

Zero Conditional

Use the **zero conditional** for things that are always or generally true: facts, rules and habits. *If you heat ice, it melts. If I drink coffee late, I can't sleep.* Form: **if + Present Simple, Present Simple.**

Here *if* means almost the same as *when* or *whenever*.

If you **heat** ice, it **melts**.



1. Choose the right answer Circle a or b.

1. If you _____ water to 100°C, it boils.
a) heat b) will heat
2. Plants die if they _____ water.
a) won't get b) don't get
3. If I eat late, I _____ badly.
a) sleep b) would sleep
4. If the light _____ red, stop.
a) will be b) is
5. Ice _____ if you leave it in the sun.
a) would melt b) melts

2. Correct the mistake

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

1. If you will heat ice, it melts.

2. If water boil, it turns to steam.

3. If I don't sleep enough, I'm feeling tired.

3. Your turn

Write three sentences of your own that use this rule. You can use these phrases.

if

when

whenever

unless

as long as

See the rule move

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1. Choose the right answer

1. **a) heat** The if-part takes the Present Simple, never will.
2. **b) don't get** A general truth: Present Simple in both parts.
3. **a) sleep** A habit that's always true takes the Present Simple.
4. **b) is** The if-part takes the Present Simple.
5. **b) melts** A fact that's always true: Present Simple.

2. Correct the mistake

1. **If you heat ice, it melts.** Don't use will in the if-part.
2. **If water boils, it turns to steam.** With he, she and it, the Present Simple adds -s.
3. **If I don't sleep enough, I feel tired.** General truths take the Present Simple.

3. Your turn

Answers will vary. Check that each sentence follows the rule on page 1, or paste them into Clarigram to have them checked.