



The Subjunctive Mood

a verb form that conveys:

suggestions / recommendations
necessity
hypothetical / unreal situations
wishes

Present Subjunctive

Structure: **Subject** + **verb (base form)**

I suggested that **she leave** early.
suggestion

It is essential that **he be** on time.
necessity

Other verbs used: recommend, advise, insist, propose, request, demand, require

Other expressions: It is important that | It is necessary that | It is vital that | It is crucial that

Past Subjunctive

Structure: **Subject** + **past simple**
(but different meaning!)

If only **she knew** the answer.
unreal situation

I wish **I had** more time.
wishes

The second conditional *uses* the past subjunctive in its if-clause

Some wish-clauses *use* that past subjunctive to convey desire in the present.