

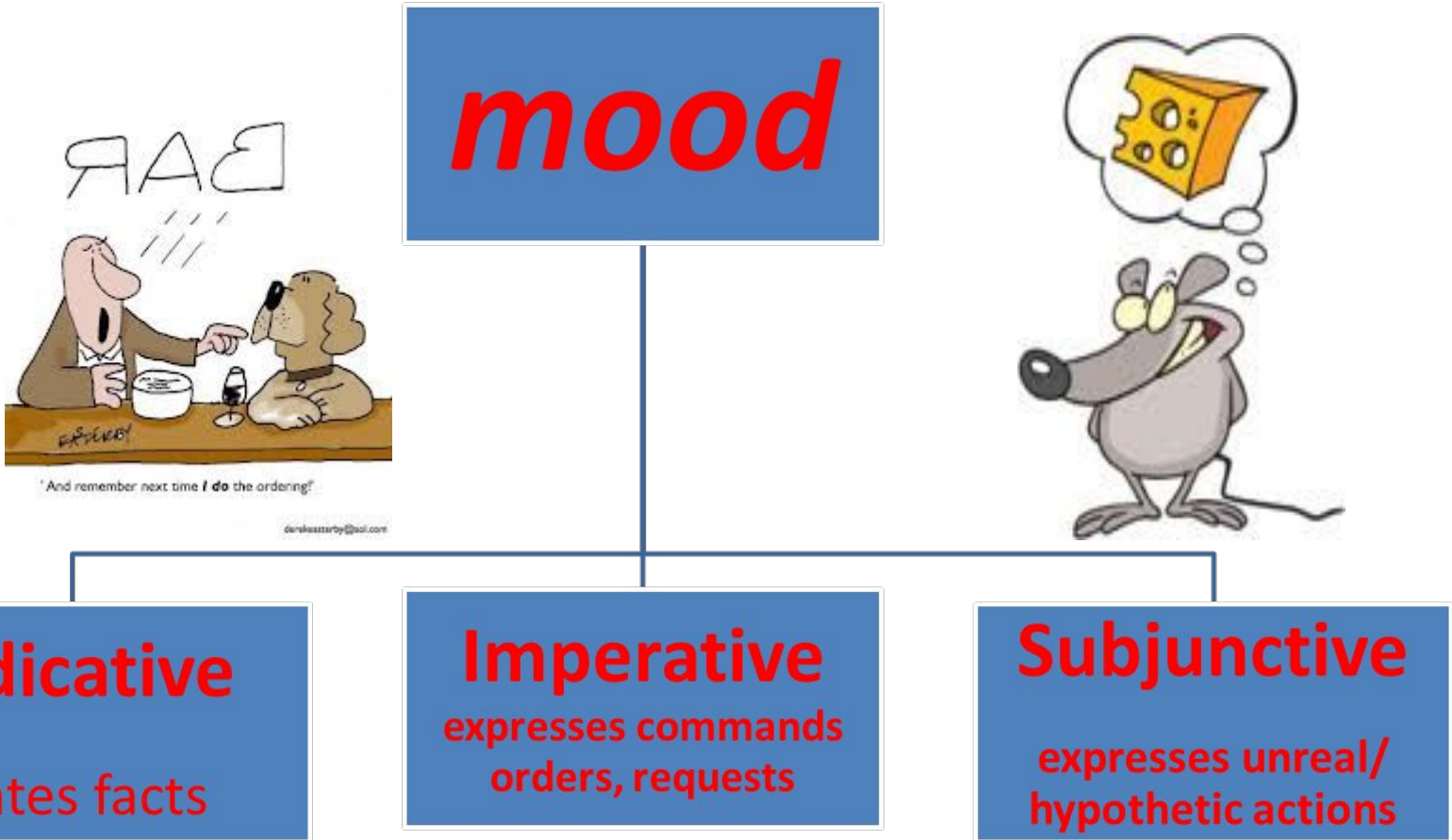
# The Verb

## Part 5

# MOOD

is a grammatical category which indicates the attitude of the speaker towards the action expressed by the verb from the point of view of its reality

The form of the finite verb shows whether the situation described in it is real/unreal/ hypothetical



# The Subjunctive Mood

## Synthetic forms

1. **WERE** for all persons

e.g. If only *it were* true

e.g. I wish *I were* a fish

2. **“BARE” Infinitive/BASE of the notional verb** for all persons

e.g. *Be* that as it may, I will not give in!

e.g. Long *live* the Queen!



## Analytic forms

*I/We + should (auxiliary) + the infinitive of the notional verb*

*He/You/They+ would (auxiliary) + the infinitive of the notional verb*

**PAY ATTENTION!**

*The possible forms of the infinitive are:*

*Simple (do), Continuous (be doing),*

*Perfect (have done), Perfect Continuous*

*(have been doing), Passive Simple (be*

*done), Passive Perfect (have been done)*

e.g. If she were ready, she *would show* up

e.g. If she had known it beforehand, we

*shouldn't be talking* to her now

e.g. If it were necessary, you *would have*

*been consulted* or *informed* at least

# The Analytic Forms of the Subjunctive mood

		Full Form	Contracted Form
present	I/We	should (not) ask	'd (shouldn't) ask
	He/You/They	would (not) ask	'd (wouldn't) ask
past	I/We	should (not) have asked	'd (shouldn't) have asked
	He/You/They	would (not) have asked	'd (wouldn't) have asked

# Means of expressing unreality(MEU) in Simple Sentences

The Synthetic  
Subjunctive  
(in fixed  
expressions for  
HYPOTHETIC  
actions)

Long *live* our friendship!  
*Come* what will  
Success *attend* you  
*Be* yours a happy marriage  
Heaven /God *forbid*  
God *bless* you

The modal verb  
MAY occurs in the  
similar function

*May* all your wishes *come* true

The Analytic  
Subjunctive  
(for UNREAL  
actions, the  
unreality depends

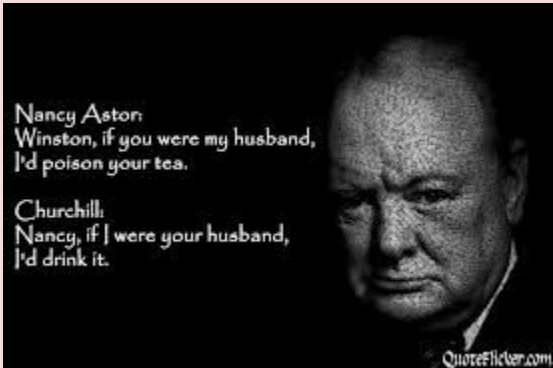
The Present  
Subjunctive

I *should/he*  
*would he/do*

I *should be* happy to play a hostess for you,  
but I am a stranger here  
He *would come* to rescue, I swear, but he is  
out of touch

# MEU in Subordinate clauses of condition

after **if/in case/ unless/ suppose/on condition that/ provided**

<p><b>Real Condition</b> (the Indicative Mood)</p>	<p>I am/do, If we shall do he is/does,</p>	<p>If the weather is sunny, <b>we shall spend</b> the whole day on the beach</p> <p>If she <b>promised</b> you, <b>she will keep</b> her word</p>
<p><b>Unreal Condition in the Present</b> (The Subjunctive Mood)</p>	<p>I should do If I/he were/did, he would do</p> 	<p>If she <b>were</b> here, things <b>would be</b> twice as good</p> <p>- If you <b>were</b> my husband, <b>I'd poison</b> your tea. -Madam, if you <b>were</b> my wife, <b>I'd drink</b> it!"</p> <p>If he <b>paid</b> your bill</p>

# Subordinate clauses of condition(II)

<p><b>MODAL SHOULD</b> (for possible but highly unlikely actions + <i>The Indicative or The Imperative Mood</i>)</p>	<p>If he <b>SHOULD do,</b> <b>I SHALL do</b></p> <p>inversion*:</p>	<p>If he <b>should call,</b> ask him to leave a message for me If I <b>should be</b> in your neighbourhood, I'll give you a buzz</p> <p><b>Should I be</b> in your neighbourhood, I'll give you a buzz</p>
<p><b>MODAL WOULD + the Present Analytic Subjunctive in the principal clause</b> (for polite requests or wishes)</p>	<p><b>If you WOULD do,</b> <b>I should do</b></p>	<p>If you <b>would ask</b> me no questions, I <b>should tell</b> you no lies. Please, don't !</p>

# MEU in Subordinate clauses of purpose

after *so that/in order that/lest/ for fear that/that*

CAN/MAY+ do for the future or present action	You must pay your taxes <b>so that</b> you can sleep well at night Students study like hell <b>for fear that</b> they <b>may flunk</b> their exams
COULD/MIGHT + do for the past action	Beach boys with their strong arms were always stationed on guard <b>so that nobody might swim</b> too far and <b>get drowned</b> She put on her wedding ring <b>so that everyone could</b> see it
LEST + SHOULD+do for clauses with the NEGATIVE meaning	She locked the door <u><b>lest someone should drop in</b></u> She locked the door <u><b>so that nobody should drop in</b></u>



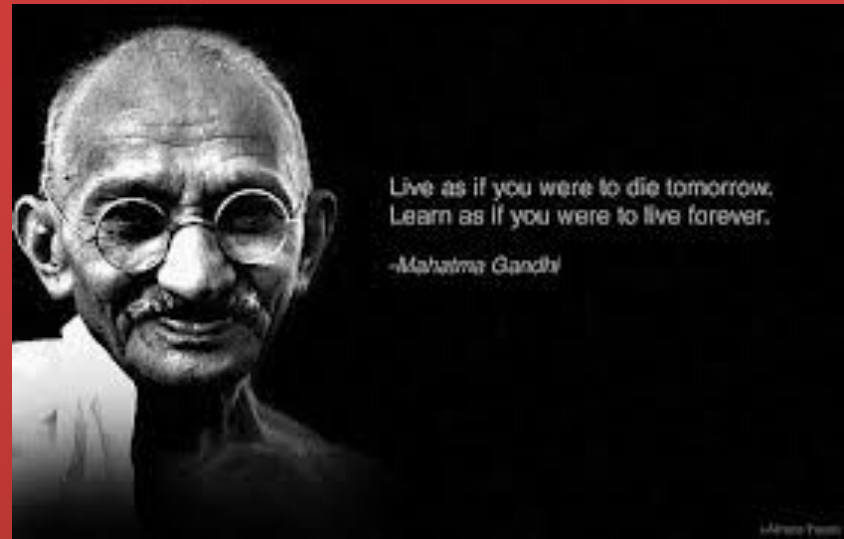
# MEU in Predicative Clauses and Subordinate clauses of comparison (after as if/as though)

**Predicative clauses** go after the link verb (to be /to sound/to look/to feel/ to seem) in the principal clause

He sounds **as if he had a sore throat** (predicative)  
You treated me **as if I were a stranger** (attributive)

**as if/as though +I/he were/did**

(if the action in the subordinate clause is **simultaneous** to that of the principal clause)



**as if/as though+I/he had been/had done**

(if the action in the subordinate clause is **prior** to that of the principal clause)


He talks about London **as if he had been** there (attributive)

I felt and looked **as I hadn't had a wink of sleep** for a week at least(predicative)



**MODAL WOULD**

**They don't look as if they would be**

# MEu in Object Clauses(1)

After the verb <b>WISH</b> in the principal clause	Examples
<p><b>I wish(ed) I/he were/did</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>could do/be</b></p> <p><b>I wish(ed) I/he</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>might do/be</b></p> <p>(if the action in the subordinate clause is <b>simultaneous</b> to that of the principal clause )</p>	<p>I <b>wish</b> he <b>were</b> not so busy</p> <p>She <b>wished</b> her husband <b>didn't drink</b> like a fish</p> <p>He <b>wishes</b> they <b>paid</b> him more, he can hardly have both ends meet</p> <p>I <b>wish</b> I <b>could ride</b> a bicycle</p> <p>She <b>wished</b> he <b>might suffer</b> remorse</p> 
<p><b>I wish(ed) I/he had been/done</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>could have been/done</b></p> <p><b>I wish(ed) I/he</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>might have been/done</b></p> <p>(if the action in the subordinate clause</p>	<p>I <b>wish</b> I <b>had talked</b> to him yesterday</p> <p>He <b>wished</b> he <b>had booked</b> the room beforehand, but it was too late</p> <p>She <b>wishes</b> he <b>might have warned</b> her in advance, now she is at a loss</p> <p>They <b>wished</b> they <b>could have won</b> the Eurocup, but the Spanish team had played</p>

# MEu in Object Clauses(2)

After the expression IT IS/WAS TIME...	Examples
<p>time</p> <p>It is/was about time I/he were/did high time</p>	<p>It's high time <b>you got</b> dressed</p> <p>It's about time <b>I were moving</b></p> <p>It's time <b>you remembered</b> your duties of the hostess</p> 
After the expression of volition/desire/advice/necessity	
<p>arranges(ed)</p> <p>desires(ed)</p> <p>demands(ed)</p> <p>He insists(ed) that <u>she (should) be/do</u></p> <p>suggests(ed)</p> <p>proposes(ed)</p> <p>orders(ed)</p> <p>requests(ed)</p> <p>urges(ed)</p> <p>recommends(ed)</p>	<p>He <b>insists</b> that children <b>be/should be</b> in bed by 9 p.m.</p> <p>She <b>required</b> that everyone <b>attend / should attend</b> the meeting</p> <p>The broad public <b>demands</b> that <b>troops be / should be withdrawn</b></p> <p>He <b>was anxious</b> that <b>we (should) stay</b> in touch</p> 

# MEU IN Appositive and Predicative Clauses

After the nouns expressing  
order/wish/suggestion/decision

Examples

The recommendation

The desire

The idea

The request

The suggestion

The proposal

The plan      **THAT** smb (should) be/do

The decision

The wish

The requirement

The request

The condition

The conclusion

The ammendment

**The suggestion that** children from underprivileged families **(should) get** their schoolmeals free didn't make the schoolboard happy but was received with understanding.

**The plan was that** we **(should) get** married without revealing it to anybody.

His **wish** that responsibilities **(should ) be delegated** was only reasonable



# MEu in SUBject Clauses

After the expression of  
volition/desire/advice/necessity  
+Should (for all persons)+ The NON-  
perfect infinitive

Examples



It *is/was* important  
vital  
necessary  
paramount  
dramatic  
urgent  
right that *he should be/do*

requested  
obligatory  
better/best  
desirable  
of vital importance

It is required that students *should* timely  
*pay* for their board and tuition

It's essential that you *should ask* questions

It's absolutely paramount that the groom  
*should come sober* to the wedding  
ceremony



## Emotional SHOULD

I am/was sorry/glad/pleased/vexed  
you/he **SHOULD DO/SHOULD have done**

I'm sorry you **should take** such needless  
trouble

I was vexed that such a thing **should have  
been discussed** before a child

Why **SHOULD**...?



Why **should I listen** to you?

To think **this should have come upon** us in  
our old age!

Who **SHOULD ...but**

I was still busy when **who should come in  
but** she