

## El subjuntivo con las conjunciones

*The Subjunctive with Conjunctions*  
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The subjunctive is used after certain conjunctions of time to show that one is **not sure** **if** or **when** the action will happen.

The Indicative is used after the same conjunctions when one is **fairly certain** that the action in the Dependent Clause will happen (in the present) or did happen (in the past).

### Indicative vs Subjunctive

#### Subjunctive

Jugaremos hasta que **nos cansemos**.  
*We will play until we get tired.*

Ayúdame cuando **tengas** tiempo.  
*Help when you have time.*

#### Indicative

Jugaron hasta que **se cansaron**.  
*They played until they got tired.*

Me ayuda a menudo cuando **tiene** tiempo.  
*He often helps me when he has time.*

The following conjunctions always require the subjunctive:

- **a condición de que** (*provided that*)
- **a fin de que** (*so that, in order that*)
- **a menos que** (*unless*)
- **a no ser que** (*unless*)
- **antes de que** (*before*)
- **con tal (de) que** (*provided that*)
- **en caso de que** (*in case that*)
- **para que** (*so that, in order that*)
- **sin que** (*without*)

The expression **antes de que** requires the subjunctive:

Tengo que hablar con Iván antes de que **se vaya**.  
*I need to speak with Ivan before he leaves.*

The expression **antes de** is always followed by an infinitive:

Tengo que hablar con Iván antes de **salir**.  
*I need to speak with Ivan before I leave (leaving).*

The following conjunctions can be used with either the indicative or the subjunctive:

- **de manera de que** (*so, so that*)
- **de modo que** (*so, so that*)
- **mientras que** (*while*)
- **en cuanto** (*as soon as*)
- **tan pronto como** (*as soon as*)
- **así que** (*as soon as*)
- **después (de) que** (*after*)
- **luego que** (*as soon as*)
- **hasta que** (*until*)
- **cuando** (*when*)
- **una vez que** (*once*)
- **cada vez que** (*each time that*)

Which mode with these conjunctions??

- Use the Subjunctive if the action HAS NOT YET OCCURRED:

Vamos al cine **en cuanto** lleguen mis amigos.  
We're going to the movies **as soon as** my friends arrive.

- Use the Indicative if the action HAS ALREADY OCCURRED or USUALLY HAPPENS (CUSTOMARY):

Fuimos al restaurante **en cuanto** llegaron mis amigos.  
We went to the restaurant **as soon as** my friends arrived.

## Ejemplos

- Te ayudaré con el trabajo tan pronto como **pueda**.
- I'll help you with the job as soon as **I can**.
- En cuanto **sepas** la respuesta, avísame.
- As soon as **you find out** the answer, let me know.
- Cuando **miro** la tele, como palomitas.
- When **I watch** t.v., I eat popcorn.
- Tan pronto como **anuncian** la prueba, Juan empieza a estudiar inmediatamente.
- As soon as **they announce** the quiz, Juan begins to study immediately.