The Subjunctive

The **subjunctive mood** is the verb form used to express a wish, a suggestion, a command, or a condition that is contrary to fact. The present subjunctive is formed with the base form of a verb. It only occurs in noun clauses beginning with the word "that." They follow nouns, verbs, or adjectives that express suggestions, commands, or requests. To make a subjunctive clause negative, add *not* before the subjunctive verb.

DIRECTIONS: Circle the correct verb form to complete each sentence.

1. Kim suggested that we all (get/got/gets) manicures.

2. They requested that we (do not be/are not being/not be) late.

3. She recommended that I (look/looking/to look) behind the door.

4. Pat asked that Tom (not play/not playing/is not playing) his music so loudly.

5. My neighbor prefers that we (not cross/not be crossing/are not crossing) her grass.

6. The manager asked that we (not smoke/not be smoking/are not smoking) in the restaurant.

7. The usher asked that we (present/are presenting/to present) our tickets.

8. It is important that you (do follow/are following/follow) directions.