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# ZERO, FIRST AND SECOND CONDITIONALS

## Conditionals

Conditional sentences express a condition (*If ...*) and the consequence of the condition. The consequence can be expressed before or after the condition:
*If you win a sport scholarship, you can study at that American university.*
*You can study at that American university if you win a sport scholarship.*

**Note:** If the condition comes first, a comma is used.

## Zero conditional

We use the zero conditional to express things that are generally or always true (e.g. scientific facts):
*If you heat water to 100 degrees centigrade, it boils.*
*Most people tend to be extremely aggressive if you accuse them of lying.*

**Note:** In zero conditionals, *when* and *if* are often interchangeable. The present simple is used in both clauses.

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# ZERO CONDITIONAL

- ***Choose the best sentences below.***

1. **(A)** When I stay up late, I am tired the next morning.

   **(B)** When I am tired the next morning, I stay up late.

2. **(A)** My little brother cries when he loses games.

   **(B)** My little brother loses games when he cries.

3. **(A)** Coffee tastes better when you add a little sugar.

   **(B)** When coffee tastes better, you add a little sugar.

4. **(A)** When I stay at home, I usually feel sick.

   **(B)** I usually stay at home when I feel sick.

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5. **(A)** When I start to lose weight, I go on a diet.

   **(B)** When I go on a diet, I start to lose weight.

6. **(A)** If it rains, I take my umbrella to work.

   **(B)** If I take my umbrella to work, it rains.

7. **(A)** When Thomas watches his favorite TV program, he feels bored.

   **(B)** Thomas watches his favorite TV program when he feels bored.

8. **(A)** Carla cries when she watches sad movies.

   **(B)** When Carla cries, she watches sad movies.

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# ZERO CONDITIONAL *with:*
## 'IF'/'WHEN' + PRESENT SIMPLE



| "if" / "when" clause | main clause |
|---|---|
| If / When it rains, | the grass grows. |

| main clause | "if" / "when" clause |
|---|---|
| The grass grows | if / when it rains. |

*The zero conditional is used to talk about things that are always, or generally, true; it is also used to talk about scientific facts.*

- ***Complete the sentences below by making Zero Conditional statements.***

1. If I am late for class, _____
2. When he stays up very late, _____
3. People get hungry _____
4. If you study hard, _____
5. When she watches a movie, _____
6. When I cross the street, _____
7. I can't do my homework _____
8. He always smiles _____
9. If I miss the bus, _____
10. When you make lots of noise, _____

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- ***Match the clauses below.***

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | If I am late for class, | (A) | if they don't eat. |
| 2. | When he stays up very late, | (B) | I always look left and right. |
| 3. | People get hungry | (C) | my teacher gets angry. |
| 4. | If you study hard, | (D) | when he is happy. |
| 5. | When she watches a movie, | (E) | I take a taxi to work. |
| 6. | When I cross the street, | (F) | he is very tired the next morning. |
| 7. | I can't do my homework, | (G) | the librarian gets angry. |
| 8. | He always smiles | (H) | if you want to lose weight. |
| 9. | If I miss the bus, | (I) | she likes to eat popcorn. |
| 10. | When you make lots of noise, | (J) | when it rains. |
| 11. | Tea tastes sweet | (K) | I watch a funny movie. |
| 12. | You should eat less | (L) | he listens to music. |
| 13. | I always take my umbrella | (M) | you get good grades in school. |
| 14. | When I'm sad, | (N) | if you add some sugar. |
| 15. | When he cleans the house, | (O) | if I don't have my glasses. |

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