Conditionals: Zero, First& Second

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A Look at these conditional sentences and answer the questions below.

Zero conditional: If you **exercise** regularly, you **stay** in shape.
First conditional: If Josh **is playing** football later today, he **won't be able to** help with shopping.
Second conditional: If I **ran** five kilometers every day, I **would be** very fit.

1 Which conditional is used to talk about something that is likely to happen in the present or in the future?
2 Which conditional is used to talk about facts and general truths?
3 Which conditional is used to talk about something that is unlikely to happen in the present or in the future?

Be careful! When the *if* clause comes before the main clause, remember to use a comma.

B Match the first part of the sentences 1-6 with the second part a-f.
1 If our team scores another goal,
2 If you train hard,
3 We'll play beach volley
4 If I were you,
5 When it's a nice day,
6 We could buy tickets for the championship

C Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.
1 Samantha gets upset when I _____ (beat) her at tennis.
2 Vicky won't lose unless she _____ (get) tired.
3 If I were you, I _____ (take) part in the race.
4 Would you try to break a record if you _____ (believe) you could do it?
5 If Pete wins the tournament, he _____ compete) in the final.
6 Fans are very happy when they _____ (see) their team play.
7 If we do the best we can, our coach _____ (be) proud of us.
8 If two runners _____ (cross) the finishing line at the same time, it's a tie.

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D Complete the text with the correct form of the verb in brackets:

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If I (1) .....(ask) you what virtual sports are, would you know the answer? Well, virtual sports are like real sports only you do them in front of a screen in the comfort of your own home. They're very popular because they're part of our high-tech world and let's face it, most people love anything that is connected with technology. When something new (2) ..... (come) onto the market, everybody wants to buy it.

Virtual sports certainly have their advantages. If you (3) _____ (not have) enough time to go to a sports club, you can exercise at home. Moreover, you can play a game of tennis or baseball even if it (4) ..... (rain) outside. Another great advantage is that you can play anything you like without paying for club memberships or expensive equipment.

However, there is one disadvantage. When you (5) ..... (do) virtual sports, you don't have an experienced instructor to give you advice. So, if you had the space, (6)..... (you / set up) a virtual golf course? Would you like to put away for hours without having to worry about lost balls? More and more people nowadays would say 'yes'. If you are one of those people who don't want to leave the comfort of their own home, you (7) _____ (love) virtual sports.

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