

## The Subjunctive: Adjectives that Use the Subjunctive

**FORM:**

The adjectives *essential, imperative, important, critical, vital, and necessary* can be followed in sentences by either **infinitives** or **present subjunctive** verbs.

**USE:**

These sentence forms are used in formal English to describe important things.

**EXAMPLES:**

*You have to be on time tomorrow. It is essential.*

*It is essential **to be** on time tomorrow. (infinitive)*

*It is essential that you **be** on time tomorrow. (present subjunctive)*

*Write two sentences using the adjectives with both the INFINITIVE and PRESENT SUBJUNCTIVE structures.*

1. Everyone has to confirm his or her flight 48 hours in advance. It is necessary.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

2. You have to pay those bills before Friday. It is important.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

3. You take these pills before meals. It is essential.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

4. He needs to repair the roof as soon as possible. It is imperative.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

*Complete the sentences using any verb in the SUBJUNCTIVE form.*

1. I suggest that everyone \_\_\_\_\_ the directions very carefully.
2. Our teacher insists that Nancy \_\_\_\_\_ more legibly in her notebook.
3. It is necessary that he \_\_\_\_\_ the director of the English program.
4. Dr. Jones recommended that the patient \_\_\_\_\_ in bed for at least 3 days.
5. Fred insisted that his daughter \_\_\_\_\_ a longer skirt.
6. Her demand that I \_\_\_\_\_ her the truth was making me nervous.
7. My host mother requested that I not \_\_\_\_\_ after midnight.
8. It is necessary that everyone \_\_\_\_\_ on time for class.
9. The gym's requirement that everyone \_\_\_\_\_ a t-shirt is always followed.
10. It is essential that no one \_\_\_\_\_ in the hospital without an insurance card.
11. Maria recommended that Ryan \_\_\_\_\_ the TOEFL class.
12. It was such a beautiful day that Nancy suggested that the class \_\_\_\_\_ outside and \_\_\_\_\_ their work in the park.
13. It is necessary that Matt \_\_\_\_\_ a jacket and tie to dine at "Chez Pierre."
14. It is important that Kevin \_\_\_\_\_ you tomorrow during break.
15. My suggestion to my husband that he \_\_\_\_\_ out the garbage wasn't appreciated.