

Online Learning: What is 'zero conditional'?

- 'Zero conditional' or general conditional is used to explain real or likely situations.
- We normally use a **Present** tense to talk about the **future**.

Condition clause	Result clause
If + Present Tense,	Future Tense
If (<u>V.1</u>),	(<u>will + V.1</u>)

Note: The result/consequence clause can come first.

- If I have enough time tomorrow, I will come and see you.
(**NOT** If I ~~will have~~...)
- I will give her your love if I see her. (**NOT** ... if I ~~will see~~ her.)
- If it is fine tomorrow, I will paint the windows.

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Let's practice!

A. Here are a fortune-teller's predictions for a race.

Who do you think will win?

Sam will come first if Jack comes third.

If Jack comes third. Bam will come second.

Bam won't come second if Sam comes first.

Jack will come first if Bam comes third.

Bam will not come third if Sam comes second.

If Sam comes third, Bam will come first.

Jack will come second if Sam comes third.

The winner is: ?

B. Put in the correct verb forms.

1. If you (say) that again, I (scream).

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2. I (be) surprised if she (manage) to see that car.

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3. If the boys (come) to supper, I (cook) chicken breasts.

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4. I (need) some money if we (go) out tonight.

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5. I (miss) you if we (move) to Wales.

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Answer Key

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