

Otros usos del subjuntivo

Other Uses of the Subjunctive
Español 5 - Unidad 5

The subjunctive is used after “que” when the clause following includes:

- A reference to something that may or may not exist.
Busco un apartamento que **tenga** cuatro dormitorios.
*I'm looking for an apartment that **has** four bedrooms.*
Necesitas una esposa que **sepa** cocinar.
*You need a wife that **knows how to** cook.*
- A negative statement (antecedent) with words such as nadie, nada, or ninguno(as).
No hay ningun libro que **me interese**.
*There is no book that **interests** me.*

With a statement of certainty, the INDICATIVE is used

- Marisela tiene una casa que **tiene** dos baños.

A question can be asked in one mode and answered with another.

- ¿Hay alguien que **hable** español aquí?
(.....Subjunctive)
- Sí, hay dos personas que lo **hablan** aquí.
(.....Indicative)

Indefinite expressions can be created with the ending -quiera attached to Question Words.

- adondequiera (to wherever)
- comoquiera (however)
- cualquier(a) (whichever)
- cuandoquiera (whenever)
- dondequiera (wherever)
- quien(es)quiera (whoever)

These are all followed by the Subjunctive.

Examples with -quiera

- Felix saldrá con quienquiera que lo pida.
Felix will go out with whoever asks him.
- Comerémos dondequiera que haya comida.
We will eat wherever there is food.

The Subjunctive is also used in the following constructions:

- por + adjective(adverb) + que + Sunjunctive
Por inteligente que él sea, no saldrá bien en la clase.
No matter how intelligent he may be, he will not do well in the class.
- Subjunctive + “lo que” + Subjunctive
Haga lo que haga, la decisión no cambiará.
No matter what he does, the decision will not change.

With **tal vez**, **quizás**, **a lo mejor** or **posiblemente**, either the Indicative or Subjunctive may be used **DEPENDING ON CERTAINTY**.

- Tal vez **nieve** hoy. (more doubtful→subjunctive)
Perhaps it will snow today.
- Tal vez **nieva** hoy. (more certain→indicative)
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