

ZERO CONDITIONAL

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General Truths & Rules

What is Zero Conditional?

We use it for things that are ALWAYS true. Rules. Habits. Facts.

Form: If + present simple, present simple

- If you heat ice, it melts. (Always true)
- If it rains in Singapore, the streets get wet. (Always true)
- If students come late to my school, the teacher is angry. (This is a rule)

You can also use **WHEN** for the same meaning:

- When you heat ice, it melts. = If you heat ice, it melts.

A. Read and Understand - Tick True or False

Read the sentences. Are they always true?

1. If you work in a factory in Vietnam, you wear a uniform. [__] True [__] False for you
2. If you live in Singapore, you take the MRT to work. [__] True [__] False
3. If you eat too much chili, your mouth burns. [__] True [__] False
4. When you study every day, your English gets better. [__] True [__] False

B. Write the Rule - Match

A (If...)	B (Result)	Your Full Sentence
If you press the green button	the machine starts	If you press the green button, the machine starts.
If you don't drink water	you feel tired	
When the phone rings in our office	we answer in 3 seconds	
If people drive fast	they get a fine	
If you mix red and blue	you get purple	

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C. Make Rules For Your Life - Write 5 Sentences

Instruction: Write about your school, home, or job. Use: If / When + present, present.

Example: If my little brother plays games, he shouts very loud.

Example: When I don't sleep 8 hours, I am angry in the morning.

1. If / When _____
2. If / When _____
3. If / When _____
4. If / When _____
5. If / When _____

Common Mistake:

Don't use 'will' here. This is NOT future. This is ALWAYS true.

■ If you heat water, it will boil. (Wrong for this lesson)

■ If you heat water, it boils. (Correct - zero conditional)

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Answer Key

B. Match:

2. If you don't drink water, you feel tired.
3. When the phone rings in our office, we answer in 3 seconds.
4. If people drive fast, they get a fine.
5. If you mix red and blue, you get purple.

C. Check:

No 'will'. Form must be If/When + present, present.
Common error: If you don't drink water, you will feel tired -> wrong for zero, that is First Conditional. For zero we say you feel tired (general truth).

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