

# ZERO CONDITIONAL

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## Time Clauses - When, Before, After, Until, As Soon As, While

This is about TIME. We use present tense for future time. This is very important.

Read the box carefully.

**Future Time Rule**:

When we talk about future with time words, we use PRESENT, not future.

■ I will call you when I will arrive. (Wrong)
■ I will call you when I arrive. (Correct)

**Time words**:

when, before, after, until, as soon as, while

**Examples**:

I will wait here **until** the bus comes. (bus = future, but we use 'comes')

Call me **as soon as** you land in Ho Chi Minh City.

Wash your hands **before** you eat.

**While** I was in Shanghai, I ate xiaolongbao (steamed dumplings) every day.

## A. Circle The Correct Verb

Circle the correct word. Only one is correct.

1. I will text you when I (arrive / will arrive) at Changi Airport.
2. Please wait here until your name (calls / is called).
3. After you (will finish / finish) work, let's eat pho.
4. As soon as I (get / will get) my salary, I will send money home.
5. While you (are / will be) in Beijing, visit the Great Wall.
6. Before you (will go / go) to bed, turn off the light.

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## B. Put The Sentences In Order - Daily Life in Asia

Number the sentences 1-4. What happens first?

**Set A - Morning:**

__ I eat breakfast.

__ I brush my teeth before I eat.

__ After I eat, I go to work.

__ I wake up at 6 am.

**Set B - Arriving in Singapore:**

__ I will clear immigration as soon as I land.

__ I will take MRT to my hotel after I clear immigration.

__ I will land at 9 pm.

__ I will call my family when I arrive at the hotel.

## C. Write What You Will Do

Complete with your real life. Use present after time words.

1. I will call you as soon as I _____ (finish class / get home).
2. Before I go to sleep, I always _____.
3. I will wait here until _____.
4. After I save enough money, I will _____.
5. When I go to Singapore one day, I will _____.

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# Answer Key

### A. Circle:

1. arrive
2. is called
3. finish
4. get
5. are
6. go

**Important to explain**:
After a time word (when, until, before, after, as soon as) we NEVER use will for future. We use the present but the meaning is future. This is hard for many learners. Give extra examples.

### B. Order:

**Set A - Morning:**

1. I wake up at 6 am (1),
2. I brush my teeth before I eat (2),
3. I eat breakfast (3),
4. After I eat, I go to work (4).

### Set B - Arriving in Singapore:

1. I will land at 9 pm (1),
2. I will clear immigration as soon as I land (2),
3. I will take MRT after I clear immigration (3),
4. I will call my family when I arrive at the hotel (4).

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