



SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD IN ENGLISH

| Verbs followed by the Subjunctive | Example sentences | Expressions followed by the subjunctive | Example sentences |
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| 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. |