

ZERO CONDITIONAL

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Zero + Time Clauses - Real Rules for Real Life

Now we use everything together.

A. Read The Factory Rules

SAFETY RULES - Read and learn:

1. If you enter the factory, you wear a helmet.
2. When the alarm rings, you stop the machine.
3. Don't start work until your hands are clean.
4. Wash your hands before you touch food.
5. As soon as you finish your shift, you clean your table.
6. While you work, you don't use your phone.

Questions: (Write short answers)

- What do you wear if you enter the factory? _____
- When do you stop the machine? _____
- What do you do as soon as you finish? _____

B. Write Rules For Your Place

Choose one place: Your school / Your home / Your office. Write 6 rules. Use the words in the box.

if, when, before, after, until, as soon as, while (Use each at least once)

Place: _____

Example for a language center in your city:

1. If students are late, they say sorry to the teacher.
2. Students don't use their own language while they are in class.

Your rules:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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C. Future Plans vs General Rules - What is different?

Sentence	General Rule (Always)	Future Plan? Why?
If you heat ice, it melts.	General Rule	Always true
I will call you when I arrive.	Future Plan	Will + when + present
When you live in China, you use WeChat every day.	General Rule	
I will wait until you finish your homework.	Future Plan	
As soon as I get my visa, I will fly to Vietnam.	Future Plan	
Before you go out, lock the door.	General Rule (Instruction)	

D. Final Speaking Task - Tell Your Partner

Work with a partner. Tell your partner about your country/city. Use 4 sentences.

Use: If you visit..., When you live in..., Before you..., After you...

Example: If you visit Singapore, you must try chicken rice. You can't chew gum on the MRT. When you live in Vietnam, you drink coffee every morning. Before you cross the road in Hanoi, you must look carefully.

Write your 4 sentences here first, then speak:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

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Answer Key

A. Factory:

wear a helmet

when alarm rings

clean your table.

C. Future vs General:

3. General Rule,
4. Future Plan (will + until + present),
5. Future Plan (as soon as + present, will fly).
6. General Rule (instruction but zero form),

Students often translate from own language and add will everywhere.

Write on board: TIME WORD + PRESENT = FUTURE MEANING.

Drill: 'I will call you when I arrive' - students repeat. Don't let them say 'when I will arrive'.

Also: while = during. Many confuse while vs when.

Simple: while = two things at the same time. When = one time.

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