

Zero Conditional- Personalised Sentence Completion Guessing Game

Fill in as many of the gaps below as you can in five minutes to make true sentences about your normal reaction in the situations given, for example “If I wake up early,...” + “I usually watch TV until the rest of my family wake up”. You can start with any which are easiest for you to fill in. If any of the sentences below are about things that you never do, just miss out those sentences.

- If/ When I break something, _____
- If/ When I buy some new technology, _____
- If/ When I don't have enough money just before payday, _____
- If/ When I feel depressed, _____
- If/ When I feel especially energetic, _____
- If/ When I feel stressed, _____
- If/ When I get angry, _____
- If/ When I have a difficult personal problem, _____
- If/ When I have a test/ an exam, _____
- If/ When I have more money than usual, _____
- If/ When I have the whole house to myself, _____
- If/ When I have time to kill and nothing to do, _____
- If/ When I have to do something I hate doing, _____
- If/ When I meet my extended family, _____
- If/ When I put on weight, _____
- If/ When I see a colleague in the street, _____
- If/ When I see a police officer, _____
- If/ When I spend too much, _____
- If/ When I think about when I was a teenager, _____
- If/ When I wake up early, _____
- If/ When I wake up in the middle of the night, _____
- If/ When I wake up late, _____
- If/ When I want to know the latest gossip, _____
- If/ When children are playing noisily outside my house, _____
- If/ When my clothes don't fit, _____
- If/ When my partner/ spouse annoys me, _____
- If/ When someone compliments me, _____
- If/ When someone criticizes me, _____
- If/ When someone who I don't like contact me, _____
- If/ When something doesn't work, _____
- If/ When I get lost, _____

In pairs, read your partner only the part that you have written of one of the sentences above, e.g. "I go to the hairdresser's". Don't read the part which is printed above, because your partner will try to guess which sentence it comes from.

Model dialogue

Student A: "I think that when you want to know the latest gossip, you go to the hairdresser's"

Student B: "No, I don't"/ "No, that's not true"

Student A: "Hmm. Maybe if you feel stressed, you go to the hairdresser's"

Student B: "Maybe that's true, but this sentence is different"

Student A: "Aha, I know! If you have time to kill and nothing to do, you go to the hairdresser's"

Student B: "That's right! It takes about four hours to do my hair!"

Continue guessing sentences until your teacher asks you to stop

Useful phrases for playing the game

"That's right"

"That's also true, but that's not the sentence that I wrote"

"No, that's not true for me. In that situation I... Try again"

"Shall I give you a hint?"

Part Two

Write five more true zero conditional sentences about your usual reactions to things, but this time creating the whole sentence yourself in the gaps below, e.g. "If I have money left at the end of the month, I spend it on CDs."

1. If/ When _____,

2. If/ When _____,

3. If/ When _____,

4. If/ When _____,

5. If/ When _____,

Play the same game as before, only reading out the second part of the sentence and seeing if your partner can guess the first part. This is obviously more difficult this time as they can't see the different options, so if they can't guess correctly give them hints until they can.