

Worksheet 11.1 Subjunctive mood—present tense

There are three moods. The *indicative mood* is used for statements of fact, the *imperative mood* is the command form, and the *subjunctive mood* is for statements that are not necessarily true. The *subjunctive mood* has not been seen in any of the preceding exercises.

In English, we may say: *I hope she sings*. This sounds strange in Spanish, because *she sings* is a statement of fact. She will not necessarily sing just because I hope she will. Spanish therefore says *I hope she may sing*, with *may sing* being a single verb in the subjunctive mood. This verb form will be required in dependent clauses after such verbs as *want, wish, hope, doubt, fear*, and also in impersonal expressions, such as *It is important (necessary, probable) that*. It also appears after verbs of emotion, like *I am delighted that*.

Indicatives and subjunctives trade endings. The endings for **-ar** verbs in the subjunctive mood are the same as the endings for **-er** verbs in the indicative mood, except that the third person and first person singular* forms are the same:

INDICATIVE		SUBJUNCTIVE	
hablo	hablamos	*hable	hablemos
hablas	habláis	hables	habléis
habla	hablan	hable	hablen

► Supply the present subjunctive form for each of the following verbs.

1. yo estudio _____
2. ellos compran _____
3. ella habla _____
4. yo me lavo _____
5. él se levanta _____
6. él toma _____
7. tú miras _____
8. usted paga _____
9. nosotros usamos _____
10. él pregunta _____
11. ellos llegan _____
12. tú cuentas _____
13. nosotros atamos _____
14. él se enferma _____
15. tú estudias _____
16. ustedes hablan _____
17. tú te peinas _____
18. Pablo anda _____
19. él explica _____
20. ella cambia _____
21. él enseña _____
22. nadie roba _____
23. ella contesta _____
24. usted pregunta _____
25. él saluda _____
26. ella recuerda _____
27. tú escuchas _____
28. él regala _____
29. tú trabajas _____
30. ella espera _____
31. usted enseña _____
32. ella compra _____
33. yo me canso _____
34. nosotros damos _____
35. ellos miran _____
36. yo empiezo _____
37. ustedes hablan _____
38. yo necesito _____
39. Ana manda _____
40. nosotros ganamos _____