

Worksheet 5

The subjunctive

1. *React to the following sentence using - I wish ... / If only ...*

1. It's very hot today. _____
2. He's abroad, so you can't talk to him. _____
3. I'm at work and would prefer to be home. _____
4. I 'm not very good at languages. _____

2. *Fill in the following verbs in the subjunctive form:*

be apply send not delay not break return

1. I suggest that he _____ for the job.
2. All I ask is that they _____ the rules.
3. Her solicitor suggested that she _____ in signing the contract.
4. It's vital that he _____ the information at once.
5. It's essential that she _____ home as soon as possible.
6. If I _____ better qualified, I would apply for the job.

3. *Rephrase the following sentences using the subjunctive:*

1. He should arrive on time. (essential)

2. We should deal with this problem as soon as possible. (necessary)

3. She wanted him to accompany her. (she / insist)

4. We must solve the problem immediately. (vital)

5. You should tell him immediately. (imperative)

6. The opposition wanted to make all the facts public. (demand)

7. They said he shouldn't be released from prison. (recommend)

8. They said that he should be allowed to enter the building. (insist)

The passive

1. Change the following active sentences into passive:

1. The company has sent him to California for a year.
2. We will deal with this problem next week.
3. They grow all sorts of vegetables in this area.
4. Someone found this wallet in the street.
5. A gust of wind blew the tent down.
6. They say that Carol will be promoted soon.
7. John gave me this CD.
8. They are repairing the roof.
9. We expect that prices will rise again this month.
10. I can't use my office - they are decorating it.

2. Fill in the verbs in brackets in the correct form:

1. The new computer system _____ (install) next month.
2. My office _____ (break into) when I was on holiday.
3. I _____ (teach) to ski at the age of seven.
4. A new swimming pool _____ (build) near my house. It should be opened in six months.
5. The charity _____ (give) \$ 100, 000 recently.
6. This dress _____ (must / dry clean), you can't wash it.
7. This _____ (could / do) much more easily by a machine.
8. He escaped when he _____ (move) from one prison to another.

3. Active or passive?

1. An ambulance _____ (take) the man to hospital after he had crashed into a tree.
2. Their children _____ (bring up) in Italy in 1970s.
3. The school _____ (close) next month.

4. Someone _____ (break into) his house and stole a lot of his things.
5. I _____ (tell) to come. What do you need to talk to me about?
6. An earthquake _____ (destroy) many buildings but fortunately nobody _____ (kill).
7. He _____ often _____ (take) for his brother, they look almost the same.
8. The lost child _____ (find) safe and sound last night.
9. When _____ the town _____ (found)? – In the 15th century.
10. The car _____ (need) washing. – I know, I will do it later today.