



The Subjunctive

The Subjunctive is used:

- to emphasize urgency or importance
- to express something someone wants to happen, hopes will happen or imagines happening

Examples:

I suggest that he study.

Is it essential that we be there?

Don recommended that you join the committee.

- Use the subjunctive **:were**” instead of "was" after “if”

Examples:

If I were you, I would ask her.

Suppose she were here. What would you say?

Verbs Followed by the Subjunctive

to advise (that)

to ask (that)

to command (that)

to demand (that)

to desire (that)

to insist (that)

to propose (that)

to recommend (that)

to request (that)

to suggest (that)

to urge (that)



The Subjunctive is used after the following expressions

It is best (that)

It is crucial (that)

It is desirable (that)

It is essential (that)

It is imperative (that)

It is important (that)

It is recommended (that)

It is urgent (that)

It is vital (that)

It is a good idea (that)

It is a bad idea (that)