01
FORM

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Zero conditional sentences
→ tenses in **both parts of the sentence = present simple**

If clause (condition)	Main clause (result)
If + simple present	simple present
If this thing happens	that thing happens

Order of the clause is **NOT fixed** → may need to
* rearrange pronouns
* adjust punctuation
→ meaning = identical

'If' can be replaced by '**when**' → meaning = identical

EXAMPLES

- If you heat ice, it melts
- Ice melts if you heat it.
- When you heat ice, it melts.
- Ice melts when you heat it.

02
USE

USE 1

Zero conditional sentences
- **statements** about the **real world**
- **General truths** (e.g., scientific facts)

Time = now or always
Situation = real and possible

EXAMPLES

- If you freeze water, it becomes solid.
- Plants die if they don't get enough water.
- If my husband has a cold, I usually catch it.
- If public transport is efficient, people stop using their cars.

USE 2

Giving instructions → main clause = imperative

EXAMPLES

- If Bill phones, tell him to meet me at the cinema.
- Ask Pete if you're not sure what to do.
- If you want to come, call me before 5.00.
- Meet me here if we get separated.