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A2 CONDITIONALS ≈ 27 MIN

Zero and First Conditionals — *practice on paper*

You have learned the two patterns. Now practise with new routines and real future plans.

Zero: if + present, present	for facts and routines;	**first: if + present, will**	for a real future possibility.

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BRICK 1 · SORT ROUTINE AND FUTURE · APPROX. 4 MIN ●○○

Sort each sentence. Put a **zero-conditional routine** on the left and a **real first-conditional future** on the right.

If stock runs low, Mia orders more.
If I work late, I take a taxi.
If the screen freezes, Ben restarts it.
If guests arrive early, we offer coffee.
If the room gets cold, I close the window.
If Leo calls tonight, I'll update him.
If the parcel arrives, we'll message you.
If sales improve, we'll hire an assistant.
If the venue is free, we'll book it.
If Nora agrees, we can send the draft.

ROUTINE – ZERO CONDITIONAL	REAL FUTURE – FIRST CONDITIONAL

BRICK 2 · COMPLETE THE CORRECT FORM · APPROX. 6 MIN ●●○

Add the verb in the correct form. First ask: **routine or real future?**

01 If the coffee machine _____ , I clean it. (leak)
02 If our supplier _____ today, we'll wait. (not reply)
03 If I _____ a free seat, I take it. (find)
04 If the forecast _____ clear, we'll eat outside. (stay)
05 If customers _____ receipts, we email them. (need)
06 If Tom _____ the budget, we'll begin. (approve)
07 When the train _____ at six, I'll call you. (arrive)
08 If the office _____ early, we leave at four. (close)

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BRICK 3 · FIND AND CORRECT THE MISTAKE · APPROX. 7 MIN

Each sentence has exactly one zero- or first-conditional mistake. Underline it and write the whole sentence correctly.

01 If Julia will finish early, we'll meet her.

02 If the Wi-Fi fails, I restarted the router.

03 When I will meet Kai at noon, I'll ask him.

04 If the price drops, we will ordered more.

05 If water reach 100°C, it boils.

06 If the courier arrived today, we'll call you.

BRICK 4 · WRITE YOUR OWN IF-SENTENCES · APPROX. 8 MIN

Write one English sentence for each prompt. Use the zero conditional twice and the first conditional twice.

01 Work: describe what you always do when a task is urgent.

02 Everyday life: describe a regular response to bad weather.

03 This week: give a real plan in case you finish work early.

04 Client: give the next step if a reply comes tomorrow.

MINI-CHECK – CAN I DO THIS YET?

- ☐ I use the zero conditional for facts and regular routines.
- ☐ I use the first conditional for a real future possibility.
- ☐ After if in a normal future sentence, I use present simple, not will.
- ☐ For a certain future event, I check whether when is better.

Still unsure? Mark the condition first and then the result in every sentence.

Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why** — the rule matters more than the result.

BRICK 1 · SORTING

01 If stock runs low, Mia orders more.
***Routine — zero conditional**: Present plus present shows a regular routine.*

02 If I work late, I take a taxi.
***Routine — zero conditional**: The sentence describes the normal response.*

03 If the screen freezes, Ben restarts it.
***Routine — zero conditional**: Both clauses use the present simple.*

04 If guests arrive early, we offer coffee.
***Routine — zero conditional**: This is a fixed routine for early guests.*

05 If the room gets cold, I close the window.
***Routine — zero conditional**: The response happens regularly.*

06 If Leo calls tonight, I'll update him.
***Real future — first conditional**: Tonight and will show a possible next step.*

07 If the parcel arrives, we'll message you.
***Real future — first conditional**: Arrival is possible, and the message is the plan.*

08 If sales improve, we'll hire an assistant.
***Real future — first conditional**: Present after if, will in the result.*

09 If the venue is free, we'll book it.
***Real future — first conditional**: The available venue is a real possibility.*

10 If Nora agrees, we can send the draft.
***Real future — first conditional**: Can describes the possible result of agreement.*

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

01 If the coffee machine **leaks**, I clean it.
Zero conditional: Both clauses describe a routine in the present simple.

02 If our supplier **doesn't reply** today, we'll wait.
First conditional: Present simple follows if; will appears in the result.

03 If I **find** a free seat, I take it.
Zero conditional: Present plus present shows the normal response.

04 If the forecast **stays** clear, we'll eat outside.
First conditional: The possible condition uses the present simple.

05 If customers **need** receipts, we email them.
Zero conditional: The sentence describes a fixed work routine.

06 If Tom **approves** the budget, we'll begin.
First conditional: Approves is present simple after if.

07 When the train **arrives** at six, I'll call you.
Certain event: Present simple follows when.

08 If the office **closes** early, we leave at four.
Zero conditional: Closes and leave show the regular routine.

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

01 If Julia **finishes** early, we'll meet her.
First conditional: A normal if-clause does not use will.

02 If the Wi-Fi fails, I **restart** the router.
Zero conditional: The regular response uses the present simple.

03 When I **meet** Kai at noon, I'll ask him.
Certain event: Will does not follow when.

04 If the price drops, we will **order** more.
First conditional: The base form order follows will.

05 If water **reaches** 100°C, it boils.
Zero conditional: Water is singular, so use reaches.

06 If the courier **arrives** today, we'll call you.
First conditional: The possible future condition uses present simple.

BRICK 4 · WRITE

Your sentences may be different. Check only: routine with present plus present, or real future with present plus will?

01 If a request is urgent, **I answer it first**.
Zero conditional: The sentence describes a fixed work routine.

02 If the roads are icy, **I take the bus**.
Zero conditional: Present plus present shows the regular response.

03 If I finish early on Friday, **I'll visit my sister**.
First conditional: The real future possibility uses will in the result.

04 If the customer replies tomorrow, **we'll send the schedule**.
First conditional: Present follows if, and will gives the next step.

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