

Subjunctive

It's a mood!

Tense vs. Mood

- Up until this point, you've been learning different verb tenses – all of them make up the **indicative mood**.
 - Indicative = facts or things you consider certain.
- You also learned commands, which are actually the **imperative mood**.

The subjunctive

- The **subjunctive mood** is used when you talk about things you hope for, wish, things you doubt or that are unknown.
- We are going to begin by just focusing on hopes and wishes.
- The subjunctive doesn't really exist in English... but I've come up with a few examples...

English examples

- I wish that he would do the homework.
- She hopes that the class is easy.
- We hope that the test is short.

- ****THERE HAS TO BE A SUBORDINATE CLAUSE – which will most often be a subject change.****

Common verbs...

- Verbs that express wishes and desires
 - Querer
 - Esperar
 - Preferir
- You also use the subjunctive with the expression “Ojalá que...” = I hope that (Lit. May God grant that...)
- Also used with verbs like recomendar, aconsejar, sugerir...

Important to know

- You will always have 2 clauses – or 2 parts of a sentence divided by que...
- 1st clause = wish or hope
- Que
- 2nd clause
- 2nd clause = subjunctive
- I hope that he brings me flowers.
- Wish que new clause = subjunctive

To Form the subjunctive

- Find the present tense, “yo” form
- Drop the –o
- Add the opposite ending (similar to commands)

Hablar

Hable

Hablemos

Hables

Habléis

Hable

Hablen

Another example

Poner

Ponga

Pongamos

Pongas

Pongáis

Ponga

Pongan

In a sentence:

I hope that they put their books in their backpack.

Espero que ellos pongan sus libros en sus mochilas.

Stem-change

- Stem-change = -ir ending, ½ change in nosotros & vosotros
- Otherwise, follow present-tense rules.

Dormir

Duerma

Durmamos

Duermas

Durmáis

Duerma

Duerman

Irregulars

- Ir, Ser, Dar, Estar, Saber
- Ir = vaya, vayas, vaya, vayamos, vayáis, vayan
- Ser = sea, seas, sea, seamos, seáis, sean
- Dar = dé, des, dé, demos, deis, den
- Estar = esté, estés, esté, estemos, estéis, estén
- Saber = sepa, sepas, sepa, sepamos, sepáis, sepan

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