



70 MUST-KNOW SPANISH SUBJUNCTIVE TRIGGERS



VERBS THAT TRIGGER THE SUBJUNCTIVE

Aconsejar que

To advise that

Alegrar que*

To be glad that

Dar gusto que*

To be glad that

Dar miedo que*

To be afraid of/that

Dudar que

To doubt that

Esperar que

To hope that

Gustar que*

To like that

Interesar que*

To be interested in

Encantar que*

To love that

Desear que

To wish that

Decir que

To say that

Molestar que

It bothers

Note: Verbs followed by * of emotions require indirect object pronouns to express who experiences such feelings.

VERBS THAT TRIGGER THE SUBJUNCTIVE

Necesar que

To need that

No creer que

To not think that

Pedir que

To ask that

Permitir que

To allow that

Preocupar que*

To worry that / To be worried

Prohibir que

To forbid that

Querer que

To want that

Recomendar que

To recommend that

Sentir que

To feel that

Sorprender que*

It surprises

Sugerir que

To suggest that

Note: Verbs followed by * of emotions require indirect object pronouns to express who experiences such feelings.

VERBS THAT TRIGGER THE SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD

Verbs that express hopes, desires, emotions, requests, recommendations, and uncertainty
trigger the subjunctive.

[Verb trigger] + que + [verb in subjunctive]

Les sugiero que hablen con la directora.

I suggest you speak with the director.



Mauricio nos pidió que no dijéramos nada.

Mauricio asked us not to say anything.



SPANISH IMPERSONAL PHRASES FOR THE SUBJUNCTIVE

Es absurdo que

It's absurd that

Es bueno que

It's good that

Es difícil que

It's difficult that

Es extraño que

It's strange that

Es fantástico que

It's fantastic that

Es horrible que

It's horrible that

Es importante que

It's important that

Es imposible que

It's impossible that

Es lógico que

It's logical that

Es increíble que

It's incredible that

Es imprescindible que

It's essential that

Es interesante que

It's interesting that

Es malo que

It's bad that

SPANISH IMPERSONAL PHRASES FOR THE SUBJUNCTIVE

Es mejor que

It's better that

Es preferible que

It's better that

Es terrible que

It's terrible that

Es natural que

It's natural that

Es probable que

It's probable that

Es una lástima que

It's a shame that

Es necesario que

It's necessary that

Es ridículo que

It's ridiculous that

Es urgente que

It's urgent that

Es normal que

It's normal that

Es suficiente que

It's enough that

Puede que

It's possible that / It might

SPANISH WORDS THAT TRIGGER SUBJUNCTIVE

A fin de que

So that

Como si

As if

Cuando

When

A no ser que

Unless

Con la condición de que

On the condition that

De ahí que

Hence / Therefore

A pesar de que

Although

Con tal de que

As long as

Después de que

After



Aunque

Even though

En caso de que

In case



SPANISH WORDS THAT TRIGGER SUBJUNCTIVE

En cuanto

As soon as

Hasta que

Until

Para que

So that

Probablemente

Probably / Likely

Sin que

Without

Quizá

Perhaps / Maybe



Possiblemente

Possibly / Perhaps

Tan pronto como

As soon as

Tanto como

As much as

Tal vez

Maybe

Ojalá

I hope / Hopefully



SPANISH WORDS THAT TRIGGER SUBJUNCTIVE

Spanish adverbs and conjunctions that convey probability, uncertainty, hope, or refer to hypothetical scenarios are triggers for the subjunctive mood.

[Conjugated verb] + [trigger] + [verb in subjunctive]

Háblame cuando llegues.

Call me when you get there.



Te voy a esperar hasta que termines.

I'm going to wait for you until you finish.



USING CUANDO WITH SUBJUNCTIVE & INDICATIVE

CUANDO + INDICATIVE

Habitual actions or past events.



Cuando llegué, Tim estaba dormido.

When I arrived, Tim was asleep.

CUANDO + SUBJUNCTIVE

Future actions or hypothetical events.



Háblame cuando llegues.

Call me when you arrive.

KEY POINTS: SUBJUNCTIVE TRIGGERS

- Verbs, words, and phrases that convey doubt, desires, hopes, demands, suggestions, uncertainty, and probability are subjunctive triggers.
- Examples of common verbs that trigger the Spanish subjunctive are esperar, querer, pedir, and aconsejar.
- Spanish verbs of emotion express the feelings someone's actions or behavior causes in a person.
- Verb triggers for the subjunctive are used in sentences with two subjects and two verbs.
- Many expressions with es + adjective are examples of impersonal phrases with subjunctive.
- Impersonal phrases that imply certainty or factual information are used with the indicative mood.



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