

ZERO CONDITIONAL

Use the zero conditional to talk about what happens in general, every time, when a condition exists.



present (simple, continuous or perfect) present (simple, continuous or perfect)

- If the food is out of date, I don't eat it.
- If I have drunk, I don't drive.
- If you are talking, I can't concentrate.
- I can't concentrate if you are talking.
- When you are talking, I can't concentrate.

We can normally replace IF with WHEN without changing the meaning

NO COMMA when you put the main clause at the beginning

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FIRST CONDITIONAL

Use the first conditional to talk about something that might happen in the future if a condition exists.



present future / imperative / modal verb

- If you study, you will pass the exam.
- If he doesn't call, you should tell me immediately.
- If your room is tidy, you can leave.
- If we win, we will celebrate soon.
- We will celebrate soon if we win.

NO COMMA when you put the main clause at the beginning

Do NOT use will in the IF clause: I'll help you if you need me (NOT if you will need me)

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Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses, using either zero or first conditional.

1. If bacteria _____ (be) present, antibiotics _____ (kill) them.
2. If a patient _____ (take) antibiotics as prescribed, their infection _____ (clear) up.
3. If you _____ (overuse) antibiotics, bacteria _____ (develop) resistance.
4. If a person _____ (have) a bacterial infection, they _____ (need) antibiotics.
5. If a patient _____ (experience) severe side effects, they _____ (stop) taking antibiotics immediately.
6. If a person _____ (not finish) their course of antibiotics, the infection _____ (not go) away completely.
7. If a patient _____ (have) a viral infection, antibiotics _____ (not be) effective.
8. If a doctor _____ (prescribe) antibiotics, they _____ (explain) the importance of completing the full course.
9. If you _____ (miss) a dose of antibiotics, you _____ (risk) the infection returning.
10. If a patient _____ (develop) an allergic reaction, they _____ (require) alternative treatment.