



# Past Subjunctive

The **subjunctive mood** is a verb form which expresses a wish, a suggestion, a hope, a command, or an imaginary situation. The past subjunctive appears mostly in subordinate clauses that begin with (as) if or though. The past subjunctive uses the same form as the past simple tense. The exception is the verb "to be". The past subjunctive form of "to be" is always "were," even for the first and third person singular. Use the past subjunctive:

- After the verb "wish" to express an unfulfilled desire
- After "if only" followed by a clause with would, could, or might
- After "suppose" or "imagine" expressing unreal conditions, usually followed by a sentence with would or could
- After "as though" or "as if" to make a comparison to an imaginary condition.

**DIRECTIONS:** Complete each sentence with the past subjunctive.

1. I feel as though \_\_\_\_\_
2. I wish \_\_\_\_\_
3. If only I could \_\_\_\_\_
4. John supposed that \_\_\_\_\_
5. She smiled as if \_\_\_\_\_
6. I imagine that \_\_\_\_\_