

Subjunctive

The subjunctive is a formal way of expressing a suggestion, command, request or desire. It uses the base form of the verb.

I advise that she **respect** her parents.

I demand that he **read** the rules.

I request that the company **listen** to its employees.

It is essential that littering **be** stopped.

Suggestions: I recommend that

I advise that

I suggest that

Commands: I insist that

I demand that

Requests: I ask that

I request that

Desires: It is important that

It is essential that

It is imperative that

It also expresses imagined situations using *were*.

If I were in your position, I would change the policy.

If it were possible, I would go today.

