

# SUBJUNCTIVE

In most cases, subjunctive is used to express urgency or importance.

- **Present Subjunctive:** we use the bare form of the verb (V<sub>bare</sub>) or SHOULD + V<sub>bare</sub>.
- **Past Subjunctive:** we use the same form of verbs as in Past Simple, but we use 'were' for all Subjects, including I/He/She/It.

## I. Would rather/would sooner (that) + S + PAST Subjunctive:

Would rather/would sooner (that) has similar meaning to wish:

*Please do not smoke inside the building.*

*I would rather (that) you didn't smoke inside the building.* \_\_\_\_\_

*I wish he came here in time.*

*I would sooner (that) he came here in time.* \_\_\_\_\_

## II. It's (high/about) time + S + PAST Subjunctive:

*It's time for us to take matters into our own hands.*

*It's high time we took matters into our own hands.* \_\_\_\_\_

*Erina thinks we should leave.*

*Erina thinks it's about time we left.* \_\_\_\_\_

## III. • Verbs (that) S + PRESENT Subjunctive:

These verbs require **THAT + Subjunctive clause**: advise, command, demand, desire, insist, order, propose, recommend, request, suggest, etc.

*"Let's go to the library after class" said Peter.*

*Peter suggested that we go to the library.* \_\_\_\_\_

*"The shelves need to be clean now!" said the captain.*

*The captain ordered that the shelves be cleaned then.* \_\_\_\_\_

## IV. • It's + adjective (that) S + PRESENT Subjunctive:

These adjectives require **THAT + Subjunctive clause**: advisable, best, compulsory, crucial, desirable, essential, imperative, important, necessary, obligatory, unthinkable, urgent, vital, etc.

*Everyone has to obey the traffic laws.*

*It is obligatory that everyone obey the traffic laws.* \_\_\_\_\_

*I think you should have a doctor check on your lungs.*

*It is advisable that you have a doctor check on your lungs.* \_\_\_\_\_

*Please fax these documents to Henry now.*

*It is urgent that these documents be sent to Henry now.* \_\_\_\_\_

*I hope you do not bother me when I work on this.*

*It is desirable that you not bother me when I work on this.* \_\_\_\_\_