

The **SUBJUNCTIVE** mood in English

Verbs followed by the Subjunctive	Example sentences	Expressions followed by the subjunctive	Example sentences
ADVISE	The doctor advises that they (should) stop eating fatty meat.	It is a good idea (that)	It's a good idea that he study French.
ASK	He particularly asked that I (should) help you'	It is a bad idea (that)	It is a bad idea that she join that club.
COMMAND	He commanded that she (should) be released.	It is best (that)	It is best that they (should) vacate the room.
DEMAND	He demanded that I (should) tell him everything.	It is critical (that)	It is critical that the prime minister address those sensitive issues.
DESIRE	He desired that he (should) alone be considered responsible for the measure.	It is crucial (that)	It is crucial that everyone (should) be there on time.
DETERMINE	We were determined that it (should) remain secret.	It is desirable (that)	It is desirable that he (should) come early and finish early.
INSIST	The teacher insisted that Tom (should) give a presentation.	It is essential (that)	It is essential that you (should) arrive before 5pm.
ORDER	The president ordered that his private jet (should) be on standby	It is imperative (that)	It is imperative that you (should) get home before dark.
PROPOSE	Her colleagues proposed that she (should) apply for the position.	It is important (that)	It is important that a car (should) be waiting when the delegates arrive.
RECOMMEND	The doctor recommended that she (should) sleep more.	It is necessary (that)	It is necessary that he (should) go there as soon as possible.
REQUEST	The boss requested that Maria (should) work overtime.	It is recommended (that)	It was recommended that she (should) see a specialist
SUGGEST	The tutor suggested that Sarah (should) try to study harder.	It is urgent (that)	It is urgent that you (should) call your brother to the room.
URGE	Investigators urged that safety procedures at the site (should) be improved.	It is vital (that)	It is vital that your father attend the meeting.
Verb + noun	Example sentences	It is of the utmost importance (that)	It is of the utmost importance (that) she receive the letter before his departure.
ISSUE AN ORDER	The president has issued an order that the secretary (should) resign next month.	PUTATIVE "SHOULD" is the use of the word should in contexts that indicate surprise or disbelief, or that refer to the occurrence (or possible occurrence) of some situation or event	
MAKE A PROPOSAL	He made a proposal that the company (should) buy more land.	I am sorry (that)	I am sorry that you should think so.
MAKE A REQUEST	He made a request that she (should) be allowed to travel by train.	It is strange (that)	It is strange that he should ask about it.
MAKE A SUGGESTION	They made a suggestion that we (should) be early.	I am surprised (that)	I am surprised that she should want to sell her house.
MAKE A RECOMMENDATION	The doctor made a recommendation that he (should) stay at home.	It is surprising (that)	It's surprising that there should be any objection.
PAST SUBJUNCTIVE is used in subordinate clauses and refers to unreal or improbable present or future situations:		It's a pity (that)	It's a pity that you should have to leave.
		It's annoying (that)	It's annoying that he should be so late today.
It's (about/high) time + subject + past	It's (about/high) time you learned how to browse the Internet.	It's funny (that)	It's funny (that) I should run into you here.
I'd rather + subject + past	I'd rather you paid me now.	It's amazing (that)	It's amazing that she should turn up after all these years.
If only + subject + past	If only I were beautiful and brainy.	It's ridiculous (that)	It's ridiculous that they should expect us to pay their fares.
I Wish + subject + past	I wish I were younger. I'm sure I could find a job then.	It's unthinkable (that)	It's unthinkable that he should resign
Suppose + subject + past	Suppose you failed the finals, then what?	I'm anxious (that)	I'm anxious that he should pay me soon.
As though/ As if + subject + past	She behaves as though/ as if she were some movie star.	I'm eager (that)	The political campaign is eager that their candidate (should) step out of the shadows.
NEGATIVE SUBJUNCTIVE - We add NOT before the verb to make the subjunctive negative. - We do not use DO .		I suggest that she not go out tonight. We ask that she not call after 8pm.	The boss insisted that John not be at the meeting. I suggest that you not take the job without renegotiating the salary.