

Mood Clue Sort

Sort sentences by the mood their verbs create.

9.L.GC.1.58 "Usage: Use tenses and aspects to indicate the mood of a verb. (Master)"

NAME _____

DATE _____

INDICATIVE MOOD

Indicative mood states facts, beliefs, or questions as real. It usually uses regular verb tenses.

Owls hunt at dusk.

SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD

Subjunctive mood expresses a wish, request, recommendation, or unreal condition. It often uses a base verb after that or were for an unreal idea.

We insist that silence reign.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

For each sentence, circle the mood tag, then choose two item numbers and explain which verb form or meaning proves each choice.

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| 1. The library opens at eight. | INDICATIVE | SUBJUNCTIVE |
| 2. The coach demanded that every player arrive on time. | INDICATIVE | SUBJUNCTIVE |
| 3. If I were taller, I would try out for basketball. | INDICATIVE | SUBJUNCTIVE |
| 4. Our class completed the lab report yesterday. | INDICATIVE | SUBJUNCTIVE |
| 5. It is important that Jordan speak clearly. | INDICATIVE | SUBJUNCTIVE |
| 6. The river flooded after the storm. | INDICATIVE | SUBJUNCTIVE |
| 7. The editor recommends that the article include sources. | INDICATIVE | SUBJUNCTIVE |
| 8. Nina believes that the train leaves at noon. | INDICATIVE | SUBJUNCTIVE |

2 PROVE IT Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN One of each

Write one new indicative sentence and one new subjunctive sentence.

INDICATIVE _____

SUBJUNCTIVE _____

CHALLENGE

Rewrite this indicative sentence in subjunctive mood to show a recommendation: The council approves the plan. Then explain how the mood changed.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The library opens at eight.	INDICATIVE	The sentence states a regular fact.
2	The coach demanded that every player arrive on time.	SUBJUNCTIVE	The base verb arrive follows a demand.
3	If I were taller, I would try out for basketball.	SUBJUNCTIVE	Were shows an unreal condition.
4	Our class completed the lab report yesterday.	INDICATIVE	The sentence reports a past event as a fact.
5	It is important that Jordan speak clearly.	SUBJUNCTIVE	The base verb speak follows an expression of importance.
6	The river flooded after the storm.	INDICATIVE	The sentence states that an event happened.
7	The editor recommends that the article include sources.	SUBJUNCTIVE	The base verb include follows a recommendation.
8	Nina believes that the train leaves at noon.	INDICATIVE	The sentence presents a belief about a scheduled event.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **INDICATIVE:** The robotics team practices every Thursday.
- **SUBJUNCTIVE:** The principal requested that each visitor sign in.

Challenge: The council recommends that the plan be approved. The subjunctive verb be presents approval as a recommendation instead of a fact.

Indicative answers are 1, 4, 6, and 8. Subjunctive answers are 2, 3, 5, and 7, with arrive, were, speak, and include serving as key clues.