

Zero Conditional

If + Present Simple, Present Simple

We use the zero conditional to talk about things that always happen in certain conditions. The main action is an automatic result of the *if-clause*. (We can sometimes use **when** instead of **if**.)




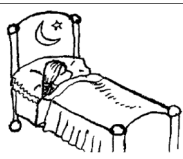



Task 1. Open the brackets. Remember about the punctuation.

- 1) If you _____ (press) this button the machine _____ (start).
- 2) If you _____ (press) this button the machine _____ (stop).
- 3) If I _____ (not practise) the piano every evening I _____ (forget) how to play it.
- 4) If we _____ (take) our dog to the park she _____ (run) away.
- 5) If you _____ (heat) ice it _____ (melt).
- 6) If/When I _____ (miss) the 8 o'clock train I _____ (be) late for work.
- 7) If/When I _____ (be) late for work my boss _____ (get) angry.
- 8) If/When people _____ (not eat) they _____ (get) hungry.
- 9) When you _____ (fly) budget airline you _____ (have to) pay for your drinks and snacks.
- 10) When you _____ (go) on holiday _____ (take) plenty of sun cream. It'll be very hot.

Task 2. Rewrite each pair of sentences to make one sentence with the zero conditional.

1) You heat water to 100 degrees. It boils.	
2) You cross an international date line. The time changes.	
3) It rains. The grass gets wet.	
4) Wood doesn't burn. There is no air.	
5) Ice floats. You drop it in water.	
6) There is no rain. The grass doesn't grow.	
7) Iron rusts. It gets wet.	
8) People eat too much. They get fat.	
9) Babies are hungry. They cry.	
10) The river freezes. It's very cold.	

Task 3. Write the sentence with the zero conditional.

(I / wake up late / I / be late for school)		(people / eat / too many sweets / they / get fat)	
(my husband / cook / he / burn the food)		(I / feel good the next day / I / go to bed early)	
(you / mix water and electricity / you / get a shock)		(she / buy expensive clothes / she / go shopping)	
(I / cycle to work / the weather / be fine)		(I / study hard / I / pass my exams)	