

The First Conditional

The first conditional has the present simple after 'if', then the future simple in the other clause:

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- 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.
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- 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'll **be** late if the train **is** delayed.
 - She'll **miss** the bus if she **doesn't leave** soon.
 - If I **see** her, I'll **tell** her.
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First vs. Zero Conditional

- The first conditional describes a *particular* situation, whereas the **zero conditional** describes what happens *in general*.

For example (zero conditional): if you sit in the sun, you get burned (here I'm talking about every time a person sits in the sun - the burning is a natural consequence of the sitting)

But (first conditional): if you sit in the sun, you'll get burned (here I'm talking about what will happen today, another day might be different)

The Zero Conditional

- We can make a zero conditional sentence with two **present simple** verbs (one in the 'if clause' and one in the 'main clause'):
 - If + present simple, present simple.
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- 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.
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- For example: 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)

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Here are some more examples:

- If people **eat** too much, they **get** fat.
 - If you **touch** a fire, you **get** burned.
 - People **die** if they **don't eat**.
 - Snakes **bite** if they **are** scared
 - If babies **are** hungry, they **cry**
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