

Zero Conditional

Point 1: The zero conditional shows a simple cause and effect. Action A causes Action B.

1. Turn on the heater **if** it gets hot.
2. I do not walk **if** it rains.
3. I take the bus **if** I have time.
4. I do not drive **if** the traffic is bad.

Point 2: The zero conditional uses **when** instead of **if** in some cases.

1. I do not walk to work **if** it rains.
2. I do not walk to work **when** it rains.
3. I take the bus **if** I have time.
4. I take the bus **when** I have time.

Point 3: Because zero conditionals are subordinating clauses, the order of the clauses can be reversed.

1. He gets mood **if** he does not have coffee.
2. **If** he does not have coffee, he gets moody.
3. The beach is crowded **if** the weather is nice.
4. **If** the weather is nice, the beach is crowded.

Point 4: The zero conditional uses the simple present tense because it expresses recurring actions.

1. We play cards on the weekend **if** we feel like it.
2. **If** she gets stressed, she starts acting strange.
3. **If** the economy is good, people spend more money.
4. **When** it rains, it pours. (idiom)

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Read and listen to four conversations using the grammar.

Conversation 1 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: Where do you work?

Woman: I work at the beach. I'm a lifeguard.

Man: Interesting. That must be a great job.

Woman: Sometimes. But **if** it is hot, it gets really busy.

Man: Oh, yeah? What about in winter?

Woman: When winter comes, the beaches are empty, so there's no work.

Man: Yeah, I work at an outdoor cafe, and it's similar.

Woman: Because of the weather?

Man: Yes. **if** it rains, there's not many customers. People don't come when it rains.

Woman: Yeah, that makes sense.

Conversation 2 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: Do you like to cook?

Woman: Yes, when I get the chance.

Man: Do you have a big kitchen?

Woman: I do, but I rarely use it because I'm so busy. I only use it **when** I have guests.

Man: How do you cook for yourself, then?

Woman: Well, **if** I'm making easy stuff, I just use the microwave.

Man: Oh, I'm so jealous. I would love to have a big kitchen. Any kitchen, for that matter!

Woman: Really? You don't have a kitchen?

Man: No, I don't. I have a tiny apartment, so I just have a microwave.

Woman: I see. So what do you do? Do you just eat take-out every night?

Man: Yeah, usually, or I order something online and have it delivered.

Woman: Yeah, I do that, too. Sign of the times, I guess.

Conversation 3 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: I heard you speak Spanish.

Woman: I do, but my Spanish is not perfect.

Man: Do you use it much?

Woman: Yes, for work, and **when** I go to Mexico to visit friends.

Man: That's cool. I want to learn Spanish. I sometimes need it **when** I visit my wife's family.

Woman: Oh, where is her family from?

Man: They are from Colombia.

Woman: Oh, I see. Can they speak English?

Man: Yes, they can, but I can't understand them **when** they speak Spanish to each other.

Woman: Yeah, I know how that feels.

Conversation 4 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: Where do you work?

Woman: At a restaurant.

Man: Interesting. How do you like working at the restaurant?

Woman: I like it, but it's hard **when** it gets busy.

Man: Do you get tips?

Woman: Not always, but I sometimes get them **if** I have a really big order.

Man: Cool! I don't get tips, but I get a commission **if** I make a sale. I'm in real estate.

Woman: That must be nice. I hear you can make a lot of money in real estate.

Man: You can, *if* the economy is good, but not *when* the market is slow.

Quiz

Answer these questions about the interview.

1) What happens in winter?

a) She busy.

b) She is not busy.

2) What do they discuss?

a) When and where to ski.

b) What to wear and how to ski.

3) What does she teach on Sunday?

a) Private class

b) Make-up classes

4) When does she get tips?

a) When it is busy.

b) When there is a big order.

Gap Fill: Complete the conversation with the correct word!

Question 1 of 4

Drag the boxes onto the matching gaps.

- winter
- busy
- beach

- great
- customers
- empty

- outdoor
- weather

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- delivered
- chance

- easy
- big

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- feels

- family
- understand
- speak

- Mexico
- heard

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- estate
- Where
- busy

- commission
- order
- How

- tips
- economy

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Corporate Vocabulary

Synergy

Combined effect greater than individual parts.

“There is great synergy among our stakeholders.”

“We are seeing exceptional cross-functional synergy among the various stakeholders.”

Target

A goal.

“Our target is still to accomplish this year milestones on time.”

“The team is currently tracking toward all year-end targets as originally scheduled.”

Handshake

Greeting gesture or friendship gesture.

“It was a great end of the meeting with handshakes from all.”

"It was a fantastic way to finish, with handshakes all around and a clear sense of shared purpose."

Agreement

Mutual understanding or accord.

“I knew they had reach and agreement when I saw their handshake.”

"Their handshake marked the successful agreement of the negotiation."