Mood Mission Control

Read a model text to trace how verb moods shape a plan.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.8.1c "Form and use verbs in the indicative, imperative, interrogative, conditional, and subjunctive mood."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one verb or verb phrase that shows each of the five moods: indicative, imperative, interrogative, conditional, and subjunctive. Write the mood name above each underline to show how the writer uses verbs for facts, directions, questions, possibilities, and requests.

Moon-Viewing Night

1. At the Harbor Science Club, students plan a public moon-viewing night. The club meets in the library each Thursday, and members choose the courtyard because it has an open view of the eastern sky. Before sunset, volunteers set up telescopes, red-light flashlights, and a table of moon maps. The coordinator checks the weather forecast and posts updates online. Families arrive after dinner, then club members explain how craters formed when space rocks struck the Moon long ago.

2. On the afternoon of the event, the coordinator gives clear directions: "Place the telescope legs on level ground, and keep the lenses covered until twilight." She also asks, "Will clouds block our view tonight?" A student studies the forecast, while another tests the battery pack. If the sky stayed clear, the club would share a live telescope image on a screen. If rain began, visitors would move indoors to watch a NASA video about lunar exploration.

3. Club leaders want the evening to feel welcoming, so they make a request to the principal. They write, "We suggest that every visitor use a red flashlight near the telescopes." Red light helps people keep their night vision, which makes dim objects easier to see. The principal replies, "It is essential that the courtyard remain quiet during the telescope demonstration." A calm space helps speakers answer questions and helps observers focus on the Moon's details.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Copy the indicative verb phrase that tells when the club meets. Then copy the subjunctive verb in the club's request to the principal.

2. Copy the imperative verb phrase that gives directions about the telescope lenses.

3. Copy the coordinator's interrogative sentence. What helping verb begins the question?

4. Copy the conditional statement that explains what the club would do if the sky stayed clear.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write five sentences for a student-run museum exhibit, using one verb in each mood: indicative, imperative, interrogative, conditional, and subjunctive. Label each sentence with its mood.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 8 · L.8.1c

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline one verb or verb phrase that shows each of the five moods: indicative, imperative, interrogative, conditional, and subjunctive. Write the mood name above each underline to show how the writer uses verbs for facts, directions, questions, possibilities, and requests. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Copy the indicative verb phrase that tells when the club meets. Then copy the subjunctive verb in the club's request to the principal.	**meets; use**
2	Copy the imperative verb phrase that gives directions about the telescope lenses.	**keep the lenses covered until twilight**
3	Copy the coordinator's interrogative sentence. What helping verb begins the question?	**"Will clouds block our view tonight?"; will**
4	Copy the conditional statement that explains what the club would do if the sky stayed clear.	**If the sky stayed clear, the club would share a live telescope image on a screen.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Indicative: The museum opens its fossil room at nine o'clock. Imperative: Read each display label before you move on. Interrogative: Will you compare the two dinosaur footprints? Conditional: If the lights failed, staff members would guide visitors outside. Subjunctive: The curator requests that every visitor handle the replica gently.

Accept other correctly identified verb phrases from the passage when they match the requested mood. For the open task, require five labeled original sentences that use each mood correctly.