

French subjunctive phrases: List of words and expressions

1. Related to expressions of feelings or emotions

<i>adorer que</i>	to love that
<i>aimer que</i>	to like that
<i>apprécier que</i>	to appreciate that
<i>avoir honte que</i>	to be ashamed that
<i>avoir peur que</i>	to be afraid that
<i>craindre que</i>	to fear that
<i>déplorer que</i>	to deplore that
<i>détester que</i>	to hate that
<i>être content que</i>	to be happy that

<i>être désolé que</i>	to be sorry that
<i>être étonné que</i>	to be amazed that
<i>être heureux que</i>	to be happy that
<i>être surpris que</i>	to be surprised that
<i>être triste que</i>	to be sad that
<i>il est bizarre que</i>	it is odd that
<i>il est bon que</i>	it is good that
<i>il est dommage que</i>	it is too bad that
<i>il est étonnant que</i>	it is amazing that
<i>il est étrange que</i>	it is strange that
<i>il est heureux que</i>	it is fortunate that
<i>il est honteux que</i>	it is shameful that

<i>il est inutile que</i>	it is useless that
<i>il est rare que</i>	it is rare that
<i>il est regrettable que</i>	it is regrettable that
<i>il est surprenant que</i>	it is surprising that
<i>il est utile que</i>	it is useful that
<i>redouter que*</i>	to dread that
<i>regretter que</i>	to regret that
<i>se réjouir que</i>	to be delighted that

2. Related to expressions of will such as orders, advice or desires

<i>aimer mieux que</i>	to like better / to prefer that
<i>commander que</i>	to order that
<i>demander que</i>	to ask (someone to do something)

désirer que	to desire that
donner l'ordre que	to order that
empêcher que	to prevent (someone from doing something)
éviter que	to avoid
exiger que	to demand that
il est à souhaiter que	it is to be hoped that
il est essentiel que	it is essential that
il est important que	it is important that
il est naturel que	it is natural that
il est nécessaire que	it is necessary that
il est normal que	it is normal that
il est temps que	it is time that

<i>il est urgent que</i>	it is urgent that
<i>il faut que</i>	it is necessary that
<i>il vaut mieux que</i>	it is better that
<i>interdire que</i>	to forbid that
<i>s'opposer que</i>	to oppose that
<i>ordonner que</i>	to order that
<i>permettre que</i>	to permit that
<i>préférer que</i>	to prefer that
<i>proposer que</i>	to propose that
<i>recommander que</i>	to recommend
<i>souhaiter que</i>	to wish that
<i>suggérer que</i>	to suggest that

<i>tenir à ce que</i>	to insist that
<i>vouloir que</i>	to want that

3. Related to expressions of opinion, possibility or doubt

<i>accepter que</i>	to accept
<i>s'attendre à ce que</i>	to expect
<i>chercher ... qui</i>	to look for
<i>détester que</i>	to hate
<i>douter que</i>	to doubt that
<i>il est convenable que</i>	it is proper/fitting that
<i>il est douteux que</i>	it is doubtful that
<i>il est faux que</i>	it is false that

<i>il est impossible que</i>	it is impossible that
<i>il est improbable que</i>	it is improbable that
<i>il est juste que</i>	it is right/fair that
<i>il est possible que</i>	it is possible that
<i>il est peu probable que</i>	it is improbable that
<i>il n'est pas certain que</i>	it is not certain that
<i>il n'est pas clair que</i>	it is not clear that
<i>il n'est pas évident que</i>	it is not obvious that
<i>il n'est pas exact que</i>	it is not correct that
<i>il n'est pas probable que</i>	it is improbable that
<i>il n'est pas sûr que</i>	it is not certain that
<i>il n'est pas vrai que</i>	it is not true that

<i>il semble que</i>	it seems that
<i>il se peut que</i>	it may be that
<i>le fait que</i>	the fact that
<i>nier que</i>	to deny that
<i>refuser que</i>	to refuse
<i>supposer que</i>	to suppose, hypothesize

4. Negative or interrogatory statements that need the subjunctive

<i>c'est que</i>	it's that/because
<i>connaître (quelqu'un) qui</i>	to know (someone) that
<i>croire que</i>	to believe that
<i>dire que</i>	to say that
<i>espérer que</i>	to hope that

<i>être certain que</i>	to be certain that
<i>être sûr que</i>	to be sure that
<i>il est certain que</i>	it is certain that
<i>il est clair que</i>	it is clear/obvious that
<i>il est évident que</i>	it is obvious that
<i>il est probable que</i>	it is probable that
<i>il est exact que</i>	it is correct/true that
<i>il est sûr que</i>	it is certain that
<i>il est vrai que</i>	it is true that
<i>il me (te, lui...) semble que</i>	it seems to me (you, him...) that
<i>il paraît que</i>	it appears that
<i>penser que</i>	to think that

<i>savoir que</i>	to know that
<i>trouver que</i>	to find/think that
<i>vouloir dire que</i>	to mean that

5. Conjunctive phrases that need the subjunctive

<i>à condition que</i>	provided that
<i>à moins que</i>	unless
<i>à supposer que</i>	assuming that
<i>afin que</i>	so that
<i>avant que</i>	before
<i>bien que</i>	although
<i>de crainte que</i>	for fear that
<i>de façon que</i>	so that, in order that, in such a way that

<i>de manière que</i>	so that
<i>de peur que</i>	for fear that
<i>de sorte que</i>	so that
<i>en admettant que</i>	assuming that
<i>en attendant que</i>	while, until
<i>encore que</i>	even though
<i>jusqu'à ce que</i>	until
<i>pour que</i>	so that
<i>pourvu que</i>	provided that
<i>quoique</i>	even though
<i>quoi que</i>	whatever, no matter what
<i>sans que</i>	without