

Le Subjonctif

1. Verbs and expressions which express someone's **will, an order, a need, a piece of advice, or a desire** require the subjunctive.

aimer mieux que to like better / to prefer that
commander que to order that
demander que to ask (someone to do something)
désirer que to desire that
donner l'ordre que to order that
*empêcher que** to prevent (someone from doing something)
exiger que to demand that
il est à souhaiter que it is to be hoped that
il est essentiel que it is essential that
il est important que it is important that
il est naturel que it is natural that
il est nécessaire que it is necessary that
il est normal que it is normal that
il est temps que it is time that
il est urgent que it is urgent that
il faut que it is necessary that
il vaut mieux que it is better that
interdire que to forbid that
s'opposer que to oppose that
ordonner que to order that
permettre que to permit that
préférer que to prefer that
proposer que to propose that
recommander que to recommend
souhaiter que to wish that
suggérer que to suggest that
tenir à ce que to insist that
vouloir que to want that

2. Verbs and expressions of **emotion or feeling - fear, happiness, anger, regret, surprise**, or any other sentiments - require the subjunctive.

adorer que to love that
aimer que to like that
apprécier que to appreciate that
avoir honte que to be ashamed that
avoir peur que to be afraid that
déplorer que to deplore that
détester que to hate that
être content que to be happy that
être désolé que to be sorry that
être étonné que to be amazed that
être heureux que to be happy that
être surpris que to be surprised that
être triste que to be sad that
il est bizarre que it is odd that
il est bon que it is good that
il est dommage que it is too bad that
il est étonnant que it is amazing that
il est étrange que it is strange that
il est heureux que it is fortunate that
il est honteux que it is shameful that
il est inutile que it is useless that
il est rare que it is rare that
il est regrettable que it is regrettable that
il est surprenant que it is surprising that
il est utile que it is useful that
regretter que to regret that
se réjouir que to be delighted that

3. Verbs and expressions of **doubt, possibility, supposition, and opinion**

accepter que to accept

s'attendre à ce que to expect

chercher ... qui to look for

détester que to hate

douter que to doubt that

il est convenable que it is proper/fitting that

*il est douteux que*** it is doubtful that

il est faux que it is false that

il est impossible que it is impossible that

il est improbable que it is improbable that

il est juste que it is right/fair that

il est possible que it is possible that

il est peu probable que it is improbable that

il n'est pas certain que it is not certain that

il n'est pas clair que it is not clear that

il n'est pas évident que it is not obvious that

il n'est pas exact que it is not correct that

il n'est pas probable que it is improbable that

il n'est pas sûr que it is not certain that

il n'est pas vrai que it is not true that

il semble que it seems that

il se peut que it may be that

le fait que the fact that

refuser que to refuse

supposer que to suppose, hypothesize

4. The following verbs and expressions do not take the subjunctive when they are used in the affirmative, because they express facts which are considered certain - at least in the speaker's mind. **When negative or interrogatory, they require the subjunctive:**

c'est que it's that/because

connaître (quelqu'un) qui to know (someone) that

croire que to believe that

dire que to say that

espérer que to hope that

être certain que to be certain that

être sûr que to be sure that

il est certain que it is certain that

il est clair que it is clear/obvious that

il est évident que it is obvious that

il est probable que it is probable that

il est exact que it is correct/true that

il est sûr que it is certain that

il est vrai que it is true that

il me (te, lui...) semble que it seems to me (you, him...) that

il paraît que it appears that

penser que to think that

savoir que to know that

trouver que to find/think that

vouloir dire que to mean that