

The Conditional

Conditional Sentence Type 0

This conditional is used when the result will always happen. So, if water reaches 100 degrees, it always boils. It's a fact. I'm talking in general, not about one particular situation. The result of the 'if clause' is always the main clause.

Form:

If + Simple Present + Simple Present

Use:

The zero conditional is used to talk about things which are always true, scientific facts, general truths:

Examples:

If you heat water to 100 degrees, it boils.

If water **reaches** 100 degrees, it **boils**. (It is always true, there can't be a different result sometimes). If I **eat** peanuts, I **am** sick. (This is true only for me, maybe, not for everyone, but it's still true that I'm sick every time I eat peanuts).

- *If people eat too much, they get fat.*
- *If you touch a fire, you get burned.*
- *People die if they don't eat.*
- *If babies are hungry, they cry*
- *Phosphorus burns if you expose it to air.*

NOTE: you can use "when" instead of "if".

Complete the Conditional Sentences.

- If I (wake up).....late, I (be).....late for work.
- If my husband (cook)....., he (burn).....the food.
- If Julie (not/wear).....a hat, she (get).....sunstroke.
- If children (not/eat).....well, they (not/be)..... healthy.
- If you (mix).....water and electricity , you (get).....a shock.
- The river (freeze)..... if it (be)..... very cold.
- I (feel) good the next day if i (go).....

Conditional Sentence Type 1

It's used to talk about things which might happen in the future. Of course, we can't know what will happen in the future, but this describes possible things, which could easily come true.

Form:

If + Simple Present+ Simple Future

Use

Conditional Sentences Type 1 refer to the future. An action in the future will only happen if a certain condition is fulfilled by that time. We don't know for sure whether the condition actually will be fulfilled or not, but the conditions seems rather realistic – so we think it is likely to happen.

Examples:

- *If I have enough time, I'll watch the football match.* (I may have time to watch the match but I'm not sure about it).
- If it rains tomorrow, we will go to the cinema.
- If it rains, I won't go to the park.
- If I study today, I'll go to the party tonight.
- If I have enough money, I'll buy some new shoes.
- She will miss the bus if she doesn't leave soon.
- If I see her, I'll tell her.

Complete the Conditional Sentences.

- If you (wash)..... the dishes, I (cook)..... dinner tonight.
- If my dad (have)..... time next week, we (paint)..... my room.
- You (learn)..... a lot about American history if you (visit)..... the exhibition.
- If the weather (be/not).....too bad tomorrow, we (play)..... golf.
- We (get/not).....there on time if we (catch/ not)..... the bus.
- They (go)..... on holiday if they (have)..... time.
- We (be).....late if we (not / hurry).....
- She (stay)..... in London if she (get)..... a job.