Zero Conditional
Teacher's Notes

Description: Though perhaps not as daunting as its counterparts, the First, Second and Third, the humble Zero Conditional is a vital one that is quite often overlooked. Considering the starring role that it plays when it comes to facts and general truths, however, it's essential that this handy Conditional be used correctly. The exercises in this activity sheet enable students to practise the Zero Conditional in a fun and varied way, both alone and with a partner.

Aim: To practise the Zero Conditional through a series of written and communicative activities.

Procedure: Give each student a copy of the two-page activity sheet.

Exercise A: Students begin by matching the beginnings of the Zero Conditional sentences with the correct endings.

answer key:

1. g	2. c	3. d	4. b	5. f	6. a	7. e

Exercise B: Next, students complete the Zero Conditional sentences using the correct verbs in a suitable form.

answer key:
 1. drops, freezes
 2. feel, don't go
 3. is, is
 4. gets, takes
 5. mix, get
 6. use, take
 7. earn, work
 8. stops, die
 9. drink, have
 10. rain, leaks

Exercise C: Students then complete the facts using the correct verb in a suitable form plus another word from the box on the right. Once they've done this, they chat with their partner and decide which facts are true and which ones are false.

answer key:
 1. skin, turns (true)
 2. angry, spit (true)
 3. loses, tail (true)
 4. bites, female (true)
 5. have, adults (false
 6. burn, calories (true)
 7. leaves, left (false)
 8. cheese, have (false)
 9. make, noise (false)
 10. eye, sleep (true)

Exercise D: Following this, the pairs come up with four trivia facts of their own, some true, some false, and write them down. (They may need internet access to do this.) Once they have completed their facts, they find another partner to read them out to. New partner's then guess which facts are true and which ones are false.

Exercise E: Finally, students complete the conversation questions using the correct verbs. After doing this, they ask them to their partner.

answer key:

1. get	2. have	3. have	4. feel	5. have