

Subjunctive: Part II

In Part I, you learned that the subjunctive mood is used whenever the speaker feels any uncertainty about the action of the sentence, or when the speaker is expressing a subjective opinion.

In this lesson you will begin to learn how to conjugate verbs in the present subjunctive.

For most verbs, the present subjunctive is formed by following these three steps:

1. Start with the **yo** form of the present indicative.
2. Then drop the **-o** ending.
3. Finally, add the following endings:

-ar verbs:

-e, -es, -e, -emos, -éis, -en

-er and -ir verbs:

-a, -as, -a, -amos, -áis, -an

Regular -ar verbs like hablar (yo hablo).

hablo - o = habl

habl + e = **hable**

habl + es = **hables**

habl + e = **hable**

habl + emos = **hablemos**

habl + éis = **habléis**

habl + en = **hablen**

Regular -er verbs like comer (yo como).

como - o = com

com + a = **coma**

com + as = **comas**

com + a = **coma**

com + amos = **comamos**

com + áis = **comáis**

com + an = **coman**

Regular -ir verbs like vivir (yo vivo).

vivo - o = viv

viv + a = **viva**

viv + as = **vivas**

viv + a = **viva**

viv + amos = **vivamos**

viv + áis = **viváis**

viv + an = **vivan**

The formula also works for verbs that have irregular “yo” forms in the present indicative. Study these examples:

conocer (yo conozco)

conozco - o = conozc

conozc + a = **conozca**

conozc + as = **conozcas**

conozc + a = **conozca**

conozc + amos = **conozcamos**

conozc + áis = **conozcáis**

conozc + an = **conozcan**

tener (yo tengo)

tengo - o = teng

teng + a = **tenga**

teng + as = **tengas**

teng + a = **tenga**

teng + amos = **tengamos**

teng + áis = **tengáis**

teng + an = **tengan**

salir (yo salgo)

salgo - o = salg

salg + a = **salga**

salg + as = **salgas**

salg + a = **salga**

salg + amos = **salgamos**

salg + áis = **salgáis**

salg + an = **salgan**

For -ar and -er stem-changing verbs, the formula applies except that there is no stem change in the nosotros and vosotros forms. Study these examples:

pensar (yo pienso)

pienso - o = piens

piens + e = **piense**

piens + es = **pienses**

piens + e = **piense**

pens + emos = **pensemos**

pens + éis = **penséis**

piens + en = **piensen**

perder (yo pierdo)

pierdo - o = pierd

pierd + a = **pierda**

pierd + as = **pierdas**

pierd + a = **pierda**

perd + amos = **perdamos**

perd + áis = **perdáis**

pierd + an = **pierdan**

contar (yo cuento)

cuento - o = cuent

cuent + e = **cuenta**

cuent + es = **cuentas**

cuent + e = **cuenta**

cont + emos = **contemos**

cont + éis = **contéis**

cuent + en = **cuenten**

volver (yo vuelvo)

vuelvo - o = vuelv

vuelv + a = **vuelva**

vuelv + as = **vuevas**

vuelv + a = **vuelva**

volv + amos = **volvamos**

volv + áis = **volváis**

vuelv + an = **vuelvan**

For -ir stem-changing verbs, the formula applies except that the stem change in the nosotros and vosotros forms follows these patterns: o:ue verbs change o to u; e:ie verbs change e to i; e:i verbs change e to i. Study these examples:

dormir (yo duermo)

duermo - o = duerm

duerm + a = **duerma**

duerm + as = **duermas**

duerm + a = **duerma**

durm + amos = **durmamos**

durm + áis = **durmáis**

duerm + an = **duerman**

sentir (yo siento)

siento - o = sient

sient + a = **sienta**

sient + as = **sientas**

sient + a = **sienta**

sint + amos = **sintamos**

sint + áis = **sintáis**

sient + an = **sientan**

pedir (yo pido)

pid - o = pid

pid + a = **pida**

pid + as = **pidas**

pid + a = **pida**

pid + amos = **pidamos**

pid + áis = **pidáis**

pid + an = **pidan**

There are just a few more rules for conjugating verbs in the present subjunctive. They will be covered in the next two lessons.

Let's add flashcards for the conjugations covered in this lesson:

Verb Flashcards

59. Present Subjunctive - hablar

hable

hables

hable

hablemos

habléis

hablen

60. Present Subjunctive - comer

coma

comas

coma

comamos

comáis

coman

61. Present Subjunctive - vivir

viva

vivas

viva

vivamos

viváis

vivan

62. Present Subjunctive - verbs with irregular first persons in present indicative

conocer - conozca, conozcas, conozca, conozcamos, conozcáis, conozcan

tener - tenga, tengas, tenga, tengamos, tengáis, tengan

salir - salga, salgas, salga, salgamos, salgáis, salgan

63. **Present Subjunctive - -ar and -er stem-changing verbs**

Conjugate just like regular subjunctives (using “yo” form of the indicative) except the stem change does not occur in the nosotros/vosotros forms:

pensar

piense
pienses
piense
pensemos
penséis
piensen

64. **Present Subjunctive - -ir stem-changing verbs**

Conjugate just like regular subjunctives (using “yo” form of the indicative) except the stem change in the nosotros and vosotros forms follows these patterns: o:ue verbs change o to u; e:ie verbs change e to i; e:i verbs change e to i.:

dormir durmamos

sentir sintamos

pedir pidamos