



# SUBJUNCTIVE VS INDICATIVE SPANISH MOODS MADE EASY





# INDICATIVE VS SUBJUNCTIVE IN SPANISH

## **INDICATIVE MOOD**

Refers to things <u>perceived</u> as true or real.

Conveys <u>certainty</u>.



<u>Tuve</u> un día excelente.

I <u>had</u> an excellent day.

## **SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD**

Refers to <u>hypothetical</u> situations & <u>subjective</u> statements.



Espero que <u>tengas</u> un excelente día. I hope you <u>have</u> an excellent day.

# INDICATIVE VS SUBJUNCTIVE EXAMPLES

Indicative	Subjunctive	
<b>Tuve</b> un día excelente.	Espero que <b>tengas</b> un excelente día.	
I <b>had</b> an excellent day.	I hope you <b>have</b> an excellent day.	
Ella <b>es</b> la hermana de Diego.	¿Crees que ella <b>sea</b> la hermana de Diego?	
That <b>is</b> Diego's sister.	Do you think that <b>is</b> Diego's sister?	
Mañana <b>vamos</b> al dentista.	Quiero que <b>vayamos</b> al dentista mañana.	
Tomorrow, we <b>will go</b> to the dentist.	I want us to <b>go</b> to the dentist tomorrow.	

# **SUBJUNCTIVE VS INDICATIVE: MAIN TENSES**

### **INDICATIVE TENSES**

This main tenses also have <u>compound</u> forms.

- Present
- Past preterite
- Past imperfect
- Future simple
- Conditional

## **SUBJUNCTIVE TENSES**

There are <u>4 main subjunctive tenses</u>.

- Present subjunctive
- Present perfect subjunctive
- Imperfect subjunctive
- Past perfect subjunctive

# **KEY INDICATIVE TENSES IN SPANISH**

#### Present



Sandy y Peter <u>hablan</u> alemán. Sandy and Peter <u>speak</u> German.

#### <u>Past preterite</u>



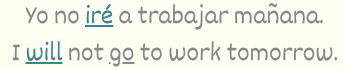
Esteban y yo <u>fuimos</u> al cine. Esteban and I <u>went</u> to the movies.

#### <u>Past imperfect</u>



Esa noche <u>hacía</u> mucho frío. That night <u>was</u> very cold.

#### Future simple





#### Conditional

Si tuvieran tiempo, <u>viajarían</u> más seguido. If they had time, they <u>would travel</u> more often.



## KEY SUBJUNCTIVE SPANISH TENSES

#### Present tense



Espero que <u>disfrutes</u> tu viaje. I hope you <u>enjoy</u> your trip.

<u>Past imperfect</u>



Larry me aconsejó que <u>trabajara</u> menos. Larry advised me <u>to work</u> less. Present perfect



Ojalá <u>hayan encontrado</u> a su perro. I hope they <u>have found</u> their dog.

Past perfect



Ojalá nos hubiéramos <u>conocido</u> antes. I wish we had <u>met</u> before.

## INDICATIVE VS SUBJUNCTIVE ENDINGS

Showing and comparing the patterns for -AR verb endings (with hablar) in indicative and subjunctive tenses.

Person	Present Ind.	Present Subj.	Preterite Ind.	Past Subj.
Yo	Habl <u>o</u>	Habl <u>e</u>	Habl <u>é</u>	Habl <u>ara</u>
Tú	Habl <u>as</u>	Habl <u>es</u>	Habl <u>aste</u>	Habl <u>aras</u>
Él / Ella / Usted	Habl <u>a</u>	Habl <u>e</u>	Habl <u>ó</u>	Habl <u>ara</u>
Nosotros	Habl <u>amos</u>	Habl <u>emos</u>	Habl <u>amos</u>	Habl <u>áramos</u>
Vosotros	Habl <u>áis</u>	Habl <u>éis</u>	Habl <u>asteis</u>	Habl <u>arais</u>
Ellos / Ellas / Ustedes	Habl <u>an</u>	Habl <u>en</u>	Habl <u>aron</u>	Habl <u>aran</u>

# **KEY POINTS: SUBJUNCTIVE VS INDICATIVE**

- Spanish moods <u>convey how the speaker</u> feels or sees the information.
- The <u>indicative</u> mood in Spanish refers to information <u>perceived as real</u>. As a result, it conveys <u>certainty</u>.
- Use the Spanish indicative <u>to describe</u> your habits, memories, plans, and people.
- The Spanish <u>subjunctive</u> mood is used to express <u>demands</u>, <u>advice</u>, <u>wishes</u>, <u>emotions</u>, and <u>doubts</u> about the action someone else does.

- Spanish moods <u>can be conjugated</u> in different tenses to explain when an action took place.
- The <u>main indicative tenses</u> are <u>present</u>, <u>preterite</u>, <u>imperfect</u>, <u>future</u>, and <u>conditional</u>.
- On the other hand, the <u>subjunctive tenses</u> are <u>present</u>, <u>present perfect</u>, <u>imperfect</u>, and <u>past perfect</u>.
- The <u>difference between</u> the indicative and the subjunctive in Spanish is whether the speaker refers to real actions or not.

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