

# The **SUBJUNCTIVE** mood in English

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