

The subjunctive

Page 1 of 3

SPaG: Verbs and tense · 8 questions

Answers are on the last page.

1 Which sentence contains a subjunctive verb? Tick one.

- ☐ It is important that he take more exercise.
- ☐ It is vital that every child is vaccinated.
- ☐ The rules require that he is on time.
- ☐ It is important that he takes more exercise.

2 Which sentence does NOT use the subjunctive? Tick one.

- ☐ It is important that he be on time.
- ☐ The rules require that every child be vaccinated.
- ☐ It is vital that he is on time.
- ☐ The law requires that each player be registered.

3 Which sentence contains a subjunctive verb? Tick one.

- ☐ It is vital that each player is registered.
- ☐ The rules require that he withdraws his application.
- ☐ I suggest that the proposal is accepted.
- ☐ The rules require that he be on time.

4 Which sentence contains a verb in the subjunctive? Tick one.

- ☐ The rules require that the proposal is accepted.
- ☐ It is vital that she be informed immediately.
- ☐ It is important that he withdraws his application.
- ☐ The committee recommended that he is on time.

The subjunctive

Page 2 of 3

SPaG: Verbs and tense · 8 questions

Answers are on the last page.

5 Which sentence does NOT use the subjunctive? Tick one.

- ☐ It is important that she is informed immediately.
- ☐ If I were rich, I would travel the world.
- ☐ It is vital that the proposal be accepted.
- ☐ I suggest that every child be vaccinated.

6 Which sentence does NOT use the subjunctive? Tick one.

- ☐ If she were the captain, she would lead well.
- ☐ She suggested that every child be vaccinated.
- ☐ I suggest that he takes more exercise.
- ☐ The rules require that each player be registered.

7 Which sentence does NOT use the subjunctive? Tick one.

- ☐ The committee recommended that the proposal is accepted.
- ☐ The rules require that every child be vaccinated.
- ☐ She suggested that the proposal be accepted.
- ☐ The law requires that each player be registered.

8 Which sentence contains a verb in the subjunctive? Tick one.

- ☐ The rules require that he is on time.
- ☐ She suggested that she is informed immediately.
- ☐ She suggested that he is on time.
- ☐ I suggest that the proposal be accepted.

The subjunctive: answers

SPaG: Verbs and tense · 8 questions

Page 3 of 3

Mark scheme

- 1 It is important that he take more exercise.
- 2 It is vital that he is on time.
- 3 The rules require that he be on time.
- 4 It is vital that she be informed immediately.
- 5 It is important that she is informed immediately.
- 6 I suggest that he takes more exercise.
- 7 The committee recommended that the proposal is accepted.
- 8 I suggest that the proposal be accepted.