

# Subjunctive

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## The subjunctive mood

The subjunctive mood helps us express wishes, hopes, and imaginary situations.

When to use it:

- **wishes and desires:** When you want something to happen but it hasn't yet.
- **suggestions and recommendations:** When you give advice or say what someone should do.

How it works:

- **verbs of suggestion:** These are markers for the subjunctive. Examples are **advice, suggest, ask, demand, insist, prefer, recommend**
  - verb of suggestion + 'that' + base verb (infinitive)
  - Example: 'His boss demanded that he work overtime.', 'Her teacher suggested that she study for 1 hour last night.'
- **Adjectives of importance:** These are adjectives that trigger the subjunctive. Examples are **important, necessary, essential, vital**
  - Adjective of importance + 'that' + base verb (infinitive)
  - Example: 'It was important that he call me yesterday.', 'It is essential that the operator remain calm during an emergency.'

### Remember

Look for the word 'that' in sentences. If you see it, a subjunctive might be nearby.

Don't confuse it with regular present verbs. Keep an eye out for the base verb (infinitive).

## Find the subjunctive mood

### Mark the verbs in the subjunctive mood

When considering the organization of household chores, it is vital that each member participate equally. It is important that a clear plan be established to ensure tasks are completed efficiently. It is recommended that disagreements over duties be resolved through open communication. It is essential that children learn to contribute to housework from an early age. It is advisable that everyone assist with tasks according to their abilities. It is crucial that the workload not fall disproportionately on any one person. It is suggested that regular meetings be held to discuss and adjust the division of labor. It is hoped that with cooperation, household responsibilities become manageable for all.

# Practice using the subjunctive mood

Rewrite the sentence 'It is important for us to have a list of chores.' using the subjunctive mood.

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Rewrite the sentence 'I think it's necessary for everyone to do their part in the household.' using the subjunctive mood.

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Rewrite the sentence 'They should implement a rotation system to avoid burnout.' using the subjunctive mood.

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Rewrite the sentence 'I hope the housework gets done quickly and efficiently.' using the subjunctive mood.

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Write a short essay using 4 sentences in the subjunctive mood.

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