The SUBJUNCTIVE

We have different moods in Spanish.

1. Indicative – tells what is, a sense of certainty, fact without opinion

* *El libro está en la mesa.* The book is on the table.
* *Fui a la fiesta.* I went to a party.

1. Subjunctive – expresses uncertainty, subjectivity, doubt, opinion, emotion.

Uses of the subjunctive

* Negative tú commands
  + *¡No bebas la leche!* Don’t drink the milk.
  + *¡No uses mi computadora!* Don’t use my computer!
* Affirmative and Negative commands – Ud., Uds.
  + *¡Coman toda la comida!* Eat all of the food ( said to all of you)
  + *¡Escriba la frase!* Write the sentence
  + *¡Siéntense!* Sit down(said to all of you)
  + *¡No hablen en clase!* Don’t talk in class!

Words that trigger the subjunctive

*Querer ( to want)*

*Desear (to desire, or want)*

*Exigir ( to demand)*

*Sugerir (to suggest)*

*Aconsejar ( to advise)*

Expressions that trigger the subjunctive

*Es necesario que*

*Es importante que*

To form the subjunctive

Switch the endings (AR to ER/IR, ER/IR to AR)

-AR verb HABLAR

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| hable | hablemos |
| hables | habléis |
| hable | hablen |

-ER COMER

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| coma | comamos |
| comas | comáis |
| coma | coman |

-IR ESCRIBIR

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| escriba | escribamos |
| escribas | escribáis |
| escriba | escriban |

Some spelling changes occur to maintain pronunciation.

Buscar

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| busque | busquemos |
| busques | busquéis |
| busque | busquen |

Pagar

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| pague | paguemos |
| pagues | paguéis |
| pague | paguen |

Cruzar

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| cruce | crucemos |
| cruces | crucéis |
| cruce | crucen |

Examples

que

Yo quiero que tú hagas la tarea.

Subjunctive trigger

subjunctive

I want you to do your homework.

Es importante que nosotros limpiemos el cuarto.

Irregular subjunctive

Dar

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| de | demos |
| des | deis |
| de | den |

Estar

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| esté | estemos |
| estés | estéis |
| esté | estén |

Haber

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| haya | hayamos |
| hayas | hayáis |
| haya | hayan |

ir

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| vaya | vayamos |
| vayas | vayáis |
| vaya | vayan |

saber

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| sepa | sepamos |
| sepas | sepáis |
| sepa | sepan |

ser

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| sea | seamos |
| seas | seáis |
| sea | sean |

Verbs that have first-person singular forms ending in –go ( also *oír, poner*, )

decir

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| diga | digamos |
| digas | digáis |
| diga | digan |

hacer

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| haga | hagamos |
| hagas | hagáis |
| haga | hagan |