

## 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 is 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.

