



Introduction to the Zero Conditional

Understanding If-Statements for Daily Life



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Learning Objectives

By the end of this lesson, you will:

- Understand what the zero conditional is and why we use it
- Recognize the structure of zero conditional sentences
- Identify situations where the zero conditional is used
- Create your own zero conditional sentences about daily routines in Mexico



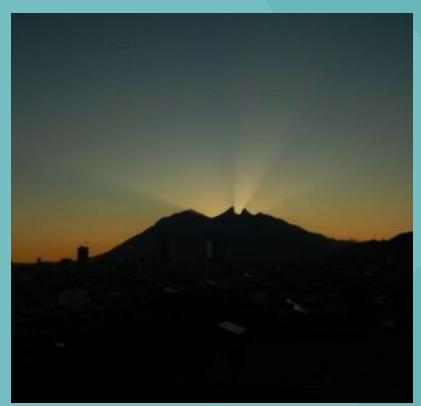
What Is the Zero Conditional?

Definition

The zero conditional is a type of sentence used to talk about facts or things that are always true.

Why We Use It

We use the zero conditional for general truths, scientific facts, and routines—things that always happen if a condition is met.



The Basic Structure

Formula

If + present simple, present simple
Both parts of the sentence use the present simple tense. The order can change, but the meaning stays the same.



Zero Conditional in Daily Life



Routines

If I wake up early, I drink café de olla.



Facts

If it rains, the streets get wet.



Instructions

If you go to the market, you find fresh fruit.

Order Doesn't Matter



If you eat tacos, you enjoy Mexican food. (if-clause first)



You enjoy Mexican food if you eat tacos. (main clause first)



Common Uses in Mexico

Everyday Examples

- If the tortilla is hot, it tastes better.
- If you visit Mexico City, you see the Ángel de la Independencia.
- If people celebrate Día de Muertos, they make altars.

Zero conditional helps you talk about habits and facts in your culture.

How to Make a Zero Conditional Sentence

1) Start with 'If'

Begin your sentence with 'If' to show the condition.

- 2 Add Present Simple
 Use the present simple tense after 'If' for the condition.
- 3 Add Result
 Use another present simple verb for the result.



Fill in the blanks 🧩

If you ____ to the Zócalo, you ___ many ___.

Word bank the food, saw, see, go, went, people

Answers on the next slide...

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If you go to the Zócalo, you see many people.

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Summary: What Did We Learn?

Key Takeaways

- The zero conditional is used for facts and routines.
- The structure is: If + present simple, present simple.
- You can use it to talk about daily life in Mexico.

Practice creating your own zero conditional sentences to describe your routines!





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