

What is Subjonctif Présent?

Worksheet

Subjonctif présent expresses subjective attitudes — doubt, wish, necessity. Formed from the ils/elles present stem + subjunctive endings. Always used after 'que' in dependent clauses.

Questions

1. What is the subjunctive form of 'that I speak'?
A) que je parle
B) que je parlerais
C) que je parlais
D) que je parles
2. Which verb triggers subjunctive in French?
A) aller (go)
B) avoir (have)
C) douter (doubt)
D) être (be)
3. Complete: 'Il faut que tu ____ tes devoirs.'
A) finis
B) finisses
C) finiras
D) finissais
4. Is subjunctive used in main clauses?
A) Yes, always
B) Yes, sometimes
C) No, only in dependent clauses
D) Depends on tense
5. Form subjunctive for 'Je veux que tu parles.' (I want you to speak.)
6. Use subjunctive with doubt: 'Je ne crois pas qu'il vienne.' (I don't think he comes.)
7. Express necessity: 'Il faut que vous finissiez ce travail.' (You must finish this work.)
8. Define: What is subjonctif présent?
9. Define: How do you form subjunctive?
10. Define: When do you use subjunctive?

Answer Key

1. A) que je parle — Subjunctive stem parl- + ending -e for je. 'Que' always precedes.
2. C) douter (doubt) — 'Douter' (to doubt) requires subjunctive in dependent clause: 'Je doute qu'il vienne.'
3. B) finisses — 'Il faut' (necessity) triggers subjunctive. Finir → finiss- → finisses (tu form).
4. C) No, only in dependent clauses — Subjunctive is primarily used after certain verbs in dependent clauses with 'que'.
5. Main verb: vouloir (want) — triggers subjunctive Subordinate subject: tu Verb: parler ils/elles stem: parlent → parl- Subjunctive form: que tu parles Complete: Je veux que tu parles.
6. Main clause: Je ne crois pas = I don't believe (doubt) Subordinate subject: il Verb: venir ils/elles stem: viennent → vienn- Subjunctive: qu'il vienne Complete: Je ne crois pas qu'il vienne.
7. Main verb: il faut (it is necessary) — triggers subjunctive Subordinate subject: vous Verb: finir ils/elles stem: finissent → finiss- Subjunctive: que vous finissiez Complete: Il faut que vous finissiez.
8. A French verb mood expressing doubt, desire, emotion, or necessity, used in dependent clauses after 'que'.
9. Take the ils/elles present stem + add subjunctive endings (-e, -es, -e, -ions, -iez, -ent).
10. After verbs of doubt, desire, emotion, necessity, or prohibition in dependent clauses.

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