

El uso del subjuntivo:  
expresiones de emoción,  
duda e incertidumbre

The Use of the Subjunctive:  
Expressions of Emotion, Doubt &  
Uncertainty  
Español 5- Ut 5

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The subjunctive is used in a  
two clause sentence when the  
independent clause contains  
an expression of emotion,  
anticipation or reaction, doubt  
or uncertainty TOWARD  
ANOTHER SUBJECT.....

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Review....a two clause  
sentence:

Quiero que tú vayas conmigo a la discoteca.

Independent  
Clause

Dependent  
Clause

Indicative

Subjunctive

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## Expressions of Emotion

- Es ridículo que (*It's ridiculous that*)
- Es triste que (*It's sad that*)
- Es una lástima que (*It's a shame that*)
- Espero que (*I hope that*)
- Me alegro de que (*I'm happy that*)
- Ojalá que (*Hopefully/God willing that*)
- Siento que (*I'm sorry that*)
- Tengo miedo de que (*I'm afraid that*)

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## Expressions of Doubt/Uncertainty

- Dudo que (*I doubt that*)
- NO creo que (*I don't believe that*)
- NO es cierto que (*It's not certain that*)
- NO es seguro que (*It's not sure that*)
- NO es verdad que (*It's not true that*)
- Quizás / Quizá / Tal Vez (*maybe*)

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## Non-Subjunctive Expressions

- No dudo que (*I don't doubt that*)
- Creo que (*I believe that*)
- Es cierto que (*It's certain that*)
- Es verdad que (*It's true that*)
- Es seguro que (*It's sure that*)

These expressions would normally be followed by the INDICATIVE as they don't express doubt or uncertainty.

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## Ejemplos

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dudo que Juan <b>haya estudiado</b> para el examen.</li></ul>                  | <b>Subjunctive</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>I doubt that Juan <b>has studied</b> for the exam.</i></li></ul>            |                    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No dudo que <b>tenemos</b> un examen hoy.</li></ul>                            | <b>Indicative</b>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>I don't doubt that <b>we have</b> an exam today.</i></li></ul>              |                    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Es cierto que el Sr. Madan <b>va</b> a dar el examen.</li></ul>                | <b>Indicative</b>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>It's certain that Mr. Madan <b>is going</b> to give the exam.</i></li></ul> |                    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No es cierto que el examen <b>requiera</b> 40 minutos.</li></ul>               | <b>Subjunctive</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>It's not certain that the exam <b>requires</b> 40 minutes.</i></li></ul>    |                    |

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