

The subjunctive form.



The what?

The subjunctive form sounds scarier than it actually is.
The subjunctive form is mostly used in formal language (if you were the queen for example).
It can be used to give advice or talk about unreal situations.



Advice

- Advise
- Ask
- Command
- Demand
- Insist
- Propose
- Recommend
- Request



Unreal situations

- Desire
- Wish
- Hope
- Dream



To advise



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Noun/Pronoun	Verb (can change for tense etc)	That	Noun/Pronoun	Infinitive verb (must always be in root form for the subjunctive to be grammatically correct)
I	propose	that	dad	listen
She	demanded	that	he	be
We	command	that	she	write
Sarah	insist	that	John	have
Mr Jones	ask	that	the school team	attend

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If	Noun/pronoun	were	situation
If	I	were	rich
If	I	were	famous
If	he	were	to attend they party
If	they	were	going to book the holiday

Which is written in the subjunctive?

- If I were chosen, I would do my best.

Or

- If you choose me, I would do my best.

Which is written in the subjunctive?

- We ask that the match be postponed due to the rain.

Or

- We have asked for the match to be postponed due to the rain.

Which is written in the subjunctive?

- Honesty is part of our school rules.

Or

- Our school rules require that all children be honest.

Which is written in the subjunctive?

- It is essential that the game begin at once.

Or

- The game needs to start now.

Which is written in the subjunctive?

- Please can Matthew come home at lunchtime?

Or

- I request that Matthew be allowed to come home.

Why do I need to
know this?

Do people even
use it?

Beyonce “If I Were A Boy” VS Casablancas “I Wish It Was Christmas Today”



Julian Casablancas is
using the subjunctive
incorrectly!!



Task: Write a letter to inform Mr Casablancas of this, and what he needs to do to correct it!

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Challenge: Write in the subjunctive in your letter.

