

Unit 1 Working 9 to 5

Subjunctive

1. With Certain Verbs:

Present	Past	Present	Past
ask - asks	asked	request - requests	requested
demand - demands	demanded	require - requires	required
insist - insists	insisted	suggest - suggests	suggested
recommend - recommends	recommended	urge - urges	urged



The subjunctive follows the sentence pattern:

Positive: S + verb + **that** + subject + **base verb**

Negative: S + verb + **that** + subject + (**not**) **base verb**



The verb [ask]

I **ask that** visitors **stay** away from young animals to protect them from diseases.

She **asked that** we **not be** late.

The verb [demand]

The examiner **demanded that** all the test booklets **be** collected.

The boss **demanded that** he **not be** late again.

The verb [insist]

I **insist that** you **brush** your teeth before you go to bed.

I **insist that** you **go** home early if you're not feeling well.

The manager **insisted that** he **work** late.

They **insisted that** we **join** them and their guests for dinner tomorrow evening.

The verb [recommend]

I **recommend that** you **bring** your résumé.

I **recommend that** you **talk** about your skills.

I **recommend that** you **ask** them questions.

I **recommend that** you **talk** about your skills.

I recommend **that** they **like** talking to people.
 I recommend **that** you **lock** your doors.
 I recommend **that** you **take** a nap.
 I recommend **that** you **stay** out of the street.
 I recommend **that** you **cut** your hair short.
 I recommend **that** you **walk** for at least two hours a day.
 I recommend **that** you **put** your educational background on it.
 He **recommended that** he **bring** his résumé to the interview.

The verb [request]

The nurse **requests that** the waiting room **be** kept quiet.
 He **requested that** we **be** at the board meeting tomorrow to express our views.

The verb [suggest]

I suggest **that** you **send** this first-class mail.
 I suggest **that** you **use** a confident voice.
 I suggest **that** you **write** a thank-you note afterwards.
 I suggest **that** you **give** your email address.
 I suggest **that** you **try** this on.
 My job counselor **suggested that** I **look** for a job in sales.

The subjunctive is used with certain expressions

It is essential
It is imperative
It is important
It is necessary



The subjunctive with expressions follows the sentence pattern:

Positive: **Expression** + **that** + subject + **base verb**

Negative: **Expression** + **that** + subject + **(not)** **base verb**



The expression [It is essential]

It is essential that the people of our country vote for me.

It is essential that you dress appropriately.

It is essential that you shake the interviewer's hand.

It is essential that you answer all of the questions.

It is essential that you list your work experience.

It is essential that they like to cook.

It is essential that they be good with children.

It is essential that you not quit your job before you find a new one.

It is essential that you brush well twice a day.

It is essential that we not be late for the meeting.

It is essential that you not get up during take-off and landing.

It is essential that we not exceed the word limit or our papers will not be accepted.

It is essential that my patients be comfortable and still while I work.

The expression [It is imperative]

It is imperative that the doctor wash his hands before entering the operating room.

It is imperative that you make eye contact.

It is imperative that you be clear and concise.

It is imperative that kids not play with matches.

It is imperative that the documents be submitted on time.

The expression [It is important]

It is important that you be at the meeting.

It is important that you dress nicely.

It is important that you sit up straight.

It is important that you include a list of references at the end.

It is important that they know how to sew.

It is important that they be good at math.

It is important that they like working outside.

It is important that you write your name at the top.

It is important that you not eat sweets.

It is important that race car drivers take the necessary safety precautions.

It is important that we catch this train.

It is important **that** you **brush** your teeth every day.
It is important **that** your cat **take** this medicine every day.
It is important **that** you **not use** a phone while we're in the air.
It is important **that** you **wear** a seat belt.
It is important **that** everybody **wear** a seatbelt.
It is important **that** I **watch** my screen and instruments at all times to help pilots

The expression [It is necessary]

It is necessary **that** you **give** your phone number.
It is necessary **that** they **go** to medical school.
It is necessary **that** they **be** healthy and strong.
It is necessary **that** you **wear** a seatbelt.
It is necessary **that** I **wear** a helmet and protective clothing when I am at work.

I'd like you + infinitive

I'd like you **to help** with this project.
I'd like you **to consider** applying for the job.
I'd like you **to take** two pills every morning.
I'd like you **to open** your mouth.
I'd like you **to stay** still.
I'd like you **to clean** your room after school today.
My boss would like me **to finish** this project today



I want you + infinitive

I want you **to finish** the report this afternoon
I want you **to tell** me about any problems you have.
I want you **to call** me if you have any questions.
I want you **to clean** your teeth.
I want you **to do** your homework.
I want you **to stop** smoking.
I want you **to study** the new proposals very carefully.
I want you **to pick** me **up** at 5 o'clock sharp.