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.

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** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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.

ANSWER KEY # Mood Clue Sort

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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.

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