Zero and First Conditional Grammar Review

Zero Conditional

Form: If/When/Whenever/Every time + simple present, simple present

Purpose: To describe general truths, facts, and things that regularly happen.

Example: If you heat ice, it melts.

First Conditional

Form: If/When/Whenever/Every time + simple present, will + base verb

Purpose: To describe real or possible situations in the future and their likely results.

Example: If it rains tomorrow, we will stay home.

Remember: We normally don't use will in the if-clause of a first conditional sentence.

Instructions: Complete each sentence using the correct form of the verb in parentheses. Decide whether to use the zero conditional or first conditional.

1. If you _____ (not water) plants regularly, they _____ (die).

2. If I _____ (finish) work early tomorrow, I _____ (meet) you for coffee.

3. People usually _____ (feel) tired when they _____ (not get) enough sleep.

4. If the weather _____ (be) nice this weekend, we _____ (have) a barbecue.

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5. When you _____ (mix) red and blue, you _____ (get) purple.

6. She _____ (miss) her flight if she _____ (not leave) the house soon.

7. If my husband _____ (cook) dinner tonight, I _____ (wash) the dishes.

8. Every time you _____ (press) this button, the machine _____ (turn) on.

9. If the store _____ (have) the shoes in my size, I_____ (buy) them next week.

10. Water _____ (freeze) whenever the temperature _____ (drop) below 32°F (0°C).

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