

## Free English Grammar \* Grammatica Inglese Gratis

## 1. Subjunctive = congiuntivo

*Nella lingua parlata il congiuntivo inglese si usa poco.*

La 3<sup>a</sup> persona singolare del "present simple" del congiuntivo non ha la "s".

Present Simple Indicative		Present Simple Subjunctive	
I	work	I	work
you	work	you	work
he	works	he	work
we	work	we	work
you	work	you	work
they	work	they	work

Gli altri tempi del **congiuntivo** sono uguali **all'indicativo**, ad eccezione del verbo "to be".

## Indicative

I worked	=	<i>io lavorai - io lavoravo</i>
I had worked	=	<i>io avevo lavorato ecc.</i>
I could	=	<i>io potevo ecc.</i>

## Subjunctive

If I worked	=	<i>se io lavorassi</i>
If I had worked	=	<i>se io avessi lavorato</i>
If I could	=	<i>se io potessi ecc.</i>

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to be

(indicative and subjunctive)

present simple	
indicative	
I	am
you	are
he	is
we	are
you	are
they	are

present simple	
subjunctive	
I	be
you	be
he	be
we	be
you	be
they	be

past simple	
indicative	
I	was
you	were
he	was
we	were
you	were
they	were

past simple	
subjunctive	
I	were
you	were
he	were
we	were
you	were
they	were

- > The director requests that you **be** present at the meeting.  
(Il direttore richiede che tu **sia** presente alla riunione.)
- > It is necessary that the dog **be** kept on a leash.  
(È necessario che il cane **sia** tenuto al guinzaglio.)
- > **If I were** rich, I would buy an airplane and travel around the world.  
(**Se fossi** ricco, comprerei un aereo e viaggerei per il mondo.)

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## 2. Subjunctive

Il "subjunctive" è usato dopo verbi quali:

to ask (that)	<i>chiedere (che)</i>
to command (that)	<i>ordinare (che)</i>
to demand (that)	<i>esigere (che)</i>
to insist (that)	<i>insistere (che)</i>
to propose (that)	<i>proporre (che)</i>
to recommend that	<i>raccomandare (che)</i>
to request (that)	<i>richiedere (che)</i>
to suggest (that)	<i>suggerire (che) ecc.</i>

- > The teacher **suggests that** she **take** (*prenda*) private lessons if she wants to pass her next exam.
- > The doctor highly **recommends that** you **quit** (*smetta*) smoking as soon as possible.
- > Arizona law **requires that** every taxi driver **be** (*sia*) drug tested every year.
- > The school director **demands that** every student **wear** (*indossi*) a school uniform.
- > The mother **requests that** her child **wash** (*lavi*) his hands before eating.

**Nota**

Quando il soggetto della frase è la 3<sup>a</sup> persona del singolare, il verbo non prende la "s". (*take - quit - wear - wash*).

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## 3. Subjunctive

*Il "subjunctive" è usato anche dopo espressioni quali:*

It is a bad/good idea (that)

It is essential (that)

It is important (that)

It is best (that)

It is urgent (that)

It is necessary (that)

It is desirable (that) etc

- > **It is a bad idea that** Miriam **stop** (*smetta*) going to college.  
**It is essential that** you **finish** (*finisca*) your project by Sunday.  
**It is important that** you **be** (*sia*) formally dressed for the job interview.  
**It is best that** he **do** (*faccia*) some stretching before running.  
**It is urgent that** my mother **go** (*vadi*) to the hospital for a medical check-up.  
To get the job at the embassy **it is necessary that** she **speak** (*parli*) French and German fluently.  
**It is desirable that** the pages of a book **be** (*siano*) rough, because it is easier to turn them.

**Nota**

Quando il soggetto della frase è la **3ª persona** del singolare, il verbo non prende la "s". (*stop - finish - do - go - speak*).

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## 4. Subjunctive

Dopo "if - as if - wish", nell'inglese formale, si usa "were" invece di "was".

formal	If I <b>were</b> younger I would run the New York marathon.
informal	If I <b>was</b> younger I would run the New York marathon.
formal	She dresses <b>as if she were</b> a top model.
informal	She dresses <b>as if she was</b> a top model.
formal	I <b>wish I were</b> tall enough to play basketball.
informal	I <b>wish I was</b> tall enough to play basketball.

## 5. Subjunctive

La struttura del **congiuntivo** è la stessa, sia quando la frase è al **presente** che quando è al **passato**.

- > The doctor highly **recommends that** he **quit** smoking as soon as possible.  
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- > **It is urgent that** my mother **go** to the hospital for a medical check-up.  
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## 6. Subjunctive

Long live the Queen!

God save the King!

God bless you!

God bless America!

If need be

Come what may

God forbid!

*A lungo viva la Regina!*

*Dio salvi il Re!*

*Dio ti (vi) benedica!*

*Dio benedica l'America!*

*Se ci fosse bisogno*

*Vada come vada - Sia quel che sia*

*Dio ce ne scampi e liberi!*