

Zero Conditional

Grammar Drill Pack

Focus: Using present simple in both clauses to talk about general truths — five short drills to lock in **Zero Conditional**.

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1 • Rules

- ◆ We use the present simple in the if-clause and the main clause.
- ◆ The zero conditional talks about facts that are always true.
- ◆ Typical signal words are if, when, whenever, as long as, unless.

2 • Signal words

if when whenever as long as unless in case

Tip: These words often flag **Zero Conditional** — spot them, then choose the form.

3 • Gap-fill drill

Write the correct form of **Zero Conditional** in each gap.

- 1 If you heat ice, it _____ quickly.
- 2 When the sun sets, it _____ dark.
- 3 If water reaches 100 degrees, it _____.
- 4 Whenever I forget my keys, I _____ anxious.
- 5 If you mix red and blue, you _____ purple.
- 6 As long as you study daily, you _____ your English.

4 • Error correction

Each sentence has one mistake in Zero Conditional. Rewrite it correctly.

- 1 ~~If it rains, the streets become slippery.~~
- 2 ~~When you eat too much sugar, you are gaining weight.~~
- 3 ~~If dogs bark loudly, neighbours will complain.~~
- 4 ~~Whenever I exercise, I felt healthier.~~
- 5 ~~As long as the light is green, cars went.~~
- 6 ~~If you drop a glass, it has broken.~~

5 · Mini-quiz

Choose the correct option (A–D).

- 1 Which sentence correctly uses the zero conditional to describe a general truth?
☐ (A) If you freeze water, it turns into ice. ☐ (B) If you freeze water, it will turn into ice.
☐ (C) If you froze water, it turns into ice. ☐ (D) If you freeze water, it turned into ice.
- 2 Choose the sentence that correctly uses the zero conditional with 'when'.
☐ (A) When the temperature drops, water freezes. ☐ (B) When the temperature dropped, water freezes.
☐ (C) When the temperature drops, water will freeze. ☐ (D) When the temperature drops, water froze.
- 3 Select the sentence that correctly uses the zero conditional about habits.
☐ (A) If I drink coffee late, I sleep badly. ☐ (B) If I drank coffee late, I sleep badly.
☐ (C) If I drink coffee late, I will sleep badly. ☐ (D) If I drink coffee late, I slept badly.
- 4 Which sentence correctly uses 'as long as' in a zero conditional?
☐ (A) As long as you water the plants, they grow. ☐ (B) As long as you water the plants, they will grow.
☐ (C) As long as you watered the plants, they grow. ☐ (D) As long as you water the plants, they grew.
- 5 Pick the sentence that correctly uses the zero conditional with 'whenever'.
☐ (A) Whenever it rains, the ground becomes muddy.
☐ (B) Whenever it rained, the ground becomes muddy.
☐ (C) Whenever it rains, the ground will become muddy.
☐ (D) Whenever it rains, the ground became muddy.
- 6 Identify the correct zero conditional sentence about cause and effect.
☐ (A) If you press the button, the light turns on. ☐ (B) If you pressed the button, the light turns on.
☐ (C) If you press the button, the light will turn on. ☐ (D) If you press the button, the light turned on.