

THE SUBJUNCTIVE

Urgency , obligation and advisability.

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

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

Example:

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...