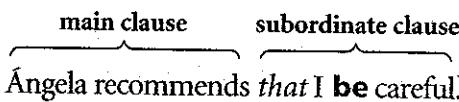


Subjunctive mood

In English The **subjunctive mood** is used infrequently. One use of the subjunctive is in *that* clauses, following verbs that give advice or make a request.

The teacher asks *that we sit* down.

The **main clause** is the part of the sentence that can stand alone as a complete thought. The **subordinate** (dependent) **clause** describes or modifies the main clause and is introduced by *that*.



Angela recommends *that I be* careful.

A For the following sentences, decide whether the subjunctive mood is used and write **yes** or **no** on the line. If yes, underline the **subordinate** clause.

1. I suggest that we sleep late. yes
2. My parents insisted that Stephen leave early. _____
3. Stephen always arrives last. _____
4. My sister called to ask that we set his alarm. _____
5. Dad prefers that we all take separate cars. _____
6. Mom does not like to drive. _____
7. John recommends that Lisa take an umbrella. _____
8. Janet is ready to go! _____

In Spanish The **subjunctive mood** is used frequently in various contexts, such as expressing hopes and wishes and giving advice or opinions.

El profesor pide que nos **sentemos**.

As in English, the **main** clause is the part of the sentence that can stand alone as a complete thought. The **subordinate** clause describes or modifies the main clause and is introduced by *que*.



Ángela recomienda *que yo tenga* cuidado.

The subjunctive is used when there is a change in subject between the main clause, containing advice or a request, and the subordinate clause.

subject change
Yo quiero que mi abuela **visite** pronto.

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B For the following sentences, decide whether the subjunctive mood is used and write **yes** or **no** on the line. If yes, underline the **subordinate clause**.

1. David espera que la casa sea grande. **yes**
2. Cristina y María hablan por teléfono.
3. Mi hermana recomienda que vayamos todos.
4. Yo prefiero quedarme en casa.
5. Los niños se divierten en la playa.
6. Mercedes insiste en que Antonio ayude con la comida.
7. Me recomendaron el restaurante italiano de su barrio.
8. Susana y Pedro esperan viajar a México el año que viene.

To form the present subjunctive, add these endings to the *yo*-form stem of regular verbs:

-AR VERBS: **espere, esperes, espere, esperemos, esperéis, esperen**

-ER/-IR VERBS: **coma, comas, coma, comamos, comáis, coman**

C Complete each sentence with the subjunctive form of the verb in parentheses.

1. Julia le sugiere a su hermana que _____ (trabajar) en la misma oficina con ella.
2. Es buena idea que todos _____ (usar) el transporte público.
3. María y Briana esperan que sus amigos _____ (poder) ir a la fiesta.
4. Nosotros insistimos en que ustedes _____ (practicar) en la cancha ahora.
5. Diana espera que su familia _____ (volver) a casa para cenar juntos.
6. Esteban insiste en que todos sus empleados _____ (vestirse) de traje.
7. Tomás prefiere que su mamá _____ (lavar) la ropa.
8. Espero que Nicolás y Ana _____ (poder) viajar a Puerto Rico mañana.

D Think about the verb endings in the present subjunctive. What other verb form has endings like the subjunctive?