Zero Conditional — Worksheet

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Choose the correct option (a–d) for each gap or question. Check yourself with the answer key on the last page.

1. If you hang a wet towel in the sun, it _____ quickly.
   a) dries b) dry c) is drying d) dried

2. If you _____ a stone into a lake, it sinks.
   a) throws b) threw c) throw d) will throw

3. My little brother _____ if he loses a game.
   a) cries b) cry c) is crying d) cried

4. If it _____ a lot, the river near our village floods.
   a) rain b) rained c) will rain d) rains

5. If plants _____ enough water, their leaves turn brown.
   a) doesn't get b) don't gets c) don't get d) not get

6. If Maria works late, she _____ time to cook dinner.
   a) don't have b) doesn't have c) doesn't has d) isn't have

7. Who _____ you _____ if your car breaks down?
   a) does … call b) do … calls c) do … call d) are … call

8. My laptop _____ off if the battery gets very low.
   a) turn b) is turning c) turned d) turns

9. If Emma _____ a scary film, she can't sleep afterwards.
   a) watch b) watched c) watches d) will watch

10. If you _____ milk out of the fridge, it _____ sour quickly.
    a) leave … goes b) leave … go c) leaves … goes d) will leave … goes

11. Wood _____ if you drop it in water, so it's good for building boats.
    a) float b) floats c) is floating d) floated

12. When my sister _____ stressed, she bakes cakes.
    a) get b) getting c) got d) gets

13. If I can't sleep, I _____ some warm milk.
    a) drink b) drinks c) drinking d) drank

14. If the fire alarm rings, _____ the building by the nearest exit.
    a) leaves b) leaving c) leave d) to leave

15. If the baby is asleep, please _____ the bell — just knock.

a) not ring b) doesn't ring c) don't rings d) don't ring

16. When people _____ nervous, their hands often shake.

a) gets b) got c) get d) will get

17. If my dad _____ a cold, he drinks hot water with lemon and honey.

a) have b) has c) had d) will have

18. When you _____ the test, give your paper to the teacher.

a) finishes b) finished c) finish d) will finish

19. If you _____ in the sun for too long, your skin burns.

a) stay b) stays c) stayed d) will stay

20. What _____ your dog _____ when someone rings the doorbell?

a) do … do b) does … do c) does … does d) is … do

21. If you stay up late tonight, you _____ tired tomorrow.

a) are b) were c) being d) will be

22. Babies _____ if they're hungry, so if we don't feed Leo soon, he _____.

a) cry … cries b) cry … will cry c) cries … will cry d) cried … will cry

23. I'm sure Mia _____ you if you ask her tomorrow.

a) helps b) helped c) helping d) will help

24. In winter, if the roads _____ icy, the buses don't run.

a) will be b) are c) were d) is

25. If Max _____ cheese, he feels sick, so if he has pizza tonight, he _____ terrible.

a) eats … will feel b) eats … feels c) eat … will feel d) will eat … will feel

26. Which sentence is correct?

a) If you press this button, the door open.
b) If you press this button, the door opening.
c) If you press this button, the door opens.
d) If you pressed this button, the door opens.

27. Which sentence is correct?

a) When it snows, the schools in our town closes.
b) When it snows, the schools in our town close.
c) When it will snow, the schools in our town close.
d) When it snow, the schools in our town close.

28. Which sentence is correct?

a) If I don't eat breakfast, I feel hungry by eleven.
b) If I don't eat breakfast, I feeling hungry by eleven.
c) If I not eat breakfast, I feel hungry by eleven.
d) If I doesn't eat breakfast, I feel hungry by eleven.

29. Which sentence is correct?

a) If you don't feel well, going home and rest.
b) If you won't feel well, go home and rest.
c) If you doesn't feel well, go home and rest.
d) If you don't feel well, go home and rest.

30. Which sentence is correct?

a) If you mix blue and yellow, you getting green.
b) If you mix blue and yellow, you get green.
c) If you will mix blue and yellow, you get green.
d) If you mixed blue and yellow, you get green.

Answer Key

Zero Conditional · Explanations are shortened — the full interactive version is at gramvoy.com/exercises/zero-conditional/

1. a) dries
A fact that is true every time takes the present simple in both clauses.

2. c) throw
In the zero conditional the if-clause takes the present simple too: if…

3. a) cries
This is what always happens, so the present simple.

4. d) rains
Floods is present, so this is a general truth: the present simple after…

5. c) don't get
Plants is plural — they — so the negative is don't + the base form:…

6. b) doesn't have
A regular situation: the present simple in both clauses.

7. c) do … call
A question about what you usually do: do + subject + base form in the…

8. d) turns
The main clause comes first here, so there's no comma before if.

9. c) watches
This happens every time, so the present simple after if.

10. a) leave … goes
Both clauses take the present simple: you leave (no -s) and it goes…

11. b) floats
A scientific fact is true every time, so the present simple, with -s…

12. d) gets
In the zero conditional when means the same as if — every time.

13. a) drink
A habit — what I do every time I can't sleep — so the present simple in…

14. c) leave
An instruction, so the main clause is an imperative — the base form…

15. d) don't ring
A negative instruction is don't + the base form: please don't ring.

16. c) get
Here when = if, every time: a general truth takes the present simple in…

17. b) has
This is my dad's habit, so the present simple in the if-clause too, and…

18. c) finish
An instruction: when + present simple, then the imperative give.

19. a) stay
A general truth about everyone: if + present simple, then present…

20. b) does … do
A question about what always happens: your dog is it, so does + subject…

21. d) will be
Tonight and tomorrow make this one particular future situation, so the…

22. b) cry … will cry
The first part is true of all babies, so the present: babies cry,…

23. d) will help
Tomorrow points to one future situation, and I'm sure introduces a…

24. b) are
In winter means every winter — a general situation — so the zero…

25. a) eats … will feel
The first part is a general truth about Max, so the present: he eats.

26. c) If you press this button, the door opens.
Both clauses take the present simple — you press, the door opens — with…

27. b) When it snows, the schools in our town close.
Here when works like if — every time — so the present simple in both…

28. a) If I don't eat breakfast, I feel hungry by eleven.
The negative in the if-clause is don't + the base form with I: If I…

29. d) If you don't feel well, go home and rest.
An instruction: if + present simple, then the imperative go.

30. b) If you mix blue and yellow, you get green.
A fact that is always true: the present simple in both clauses — you…