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Zero or First Conditional?

Always true (zero) or one real future event (first)?

	Zero conditional	First conditional
Meaning	general facts, rules and habits	a real possibility in the future
Form	If + present, **present**	If + present, **will** + verb
Example	If you heat ice, it **melts**.	If it rains tomorrow, we **will stay** at home.

PART A Zero or first?

For a general fact or habit, choose the present simple. For a prediction about one future situation, choose will.

1. If you mix blue and yellow paint, you (☐ get ☐ will get) green. (general fact)
2. If Paul studies hard, he (☐ passes ☐ will pass) the test next week.
3. If you touch a hot pan, you (☐ burn ☐ will burn) your hand. (general fact)
4. If we leave now, we (☐ catch ☐ will catch) the 8 o'clock bus.
5. If this snake feels threatened, it (☐ bites ☐ will bite). (typical behaviour)
6. If it is sunny on Saturday, we (☐ go ☐ will go) to the beach.

PART B Fill in

Use the zero conditional for items 2 and 4. Use the first conditional with will for items 1 and 3.

1. If Lucy _____ (finish) her homework early tonight, she _____ (watch) a film.
2. If you _____ (boil) an egg for ten minutes, it _____ (become) hard.
3. I _____ (lend) you my bike if you _____ (need) it tomorrow.
4. If metal _____ (get) hot, it _____ (expand).

PART C Write

Finish the sentence. Use the first conditional.

1. If I get up late tomorrow, _____

_____

Answers **A** 1 get · 2 will pass · 3 burn · 4 will catch · 5 bites · 6 will go **B** 1 finishes; will watch · 2 boil; becomes · 3 will lend; need · 4 gets; expands **C** 1 Sample answer: If I get up late tomorrow, I will miss the school bus.

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