

Independent Uses of the Subjunctive Mood

Name	Tenses	Negative	Translation & Other Information
Hortatory	present	ne	“Let us/Let’s . . .” always 1st plural present
Iussive	present	ne	“You should . . ./Let . . .” 2nd person sg or pl present “Let . . .” 3rd person sg or pl present
Optative	present or imperfect/ pluperfect	ne	Expresses a <i>simple wish</i> in <i>present tense</i> “May . . .” Expresses a wish <i>contrary to fact in present time</i> with <i>imperfect</i> “would that . . .” in <i>past</i> with <i>pluperfect</i> “if only . . .” often with <i>utinam</i>
Potential	all	non, etc.	Expresses a possibility: “They might go . . .” “They might have gone . . .”
Deliberative	all	non, etc.	Always in the form of a question: “Should . . . ?”

The Subjunctive Mood in Conditional Sentences

Name	Tense	Translation & Other Information
Future Less Vivid (should/would)	Present	<i>Si noster exercitus vincat, gaudeamus.</i> If our army should conquer, we would rejoice.
Present Contrary to Fact	Imperfect	<i>Si noster exercitus vinceret, gauderemus.</i> If our army were conquering, we would be rejoicing.
Past Contrary to Fact	Pluperfect	<i>Si noster exercitus vicisset, gavisus essemus.</i> If our army had conquered, we would have rejoiced.

Subjunctive *Cum* Clauses

Name	Meaning of Cum	Translation & Other Information
Circumstantial	when	Describes circumstances under which the main clause happens: <i>Cum Caesar advenit, Galli anxii erant</i> - “When Caesar arrived, the Gauls were nervous.” <i>Subjunctive only in imperfect, perfect, & pluperfect tenses</i>
Causal	since	Denotes a direct causal connection to the main clause: <i>Cum nihil cibi sit, nihil cenae habemus.</i> - “Since there is no food, we have no dinner.”
Concessive	although	<i>Cum</i> clause appears to contradict main clause; <i>tamen</i> (“nevertheless”) often, but not always, appears in the main clause). <i>Cum piratae porcos nostros rapuissent, cenam bonam tamen habebamus.</i> - “Although pirates had stolen our pigs, we nevertheless had a good dinner.”

Subjunctive Mood in Other Subordinate Clauses

Name	Follows	Intro Word	Translation & Other Information
Adverbial Purpose	verb of <i>going</i> or other verb of <i>doing</i>	ut (pos), ne (neg)	“in order to . . .” tells purpose of verb in preceding clause <i>Ad urbem venerunt ut ludos spectarent</i> - “They came to the city in order to see the games.”
Indirect Command	verb of <i>asking, advising, commanding</i>	ut (pos), ne (neg)	Summarizes or paraphrases (rather than quotes directly) an order or request for <i>action</i> (requests for <i>information</i> are <i>indirect questions</i> , below); getting someone <i>to do</i> something
Clause After Fearing	any form of <i>timeo, vereor, metuo</i>	ne (pos), ne non or ut (neg)	Describes what is feared “we fear <i>that</i> . . .” <i>Timeamus ne piratae appropinquent</i> - “We fear that pirates are approaching.”
Adverbial Result	“so” or “such” <i>sic, ita, tam, talis, tantus, tot, adeo</i>	ut (pos & neg)	Describes the <i>result</i> of an action or condition in the preceding clause: <i>Monstrum tantus erat ut omnes effugerent</i> - “The monster was so big that everyone fled”
Substantive Result	<i>accidit, evenit</i> or a form of <i>facere</i>	ut (pos & neg)	<i>Accidit ut nesciamus</i> - “It happens that we don’t know.” <i>Fecit ut laeti essent</i> - “He made it so that they were happy.”
Indirect Question	verb of <i>asking, knowing, perceiving</i> , etc.	Interrogatives: quis, quid, cur, dum, ubi, etc.; ut meaning “how”	Summarizes or paraphrases (rather than quotes directly) an actual or implied question. <i>Ut</i> never follows verbs of asking. <i>Scimus cur cives fugerent</i> - “We know why the citizens fled”
Relative Purpose	usually noun or pronoun sent or assigned to do something	qui, quae, quod, etc.	E.g. - <i>Consul milites qui piratas vincerent</i> - usually translated “The consul sent soldiers <i>to defeat</i> the pirates”, literally “The consul sent soldiers <i>who were to</i> defeat the pirates”
Relative Characteristic	noun or pronoun	qui, quae, quod, etc.	Tells what sort the antecedent of the clause is: <i>Caesar erat imperator qui semper vinceret</i> - “Caesar was a general (i.e., <i>the sort of</i> general) who always conquered.”
Relative Clause in Indirect Discourse	Noun or pronoun in <i>indirect statement, command, or question</i>	qui, quae, quod, etc.	Modifies noun or pronoun contained in indirect statement, indirect command, or indirect question. E.g. <i>Dicit se virum vidisse qui similis tui videretur</i> - “She says that she saw a man who looked like you.”
Dum Purpose		dum	“until . . .” <i>manebam dum consul adveniret</i> - “I waited until the consul might arrive.” Tells <i>why</i> I waited, not whether the consul actually arrived.
Doubting, Refusing Resisting	Expressions of Doubting, Refusing Resisting	quin	“that . . .” <i>Dubitamus quin piratae porcos vestros rapiant</i> - “We doubt that pirates are stealing your pigs.”