GRAMMAR & PUNCTUATION · YEAR 6

Subjunctive Form Exercise Sheet

Formal writing and hypothetical situations

Name _____ **Date** _____

REMEMBER In a formal request or recommendation, use the verb's **base form**. In a hypothetical situation, use **were** for any subject.

1 Spot the subjunctive

In each pair, tick the sentence that contains the subjunctive. Then underline its verb.

○ The teacher requests that each pupil be ready.	○ Each pupil is ready for the lesson.
○ If I were taller, I could reach the top shelf.	○ I was taller than my brother last year.
○ Our guide suggests that we follow the blue path.	○ We follow the blue path to the hall.
○ If our class were outside, we could play rounders.	○ Our class was outside at break.

2 Complete the sentences

Write the correct subjunctive form of the verb in brackets on each line.

a) The coach insisted that every player _____ ready by nine. (be)

b) The panel recommended that Leo _____ the tour. (lead)

c) If I _____ the team captain, I would encourage everyone. (be)

d) If the school garden _____ bigger, we could grow more vegetables. (be)

3 Rewrite using the subjunctive

Rewrite each sentence as directed. Begin with the words provided.

a) The class should plant more flowers. **We recommend that …**

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b) I am the mayor, so I can improve the park. **If I …**

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4 Write your own

Write one original sentence for each situation.

a) A formal request or recommendation using the subjunctive:

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b) A hypothetical situation using *were*:

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