

What is Zero Conditional for Universal Truths?

Worksheet

Zero conditional uses 'if + present simple, present simple'. It expresses general truths and facts that always happen under certain conditions.

Questions

1. If you freeze water, __ .
A) it will turn to ice
B) it turns to ice
C) it turned to ice
D) it is turning to ice
2. Which sentence is zero conditional?
A) If I study, I will pass.
B) If I studied, I would pass.
C) If I study, I pass.
D) If I will study, I pass.
3. Zero conditional expresses...
A) Hypothetical situations
B) Universal truths and facts
C) Unlikely future events
D) Past events
4. If you add salt to water, __ .
A) the boiling point rises
B) it would rise
C) it will rise
D) it rose
5. If you heat ice, it melts. (Universal truth - science)
6. If people eat too much, they gain weight.
7. If you mix red and blue paint, you get purple.
8. Define: What is zero conditional used for?
9. Define: Zero conditional structure?
10. Define: Example: 'If it rains, the ground gets wet.'

Answer Key

1. B) it turns to ice — Zero conditional uses present simple in both parts: 'If you freeze water, it turns to ice.' This is always true.
2. C) If I study, I pass. — Zero conditional: 'If I study, I pass.' (present simple + present simple, universal truth).
3. B) Universal truths and facts — Zero conditional always describes things that are universally true: facts and scientific laws.
4. A) the boiling point rises — Zero conditional: 'If you add salt to water, the boiling point rises.' Present simple in both clauses.
5. Condition: If + present simple (heat ice) Result: Present simple (melts) Structure: If you heat ice, it melts. Truth: This is always true, a scientific fact.
6. Condition: If + present simple (eat too much) Result: Present simple (gain weight) Structure: If people eat too much, they gain weight. Type: General truth about human biology.
7. Condition: If + present simple (mix red and blue) Result: Present simple (get purple) Structure: If you mix red and blue paint, you get purple. Application: Art/color mixing rule.
8. Universal truths, scientific facts, and things that always happen. Example: 'If you heat water to 100°C, it boils.'
9. If + present simple, present simple. Both clauses use the same tense (present).
10. This is always true, a universal fact about weather and ground.

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