



# Subjunctive 1

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# Exercise 1 – Learning

## Why do we use the Subjunctive?

We use subjunctive verbs in **recommendations** and **hypothetical situations**.

This lesson will focus on **forming recommendations**.

To express a suggestion or demand, use a subjunctive verb with a related verb/expression:

- I *suggest that* he **study**.
- I *recommend that* he **study**.
- I *ask that* he **study**.
- *It is best that* he **study**.
- *It is essential that* he **study**.
- *It is important that* he **study**.
- *It is recommended that* he **study**.



## How do we use the Subjunctive?

The subjunctive is the plain form of the verb.

This means that even if the subject is a singular third person, the verb does not take an 's' at the end:

Lisa exercises → I suggest that she **exercise**.

John stops smoking → I insist that he **stop smoking**.

Note that we only use **the present subjunctive** for **recommendations/requests**:

I suggest that he **study**.

I suggested that he **study**. (*Not 'studied'!*)

To negate a subjunctive verb, add '**not**' before it:

I suggest that he **not study**.



To put an active sentence, such as "I ate a banana," in the passive voice, make the object '**banana**' the subject of the sentence and add the verb '**be**' to the past participle form of the verb: "A banana was eaten."

To put a subjunctive verb in the **passive voice**, use the plain form of the passive verb:

**'be' + past participle**

I suggest that he **be fired**.



## Exercise 2 – Rephrasing

*Rephrase the following indicative sentences into subjunctive ones using the words in brackets.*

**Example:** I leave the building. (He demanded) → He demanded that I leave the building.

### Content:

1. He is awarded a prize. (They proposed)
2. The project is finished by Friday. (It is necessary)
3. I visit Cuba. (He recommended)
4. I submit my application via email. (She advised)
5. You are more careful in the future. (I asked)
6. We come over to play video games. (He suggested)
7. You listen to what I am saying. (It is important)
8. You arrive early for the meeting. (I suggest)



## Exercise 3 – Sentence Construction

*Use what you learned in class to create sentences with your tutor.*

**Example:** exercise more → I suggest that you exercise more.

### Content:

1. go to the gym
2. eat less
3. drink more water
4. don't overwork yourself
5. sleep 8 hours a day
6. eat vegetables