

Subjunctive

The subjunctive in English is the simple form of the verb when used after certain verbs and adjectives in the noun clause indicating that one person wants another person to do something. **The word *that* must always appear in subjunctive sentences.**

Example: *The company president **urged** that the marketing department be more aggressive.*
 *She **insisted** that the company not lose any more customers to its competitors.*
 *It is **necessary** that each salesperson work longer hours.*

The subjunctive also occurs when the main clause is in the passive.

Example: *It was **recommended** that the department not hire new staff at this time.*

Study the following list of verbs and adjectives requiring the subjunctive.

Verbs			Adjectives
advise	insist	request	advisable
ask	move	require	essential
command	order	stipulate	important
decree	prefer	suggest	mandatory
demand	propose	urge	necessary
direct	recommend		urgent
			vital