

First vs. Zero Conditional

⇒ The **zero** conditional describes what happens **in general**.

⇒ The **first** conditional describes a **particular situation**.

- **If you sit in the sun, you get burned:** Here I'm talking about every time a person sits in the sun - the burning is a natural result of sitting. >**ZERO COND.**
- **If you sit in the sun, you'll get burned:** Here I'm talking about what will happen today, another day might be different. >**FIRST COND.**

GENERAL: zero cond.

PRESENT SIMPLE , PRESENT SIMPLE

SPECIFIC: first cond.

PRESENT SIMPLE , WILL / MODALS

ZERO CONDITIONAL

1. If I _____ (speak) to John, he _____ (get) annoyed.
2. I _____ (feel) good the next day if I _____ (go) to bed early.
3. Lots of people _____ (come) if Jenny _____ (have) a party.
4. She _____ (buy) expensive clothes if she _____ (go) shopping.
5. My daughter _____ (pass) her exams if she _____ (work) hard.
6. I _____ (like) to visit the museums if I _____ (be) in a new city.
7. I _____ (cycle) to work if the weather _____ (be) fine.
8. My flatmate _____ (clean) really well if she _____ (clean) the house.

FIRST CONDITIONAL

1. If I _____ (go) out tonight, I _____ (go) to the cinema.
2. If you _____ (get) back late, I _____ (be) angry.
3. If we _____ (not / meet) tomorrow, we _____ (meet) next week.
4. If he _____ (come), I _____ (be) surprised.
5. If we _____ (wait) here, we _____ (be) late.
6. I _____ (come) early if you _____ (want).
7. She _____ (stay) in London if she _____ (get) a job.
8. I _____ (buy) a new dress if I _____ (have) enough money.

ZERO or FIRST CONDITIONAL ?

- If students _____ well enough, they _____ the exams easily.
(study-pass)
- If you _____ well enough, you _____ your exam.
(study-pass)
- ☆ Plants _____ if you _____ them regularly.
(grow-water)
- ☆ If you _____ this plant, it _____ soon.
(not water-die)
- ⇒ I _____ to the cinema with my friends on Fridays if I _____
enough money. (go-have)
- ⇒ I _____ to the cinema tomorrow if I _____ enough money.
(go-have)
- ★ If the weather _____, she _____ her friends at the weekends.
(be-meet)
- ★ If the weather _____, she _____ her friends this weekend.
(be-meet)
- If I _____ something during the lessons, I always
_____ my teacher. (not understand-ask)
- If I _____ the new subject during the lesson, I _____ my
teacher. (not understand-ask)