

# THE SUBJUNCTIVE

Urgency, obligation and advisability.

Verbs	Adjectives
Demand	Critical
Insist	Crucial
Propose	Desirable
Recommend	Essential
Request	Important
Suggest	Necessary
Urge	

Example:

The subjunctive is mainly when talking about events that are not certain to happen.

She **insisted** that we **be** at the office at 3:00pm.

It's **important** that he **complete** the test.

I will **request** that people **not be** admitted.

## 1. Decide whether to use the subjunctive or not, depending on the main verbs.

- Jack was convinced that their daughter Sue \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a genius.
- It would be critical that every employee \_\_\_\_\_ (take) an EQ test.
- Everyone knows that intuitive intelligence \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) learned in school.
- It was important that Shelly \_\_\_\_\_ (become) more aware of her colleague's emotions.
- Martin demanded that the new assistant \_\_\_\_\_ (be) trained to deal with customers more effectively.
- Jake proposes that he \_\_\_\_\_ (not continue) searching for the website until after lunch.
- If you don't have a head for figures, it's essential that you \_\_\_\_\_ (get) lots of practice.

## 2. Complete the statements in your own way.

- On the first day of class, it's important that a teacher...
- I suggest that a visitor to our city...
- I would recommend that the government...
- I think it's crucial that every parent...
- When I take a taxi I insist that the driver...