

Subjunctive vs. Indicative

The **subjunctive mood** is the verb form used to express a wish, a suggestion, a command, or a condition that is unreal. It can also be used to emphasize doubt, hypothesis, or supposition. The **indicative mood** makes a statement or asks a question.

Subjunctive: *If I were a dog, I would still wear clothes.*

This sentence expresses an unreal condition.

Indicative: *If I was you, I would adopt that dog.*

This sentence is stating a fact.



DIRECTIONS: Circle whether each sentence is in the subjunctive or the indicative mood.

1. If Jonathan passes this test, he will pass sixth grade.

subjunctive indicative

2. It is required that students pass their final exams.

subjunctive indicative

3. I propose that we as a society treat animals better.

subjunctive indicative

4. Every person has their little quirks.

subjunctive indicative

5. If only I could fly, I would travel more.

subjunctive indicative