Using Subjunctive and Conditional Moods

**Mood** is the form a verb takes that shows how it is to be regarded, i.e., as a fact, command, wish, uncertainty, etc. The **indicative mood** states facts or asks questions. The **imperative mood** makes a command or request. The **subjunctive mood** is the verb form used to express a wish, a suggestion, a command, or a condition that is contrary to fact. The **conditional mood** indicates a conditional state that will cause something else to happen. The conditional mood if marked by the words *might, could* and *would*, and is sometimes seen closely linked to a phrase in the subjunctive mood, and frequently seen preceded by a subordinate conjunction, like *if*.

For example:

**INDICATIVE**: I like the store.
**IMPERATIVE**: Stop into that store on your way home.
**SUBJUNCTIVE**: If people were to stop going to that store, it could go out of business
**CONDITIONAL**: The store could go out of business if there are no customers.

**DIRECTIONS**: Complete the sentences below with a verb in the correct mood. Indicate the mood on the line to the left.

1. We __________ riding our bikes outside.
2. If we __________ to go out in the rain we’d get wet.
3. If you go out that door you __________ set off an alarm.
4. If we __________ to try harder, we __________ actually win.
5. I hoped that he __________ to go with me.
6. It is mandatory that every candidate __________ vetted.
7. __________ your head for something besides a hat rack!
8. We __________ go outside if the weather cools off some.
9. John __________ to the movies at noon.