Chapter 12

Objectives

Present subjunctive

Adverbial conjunctions

Passive voice

Indirect Commands

- The subjunctive mood is used to express direct commands (**no lo hagas** don't do it) and those that are not stated directly (**no quiero que lo hagas** I don't want you to do it).
 - All -ar verbs take an -e ending in the subjunctive
 - All -er or -ir verbs taken an -a ending in the subjunctive

Examples

Pronoun	Amar	Comer/Vivir
Yo	am e	com a —viv a
Tú	am es	com as —viv as
él/ella/Ud.	am e	com a —viv a
nosotros	am emos	com amos —viv amos
vosotros	am éis	com áis —viv áis
ellos/ellas/Uds.	am en	com an —viv an

Examples

Es importante que mejore la situación de la mujer en América Latina.	It is important that the situation of women in Latin America improves.
Se espera que crezca el ingreso de la mujer.	It is hoped that the income of women will increase.
Queremos que la mujer del siglo veintiuno viva bajo mejores condiciones de trabajo.	We want the women of the 21st century to live under better working conditions.
Ojalá que no te sientas triste.	We hope that you are not feeling sad.

Irregular forms

dar	estar	ir	saber	ser
dé	esté	vaya	sepa	sea
des	estés	vayas	sepas	seas
dé	esté	vaya	sepa	sea
demos	estemos	vayamos	sepamos	seamos
deis	estéis	vayáis	sepáis	seáis
den	estén	vayan	sepan	Sean

Indirect Commands

- English and Spanish both have forms that make requests or give commands in the third person
 - In Spanish this is expressed by que + present subjunctive
 - In English this is expressed by let or have

Que Juan lave los platos.	Let John wash the dishes.
Que venga a mi oficina inmediatamente.	Have him (her) come to my office right away.

Wishes

• To express wishes: use que + subjunctive

Que te vaya bien.	Have a good day. (May it go well for you.)
Que duermas bien.	Sleep well. (May you sleep well).
Que te diviertas .	Have fun.

Clauses that require the subjunctive

• Some conjunctions introduce adverbial clauses that may be followed by either the subjunctive or the indicative

aunque = although	hasta que = until
cuando = when	mientras (que) = while, as long asl
después (de) que = after	tan pronto como = as soon as
en cuanto = as soon as	

Clauses that require the subjunctive

• The verb in the adverbial clause is in the indicative when it refers to something considered factual by the speaker:

Cuando **mejora** la educación de la mujer, **mejora** la situación social y económica de la familia.

When the education of women improves, the social and economic situation of the family improves.

Aunque algunas instituciones **luchan** por el bienestar de la mujer, sus esfuerzos son aislados y de corta duración.

Although some institutions are struggling for the well-being of women, their efforts are isolated and short lived.

Clauses that require the subjunctive

• The verb in the adverbial clause is in the subjunctive when there is uncertainty in the mind of the speaker regarding the facts in question, or when the verb refers to something that may occur in the future.

Cuando **mejore** la educación de la mujer, **mejorará** la situación social y económica de la familia.

When the education of women improves, the social and economic situation of the family will improves.

Aunque algunas instituciones **luchen** por el bienestar de la mujer, sus esfuerzos son aislados y de corta duración.

Although some institutions are struggling for the well-being of women, their efforts are isolated and short lived.

Clauses that require the subjunctive

• Unlike adverbial conjunctions that take either the indicative or the subjunctive according to whether they refer to known or unknown realities, the following adverbial clauses are always followed by the subjunctive when there is a change of

subject.

a condición de que = provided that	en caso de que = in case
a fin de que = so that	para que = so that
a menos que = unless	sin que = without
con tal de que = provided that	

Clauses that require the subjunctive

• These adverbial conjunctions indicate that the actions in the two clauses are interdependent

> La mujer no mejorará su situación laboral **a menos que** se creen políticas de apoyo.

Women will not improve their work situation unless supportive policies are created.

No aumentará la productividad del trabajo en general **sin que** se *incremente* la productividad increase unless the productivity of housework del trabajo doméstico.

The productivity of labor in general will not is increased.

Passive Voice

- This is easily recognizable: it is formed by ser + past participle
 - Spanish rarely uses this form
 - Instead, we normally encounter the structure **se** + conjugated verb, which calls for a passive construction in English

Ha sido realizado un gran esfuerzo.	A big effort has been made.
Se ha realizado un gran esfuerzo.	A big effort has been made.
El contrato será firmado hoy.	The contract will be signed today.
SE firmará el contrato hoy.	The contract will be signed today.