

Subjunctive

Mandative and were-subjunctive in formal English

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DATE _____

KEY RULE:

Mandative uses bare inf; were-subjunctive for hypotheticals.

1 Mandative Subjunctive

EASY

Choose the correct mandative subjunctive form.

Word bank: be / leave / submit / apply for

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| 1. They insisted he ____ present. | 2. It's vital that she ____ early. |
| 3. The board required he ____ report. | 4. She recommended he ____ the post. |
| 5. It is essential that they ____ told. | 6. The proposal that he ____ removed. |
| 7. I demand that he ____ the meeting. | 8. It is crucial they ____ informed. |
| 9. She suggested the plan ____ changed. | 10. They proposed she ____ the committee. |

2 Were-Subjunctive

MEDIUM

Choose the correct were-subjunctive form.

Word bank: were (all persons for hypotheticals)

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| 1. If I ____ you, I'd apologise. | 2. As if he ____ the boss. |
| 3. I wish I ____ taller. | 4. She acted ____ tired. |
| 5. If she ____ here, she'd help. | 6. He talked he ____ an expert. |
| 7. I wish she ____ here now. | 8. Were it not for help, ____ failed. |
| 9. If he ____ more careful, no problem. | 10. She acts nothing ____. |

3 Mixed Subjunctive Practice

HARD

Choose subjunctive or indicative.

Word bank: tell / be / were / is / were waived

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| 1. It's important she ____ the truth. | 2. They insisted it ____ done today. |
| 3. I wish he ____ more reliable. | 4. The fact that she ____ right is clear. |
| 5. It was proposed the fee ____ waived. | 6. She spoke she ____ in charge. |
| 7. We demand that access ____ granted. | 8. He acts he ____ never wrong. |
| 9. It's vital the report ____ accurate. | 10. I wish they ____ here to see this. |

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Rewrite Using Subjunctive**VERY HARD**

Rewrite using the subjunctive mood.

1. They said he must be there.

3. He acts he's the boss.

5. I want her to attend the meeting.

7. She looked like she had seen ghost.

9. I think she should be promoted.

2. She wants to be taller.

4. They required him to resign.

6. The committee said he must leave.

8. They proposed his removal.

10. If only he was more careful.

Answer Key

Check your answers below

1 Exercise 1 Mandative Subjunctive

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| 1 be | 6 be |
| 2 leave | 7 attend |
| 3 submit | 8 be |
| 4 apply for | 9 be |
| 5 be | 10 chair |

2 Exercise 2 Were-Subjunctive

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| 1 were | 6 were |
| 2 were | 7 were |
| 3 were | 8 we'd have |
| 4 were | 9 were |
| 5 were | 10 had happened |

3 Exercise 3 Mixed Subjunctive Practice

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| 1 tell | 6 were |
| 2 be | 7 be granted |
| 3 were | 8 were |
| 4 is | 9 be |
| 5 be waived | 10 were |

4 Exercise 4 Rewrite Using Subjunctive

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|---|---|
| 1 They insisted that he be there. | 6 The committee demanded that he leave. |
| 2 I wish I were taller. | 7 She looked she had seen a ghost. |
| 3 He acts he were the boss. | 8 They proposed that he be removed. |
| 4 They required that he resign. | 9 I suggest she be promoted. |
| 5 I insist that she attend the meeting. | 10 If only he were more careful. |