# Zero Conditional Worksheet: Facts and Routines

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## Remember

| Form | Example |
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| **If + present simple, present simple** | If you heat water to 100 °C, it boils. |
| **General truths, rules, habits and instructions** | If I'm tired, I go to bed early. |
| **if = when in the zero conditional** | When it's sunny, we eat outside. |
| **First conditional for one future situation** | If it rains tomorrow, we'll stay in. |

## Typical mistakes

| × Learners often say | ✓ Say instead |
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| **If you will heat ice, it melts.** | If you heat ice, it melts. |
| **If I drink coffee at night, I couldn't sleep.** | If I drink coffee at night, I can't sleep. |
| **If it rains, the streets are flood.** | If it rains, the streets flood. |

## 1. Complete

*Complete with the present simple of the verbs in brackets.*

1. If you _____ (freeze) water, it _____ (turn) into ice.
2. If I _____ (not / sleep) well, I _____ (feel) terrible.
3. Plants _____ (die) if they _____ (not / get) water.
4. If you _____ (press) this button, the machine _____ (stop).
5. If my son _____ (eat) chocolate, he _____ (get) hyper.
6. When it _____ (snow), the schools _____ (close).
7. If you _____ (mix) red and white, you _____ (get) pink.
8. If she _____ (be) nervous, she _____ (talk) a lot.

## 2. Choose

*Zero or first conditional? Circle the correct option.*

1. If you heat butter, it (melts / will melt).
2. If it's sunny tomorrow, we (go / will go) to the beach.
3. If I (see / will see) Tom later, I'll tell him.
4. When people are tired, they (make / will make) mistakes.
5. If you don't water the plant this week, it (dies / will die).
6. If my cat is hungry, it (meows / will meow) at the door.
7. If you (fall / will fall) asleep in the sun, you get burned.
8. If you call me tonight, I (answer / 'll answer).

## 3. Correct the mistakes

*Each sentence has one mistake. Write it correctly.*

1. If you will touch the fire, you get burned.
2. If I eat too much, I am feel sick.
3. Ice melt if you heat it.
4. If he don’t have breakfast, he gets angry.
5. When it rain, I take the bus.
6. If you mixed blue and yellow, you get green.

## Writing

Write 6 zero conditional sentences about yourself: what happens when you are tired, hungry, stressed, happy, late and on holiday.

## Speaking

- What do you do if you can’t sleep?
- What happens in your city if it rains a lot?
- If you have a free afternoon, what do you usually do?
- What happens to you if you don’t drink coffee or tea in the morning?

### Answer key

**1. Complete:** 1 freeze … turns · 2 don’t sleep … feel · 3 die … don’t get · 4 press … stops · 5 eats … gets · 6 snows … close · 7 mix … get · 8 is … talks

**2. Choose:** 1 melts · 2 will go · 3 see · 4 make · 5 will die · 6 meows · 7 fall · 8 ’ll answer

**3. Correct the mistakes:** 1 If you touch the fire, you get burned. · 2 If I eat too much, I feel sick. · 3 Ice melts if you heat it. · 4 If he doesn’t have breakfast, he gets angry. · 5 When it rains, I take the bus. · 6 If you mix blue and yellow, you get green.

**Writing, model answer:** If I’m tired, I can’t concentrate at work. If I’m hungry, I get a bit grumpy. When I’m stressed, I go for a long walk. If I’m happy, I sing in the shower. If I’m late, I take a taxi. When I’m on holiday, I don’t check my emails.