

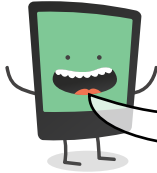


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I understand what a subjunctive verb is.

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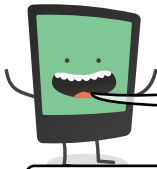


Subjunctive verbs, also known as the subjunctive mood, are words that are used to show wishful thinking, make believe or the opposite of fact. In all the examples below, the subjunctive verb '**were**' has been used to show that the sentence is make believe.

If I **were** headteacher, I would give everyone extra playtimes.

If I **were** able to fly, I would certainly come to school this way.

If I **were** able to, I would cast a spell to make my wishes come true.



Complete these sentences so they use the subjunctive form.

If I to have three wishes, they would be for health, happiness and stacks of cash!

I suppose if I President of the United States, I would find it a hard job too.

Although I know it will never happen, I can't help but dream about what it would be like if I King.

I wish I able to come to your class assembly, but I'm afraid I have to go to work.



Sometimes 'were' and 'was' can both sound grammatically correct within a sentence. The key is to ask yourself whether the statement is wishful thinking - almost like a daydream - or whether there is a possibility it could happen. For each sentence below, circle the best word choice.

If I was / were teacher of this class, I would stop giving you all homework.

If I was / were able to sit over there, I know I would get more work done.

If I was / were able to learn all my spellings, I'd get them all right.

If I was / were able to go back in time, I'd go to the period of the dinosaurs