

A fixed expression that always takes the subjunctive is **Ojalá que**.

When there is no change in subject between the main and subordinate clauses, omit **que** and use the infinitive.

**Yo quiero cantar en el coro.**

When the main clause expresses certainty or something that the speaker believes to be true, use the indicative.

**Me parece que Ángela tiene mucho trabajo.**

## Present Subjunctive

When the verb in the main clause of a sentence that requires the subjunctive is in the present or future, the present subjunctive is used in the subordinate clause. It is formed by adding the following endings to the first person singular form of the verb after removing **-o**.

| -ar      | -er     | -ir     |
|----------|---------|---------|
| hable    | coma    | viva    |
| hables   | comas   | vivas   |
| hable    | coma    | viva    |
| hablemos | comamos | vivamos |
| habléis  | comáis  | viváis  |
| hablen   | coman   | vivan   |

The following verbs are irregular in the subjunctive:

**dar: dé, des, dé, demos, deis, den**  
**estar: esté, estés, esté, estemos, estéis, estén**  
**haber: haya, hayas, haya, hayamos, hayáis, hayan**  
**ir: vaya, vayas, vaya, vayamos, vayáis, vayan**  
**saber: sepa, sepas, sepa, sepamos, sepáis, sepan**  
**ser: sea, seas, sea, seamos, seáis, sean**

## Present Perfect Subjunctive

Use the present perfect subjunctive to express an emotion, judgment, doubt, or hope about something that has happened. It is formed with the subjunctive of **haber** (**haya, hayas, haya, hayamos, hayáis, hayan**) and the past participle of the main verb.

**Dudo que el avión haya llegado.**

**Es interesante que no hayan dicho nada.**

## Past Subjunctive

When the verb in the main clause of a sentence that requires the subjunctive is in the past or conditional, the past subjunctive is used in the subordinate clause. It is formed by adding the following endings to the third person plural preterite form of the verb after removing **-on**.

| -ar        | -er        | -ir        |
|------------|------------|------------|
| hablara    | comiera    | viviera    |
| hablaras   | comieras   | vivieras   |
| hablara    | comiera    | viviera    |
| habláramos | comiéramos | viviéramos |
| hablarais  | comierais  | vivierais  |
| hablaran   | comieran   | vivieran   |

| Infinitive                                                           | Indicative                                                   |                                                                    | Imperative                                                                                                                              | Subjunctive                                                   |                                                                             |
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|                                                                      | Present                                                      | Preterite                                                          |                                                                                                                                         | Present                                                       | Past                                                                        |
| <b>sentir (ie)(i)</b><br>(to feel)<br><b>-ndo FORM</b><br>sintiendo  | siento<br>sientes<br>siente<br>sentimos<br>sentís<br>sienten | sentí<br>sentiste<br>sintió<br>sentimos<br>sentisteis<br>sintieron | <b>siente (no sientas)</b><br><b>sienta (no sienta)</b><br>sintamos (no sintamos)<br>sentid (no sintáis)<br><b>sientan (no sientan)</b> | sienta<br>sientas<br>sienta<br>sintamos<br>sintáis<br>sientan | sintiera<br>sintieras<br>sintiera<br>sintiéramos<br>sintierais<br>sintieran |
| <b>dormir (ue)(u)</b><br>(to sleep)<br><b>-ndo FORM</b><br>durmiendo | duermo<br>duermes<br>duerme<br>dormimos<br>dormís<br>duermen | dormí<br>dormiste<br>durmió<br>dormimos<br>dormisteis<br>durmieron | <b>duerme (no duermas)</b><br><b>duerma (no duerma)</b><br>durmamos (no durmamos)<br>dormid (no durmáis)<br><b>duerman (no duerman)</b> | duerma<br>duermas<br>duerma<br>durmamos<br>durmáis<br>duerman | durmiera<br>durmieras<br>durmiera<br>durmiéramos<br>durmierais<br>durmieran |

Other verbs that follow this pattern are **mentir**, **morir**, and **preferir**.

The verbs below are irregular in the same tenses as those above. The only difference is that they only have one change: **e → i**.

| Infinitive                                                                   | Indicative                                         |                                                              | Imperative                                                                                                              | Subjunctive                                         |                                                                       |
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|                                                                              | Present                                            | Preterite                                                    |                                                                                                                         | Present                                             | Past                                                                  |
| <b>pedir (i)</b><br>(to ask for,<br>request)<br><b>-ndo FORM</b><br>pidiendo | pido<br>pides<br>pide<br>pedimos<br>pedís<br>piden | pedí<br>pediste<br>pidió<br>pedimos<br>pedisteis<br>pidieron | <b>pide (no pidas)</b><br><b>pidá (no pidá)</b><br>pidamos (no pidamos)<br>pedid (no pidáis)<br><b>pidan (no pidan)</b> | pidá<br>pidas<br>pidá<br>pidamos<br>pidáis<br>pidan | pidiera<br>pidieras<br>pidiera<br>pidiéramos<br>pidierais<br>pidieran |

Other verbs that follow this pattern are **seguir**, **servir**, **vestirse**, **repetir**, and **reír**.

### Gustar and Verbs Like It

**Gustar**, **encantar**, **fascinar**, **fastidiar**, **interesar**, **faltar**, and **tocar** are used to talk about things you like, love, dislike, are interested in, lack, or must do. The verb endings for **gustar** and verbs like it always agree with what is liked or disliked. The indirect object pronouns always precede the verb forms.

| If one thing is liked: |                | If more than one thing is liked: |                 |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| me                     | } <b>gusta</b> | me                               | } <b>gustan</b> |
| te                     |                |                                  |                 |
| le                     |                |                                  |                 |
| nos                    |                |                                  |                 |
| os                     |                |                                  |                 |
| les                    |                |                                  |                 |

## MORE ABOUT VERBS

### Stem-changing Verbs

Stem-changing verbs have a spelling change in the stem's stressed syllable.

#### THE -AR AND -ER STEM-CHANGING VERBS

Some verbs ending in **-ar** and **-er** change from **e** to **ie**, **u** to **ue**, and **o** to **ue**. These changes occur in all persons except the **nosotros** and **vosotros** forms.

| Infinitive                        | Present Indicative                                            | Imperative                                                                                                         | Present Subjunctive                                           |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>querer (ie)</b><br>(to want)   | quiero<br>quieres<br>quiere<br>queremos<br>queréis<br>quieren | quiere (no quieras)<br>quiera (no quiera)<br>queramos (no queramos)<br>quered (no queráis)<br>quieran (no quieran) | quiera<br>quieras<br>quiera<br>queramos<br>queráis<br>quieran |
| <b>pensar (ie)</b><br>(to think)  | pienso<br>piensas<br>piensa<br>pensamos<br>pensáis<br>piensan | piensa (no pienses)<br>piense (no piense)<br>pensemos (no pensemos)<br>pensad (no penséis)<br>piensen (no piensen) | piense<br>pienses<br>piense<br>pensemos<br>penséis<br>piensen |
| <b>probar (ue)</b><br>(to try)    | pruebo<br>pruebas<br>prueba<br>probamos<br>probáis<br>prueban | prueba (no pruebes)<br>pruebe (no pruebe)<br>probemos (no probemos)<br>probad (no probéis)<br>prueben (no prueben) | pruebe<br>pruebes<br>pruebe<br>probemos<br>probéis<br>prueben |
| <b>volver (ue)</b><br>(to return) | vuelvo<br>vuelves<br>vuelve<br>volvemos<br>volvéis<br>vuelven | vuelve (no vuelvas)<br>vuelva (no vuelva)<br>volvamos (no volvamos)<br>olved (no volváis)<br>vuelvan (no vuelvan)  | vuelva<br>vuelvas<br>vuelva<br>volvamos<br>volváis<br>vuelvan |

Verbs that follow the same pattern:

|             |             |           |          |        |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|----------|--------|
| acordar(se) | comenzar    | doler     | jugar    | poder  |
| acostarse   | costar      | empezar   | llover   | querer |
| almorzar    | despertarse | encontrar | merendar | sentar |

#### THE -IR STEM-CHANGING VERBS

Stem-changing verbs ending in **-ir** may change from **e** to **ie**, from **e** to **i**, or from **o** to **ue** or **u**.

Such verbs also undergo a stem change in the preterite for the third persons singular and plural. The same stem change occurs in the **-ndo** form. For example: **pedir** → **pidió, pidieron, pidiendo**; **dormir** → **durmió, durmieron, durmiendo**.