

Zero and First Conditional Exercises

Level: A2

Zero and first conditional

Use **if** to say what happens when something else happens. The **zero conditional** is for things that are always true: If you drop a glass, it breaks. The **first conditional** is for something that is possible in the future: If it rains tomorrow, we will stay at home.

Zero conditional: Use **if + present simple**, then the **present simple**. We use it for facts and for things that always happen: If you don't sleep, you feel tired.

First conditional: Use **if + present simple**, then **will + the base verb**. We use it for something that is possible in the future: If I have time tomorrow, I will call you.

No will after if: Do not use **will** in the **if** part. Say **If it rains, we will stay at home**. Do not say **If it will rain**.

Comma: When the **if** part comes first, write a **comma** after it: **If it rains, we will stay at home**. You can also put it second, with no comma: **We will stay at home if it rains**.

Negatives and questions: Use **don't** or **doesn't** in the **if** part, and **won't** (**will not**) in the result: **If it is cold, we won't go to the beach**. For a question, put **will** after **what**: **What will you do if you miss the bus?**

Short forms: In speaking, we say **I'll** for **I will**, and **won't** for **will not**: **If you are hungry, I'll make you a sandwich**.

Exercise 1: Choose the Correct Form

Choose the correct answer.

- If you mix blue and yellow, you ____ green.
a) get b) gets c) will gets
- If it ____ tomorrow, we will stay at home.
a) rains b) will rain c) rained
- If she studies tonight, she ____ the test tomorrow.
a) will pass b) will passes c) passed
- If we ____ the bus, we will be late.
a) miss b) will miss c) missed
- ____ you need help, call me.
a) If b) Will c) Because
- Choose the sentence about something that is always true.
a) If you drop a glass, it breaks. b) If it rains tomorrow, I will take a taxi. c) If I see Tom, I will tell him.

Exercise 2: Fill in the Blank

Type the correct form of the verb. The hint shows the verb and the form to use.

7. If I ___ work early tonight, I will call you. (finish, present simple)
8. If it rains tomorrow, we ___ at home. (stay, will + verb)
9. If you don't drink water, you ___ thirsty. (get, present simple)
10. If he ___ the bus, he will be late for work. (miss, present simple)
11. If it is cold tomorrow, we ___ go to the beach. (negative, will + verb)
12. If you are hungry, I ___ a sandwich for you. (make, will + verb)

Exercise 3: Put the Words in Order

Click the words in the correct order to build the sentence.

13. Put the words in the correct order: **will / it / , / we / home / If / stay / rains / at / .**

14. Put the words in the correct order: **miss / what / bus / you / do / if / will / the / you / ?**

15. Put the words in the correct order: **feel / sleep / you / If / , / tired / don't / . / you**

16. Put the words in the correct order: **cold / go / won't / I / if / it / out / is / .**

Exercise 4: True or False

Decide if each statement is true or false.

17. 'If it will rain, we will stay at home' is correct English. True / False
18. 'If you drop a glass, it breaks' is about something that is always true. True / False
19. 'If I have time tomorrow, I will call you' is about something possible in the future. True / False
20. When the if part comes first, we usually write a comma after it. True / False
21. 'If you don't eat, you get hungry' is only about tomorrow. True / False

Answer key

Exercise 1: Choose the Correct Form

1. a) get
2. a) rains
3. a) will pass
4. a) miss
5. a) If
6. a) If you drop a glass, it breaks.

Exercise 2: Fill in the Blank

7. finish
8. will stay / 'll stay
9. get
10. misses
11. won't / will not
12. will make / 'll make

Exercise 3: Put the Words in Order

13. If it rains, we will stay at home.
14. What will you do if you miss the bus?
15. If you don't sleep, you feel tired.
16. I won't go out if it is cold.

Exercise 4: True or False

17. False
18. True
19. True
20. True
21. False