

# Zero Conditional

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WHEN TO USE, HOW TO USE, EXAMPLES

# When to use the zero conditional

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1. To make true, factual statements about the real world

- The time frame is now, or is always valid.
- The situation is possible and real.

2. To give simple instructions

# Zero conditional format

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If clause (condition)

Main clause (result)

if/when + simple present

simple present

(If this happens

this happens)

The order is not fixed, so you can swap the condition and result.

You might have to pay attention to pronouns.

# Zero conditional examples

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## 1. Making factual statements.

- If/when you heat ice, it melts.
- Ice melts if/when you heat it.
  
- If/when people eat too much, they get fat.
- People get fat if/when they eat too much.
  
- If/when you mix blue and yellow, you get green.
- You get green if you mix blue and yellow.

# Zero conditional examples

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## 2. Giving instructions

- If Bob calls, tell him I'll call him back later.
- Tell Bob I'll call him later if he calls.
  
- Ask John if you're not sure what to do.
- If you're not sure what to do, ask John.
  
- If you want to drive with us, get here before 7.
- Get here before 7 if you want to drive with us.