

Zero conditional sentences

Use

Zero conditional sentences are used to give advice, instructions or to describe true facts about the world.

Zero conditional sentences use verbs in present tenses
Verbs in the result clause are often in the imperative

Form

Zero conditional sentences have two clauses.

The *if*-clause begins with *if*. The second clause is the *result clause*.

Insert a comma after the *if*-clause

The result clause can go in front of the *if*-clause. In this case, no comma is necessary

<i>If</i> -clause	<i>Result</i> clause	Full sentence	
		<i>If clause</i> → <i>result clause</i>	<i>result clause</i> → <i>if clause</i>
		Insert a comma after the <i>if</i> clause	Do not use a comma if the <i>result clause</i> comes first
If it is raining	The ground will get wet	If it is raining, the ground will get wet	The ground will get wet if it is raining
If I eat ice cream	I always get a headache	If I eat ice cream, I always get a headache	I always get a headache if I eat ice cream