



Past Subjunctive

The **subjunctive mood** expresses a wish, a suggestion, a hope, a command, or an imaginary situation. The past subjunctive appears mostly in subordinate clauses that begin with (as) if or though. The past subjunctive uses the same form of the verb as the past simple tense. For the verb "to be," the past subjunctive form is always "were," even for the first and third person singular. Use the past subjunctive:

- After the verb "wish" to express an unfulfilled desire
- After "if only" followed by a clause with would, could, or might
- After "suppose" or "imagine" expressing unreal conditions, usually followed by a sentence with would or could
- After "as though" or "as if" to make a comparison to an imaginary condition.

DIRECTIONS: Complete each sentence with the past subjunctive.

1. If only I _____
2. Kent supposed that we _____
3. It was as though we _____
4. He laughed as if I _____
5. George wished that he _____
6. Paul imagined that they _____