



## Zero and First Conditional Side-by-Side

# Zero Conditional v First Conditional

The key difference between these two tenses is the likelihood of something happening in the future.

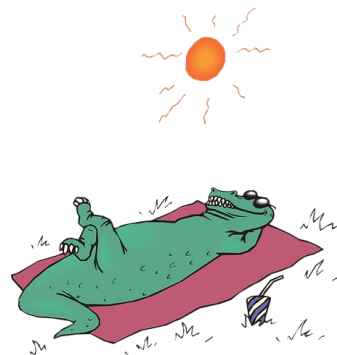
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Zero Conditional	First Conditional
Truth or fact (100% going to happen)	Very likely future event (80-99% going to happen)

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In zero conditional, for example, this sentence is presented as a fact, a truth. This means it is going to happen.

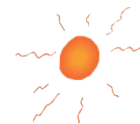
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In first conditional, for example, this sentence is presented as a very likely future event, not 100% certain.

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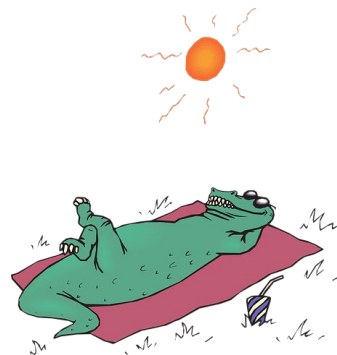
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General statement	Personal statement for a particular situation

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In zero conditional, for example, this sentence is very general and applicable to anybody.

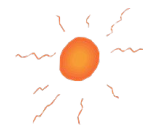
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In first conditional, for example, this sentence is more personal and used in a particular situation. If you're talking to an individual, warning them, you would use the first conditional.

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If ice-cream **gets** warm, it **melts**.

If your ice-cream **gets** warm, it **will melt**.