

# Present Subjunctive

The subjunctive tense is used in a variety of instances where there is implied doubt. For right now though, let's worry about just forming the verbs in the subjunctive and we can focus on instances of use once we've got this part down!

## Formula for making the subjunctive: *Drop the "o" and flip-flop*

1. Start with the **YO** form of the present indicative.
2. Then drop the **-O** or **-OY** from the ending.
3. Finally, add the opposite present tense endings: -AR take -ER endings and -ER/-IR take -AR endings.

**-AR verbs:** -e, -es, -e, -emos, -éis, -en

**-ER & -IR verbs:** -a, -as, -a, -amos, -áis, -an

## Now, let's try your hand at forming the subjunctive!

Hablar: Start = Yo hablo	Remove "o" and add...	Subjunctive forms
yo	habl + ____	_____
tú	habl + ____	_____
él, ella, ud.	habl + ____	_____
nosotros	habl + ____	_____
vosotros	habl + ____	_____
ellos, ellas, uds.	habl + ____	_____

Comer: Start = Yo como	Remove "o" and add...	Subjunctive forms
yo	com + ____	_____
tú	com + ____	_____
él, ella, ud.	com + ____	_____
nosotros	com + ____	_____
vosotros	com + ____	_____
ellos, ellas, uds.	com + ____	_____

Escribir: Start = Yo escribo	Remove "o" and add...	Subjunctive forms
yo	escrib + ____	_____
tú	escrib + ____	_____
él, ella, ud.	escrib + ____	_____
nosotros	escrib + ____	_____
vosotros	escrib + ____	_____
ellos, ellas, uds.	escrib + ____	_____

# Subjunctive Irregularities

1. **PRESENT tense YO irregularities:** Any present tense verb that is irregular in the YO form is irregular in all present subjunctive forms. Study these examples:

Present Tense Yo irregularity	Change in the subjunctive	Examples
<b>-GO</b> verbs	Keep the "g"	Tenga, haga, ponga, etc.
<b>-CIR/-CER</b> verbs	Change to "cz"	conozca, traduzca, etc.

Conocer: Start = Yo conozco	Remove "o" and add...	Subjunctive forms
yo	conozc + _____	_____
tú	conozc + _____	_____
él, ella, ud.	conozc + _____	_____
nosotros	conozc + _____	_____
vosotros	conozc + _____	_____
ellos, ellas, uds.	conozc + _____	_____

Tener: Start = Yo tengo	Remove "o" and add...	Subjunctive forms
yo	teng + _____	_____
tú	teng + _____	_____
él, ella, ud.	teng + _____	_____
nosotros	teng + _____	_____
vosotros	teng + _____	_____
ellos, ellas, uds.	teng + _____	_____

2. **PIRATE verbs:** **PIRATE** verb from the **PRETERITE** tense will maintain that pirate change throughout all forms in the subjunctive.

Pirate Verbs	Change in the subjunctive	Examples
<b>-CAR</b> verbs	Change to "que"	toque, saque, etc.
<b>-GAR</b> verbs	Change to "gue"	llegue, pague, etc.
<b>-ZAR</b> verbs	Change to "ce"	empiece, etc.

## PRESENT SUBJUNCTIVE SUPER IRREGULARS !!! MEMORIZE THESE!!!

Ser	Saber	Dar	Ir	Estar
Sea	Sepa	Dé*	Vaya	Esté*
Seas	Sepas	Des	Vayas	Estés*
Sea	Sepa	Dé*	Vaya	Esté*
Seamos	Sepamos	Demos	Vayamos	Estemos
Seáis*	Sepáis*	Deis	Vayáis	Estéis*
Sean	Sean	Den	Vayan	Estén*

\*All of these forms need accents!!

## Stem changing verbs in the subjunctive

-AR and -ER stem-changing verbs = boot verb construction

<b>pensar</b> (yo pienso) <b>pienso</b> - o = piens	
piens + e = <b>piense</b> piens + es = <b>pienses</b> piens + e = <b>piense</b>	<b>pens</b> + emos = <b>pensemos</b> * <b>pens</b> + éis = <b>penséis</b> * piens + en = <b>piensen</b>

<b>perder</b> (yo pierdo) <b>pierdo</b> - o = pierd	
pierd + a = <b>pierda</b> pierd + as = <b>pierdas</b> pierd + a = <b>pierda</b>	<b>perd</b> + amos = <b>perdamos</b> * <b>perd</b> + áis = <b>perdáis</b> * pierd + an = <b>pierdan</b>

\*Stem change in all but nosotros and vosotros

-IR stem-changing verbs = boot verb construction

<b>dormir</b> (yo duermo) <b>duermo</b> - o = duerm	
duerm + a = <b>duerma</b> duerm + as = <b>duermas</b> duerm + a = <b>duerma</b>	<b>durm</b> + amos = <b>durmamos</b> * <b>durm</b> + áis = <b>durmáis</b> * duerm + an = <b>duerman</b>

<b>sentir</b> (yo siento) <b>siento</b> - o = sient	
sient + a = <b>sienta</b> sient + as = <b>sientas</b> sient + a = <b>sienta</b>	<b>sint</b> + amos = <b>sintamos</b> * <b>sint</b> + áis = <b>sintáis</b> * sient + an = <b>sientan</b>

\*nosotros and vosotros for IR verbs have a small change  
"ue" verbs will change to "u" & "ie/i" verbs will change to "i"

## When do you use the subjunctive?

1. The main use is to express doubt however this can get cloudy so...the best advice is to look for a subjunctive trigger + “que”
2. Triggers:
  - a. Giving advice
    - i. Recomendar que
    - ii. Sugerir que
    - iii. Aconsejar que
    - iv. etc....
  - b. Construction: “Es + \_\_\_\_\_ + “que”
    - i. Es importante que
    - ii. Es necesario que
    - iii. This list can go on forever!
  - c. Emotion + que
    - i. Estar triste que...      To be sad that...
    - ii. Enojarse que... To be angry that...
    - iii. etc...
  - d. Doubt
    - i. Dudar que...      To doubt that...
    - ii. Es dudoso que...      It's doubtful that...
    - iii. No es cierto que...      It's not certain that...
  - e. Forcing someone to do something
    - i. Querer que...      To want that...
    - ii. Mandar que..      To demand that...
    - iii. Insistir que...      To insist that...
    - iv. etc...