rains.
8. She'll buy some chicken this morning _____ her sister stays to lunch.
9. _____ Josh comes, I'll buy a bottle of wine.

C - The sentences below are about the future. Fill in the gaps with these words/expressions as soon as, when, before, after, until, unless, as in the model:

You must buy some souvenirs **before** you leave

- 1 The fridge is empty! You must do the shopping _____ you start cooking dinner.
- 2 Your children won't learn to be independent _____ you let them go out on their own.
- 3 She'll call us to give us her address _____ she finds a flat to rent.
- 4 You should put on your winter coat _____ you go out. It's freezing outside!
- 5 _____ we make a decision, we'll let them know about our wedding date.
- 6 Their friends will visit them _____ they come to Oxford.
- 7 He'll go out to visit his friends _____ he finishes reading his new book.
- 8 They won't finish the meeting _____ Roger says he decided not to leave the company.
- 9 He'll see you _____ 6:00 p.m. He'll arrive here at about 5:55.
- 10 I'll stay here _____ he arrives. I have nothing else to do.
- 11 I won't be able to pay you _____ I get a new job soon.
- 12 Don't forget to wash your hands _____ you eat your lunch!



