What Is the Subjunctive? — Essentials

Introducción al subjuntivo

Understand it · Entiéndelo

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The subjunctive is a mood, not simply a tense. Compare stating information with expressing a wish about someone else: quiero que + subjunctive. Infinitives often work when both actions have the same subject.

English	Spanish
Ana studies.	Ana estudia. estudia: Verb — action or state
I want Ana to study.	Quiero que Ana estudie. estudie: Verb — action or state
I want to study.	Quiero estudiar. estudiar: Verb — action or state

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Build it step by step · Constrúyelo paso a paso

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I know Ana is coming.	Sé que Ana viene. viene: Verb — action or state
I hope Ana comes.	Espero que Ana venga. venga: Verb — action or state

Try it · Inténtalo

Choose: Quiero (estudiar / estudie). Quiero que Ana (estudia / estudie).

Self-check · Comprueba tu respuesta

Quiero estudiar. Quiero que Ana estudie. A new subject after que changes the construction.

Common mistake · Error común

Que alone does not trigger the subjunctive: Sé que viene uses the indicative.

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