



IT212 GRAMMAR

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Present Subjunctive



Today's class

- Warm-up: conditional
- Individual self-assessed test – *Conditional*
- Lecture: Present Subjunctive
- *Exercises on Subjunctive (in pairs or groups)*
- *Next week: Congiuntivo passato (Past Subjunctive)*

Conditional

- Use the correct form (conditional past or present) of the verbs given.
- (a) Ti (*dare un passaggio*), ma devo andare a prendere mia figlia.
 - **darei**
- (b) (*Tradurre*) l'articolo ma era troppo tardi.
 - **avrei tradotto**
 - *It expresses a desire that did not finally take place / or something that could or should have happened but did not.*
- (c) Il vino lo (*bere*) volentieri, ma prendo antibiotici.
 - **berrei**

- There are some instances where in Italian the use of the conditional differs significantly from the English.

■ The ‘future in the past’

■ *Referring to events which could take place*

- When used in reported speech in a past tense narrative, the Italian perfect conditional may express events and situations which could actually take place.

■ Notice that in English a simple conditional is used.

- *Direct speech Indirect speech*

■ ‘Sono sicuro che **verranno**’

- *‘I am sure they will come’*

- ‘Il treno **potrebbe** arrivare in ritardo’

- *‘The train could/may/might arrive late’*

■ Ero sicuro che **sarebbero venuti**

- *I was sure they would come*

- Disse che il treno **sarebbe potuto** arrivare in ritardo

- *He said the train could/may/might arrive late*

Self-assessed test on *Conditional*

- Worksheet (also uploaded to Lecture notes)
- This is OPTIONAL, but it is very useful to test if you need more revision on that particular grammar topic or not.
- If you have any queries or doubts, these are my office hours
- Term 2: Tuesdays (weeks 1-5; 7-10), 1.30-3.30pm
- For further updates, please check my webpage:
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- If unable to make these times, please email me to arrange a meeting at another convenient time:
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Congiuntivo (*Subjunctive*)

- The subjunctive is a mood to express a wish, hope, uncertainty or other similar attitude toward a fact or an idea. Since it stresses the speaker's feelings about the fact or idea, it expresses a 'subjunctive' point of view.
- In **ENGLISH**, the subjunctive is only used in a very few constructions.
- *I wish you **were** here with me!* (a wish that is not possible)
- *I asked that Maria **be** present* (after verbs of asking, demanding, and requesting)
- *If I **were** in Europe, I would buy a villa in Greece* (hypothetical statements)

Congiuntivo (*Subjunctive*)

- In ITALIAN, the subjunctive is used **more frequently**.
- The subjunctive is also found after
- Verbs of opinion – **PENSARE, CREDERE, SEMBRARE, PARERE**
- ***Pensiamo che*** *mamma abbia ragione*
We think that mother is right
- Verbs of emotion – **TEMERE**
- ***Temo che*** *Marco non arrivi in tempo*
I am afraid that Marco will not arrive on time
- Verbs of wish, command – **VOLERE, ORDINARE, SPERARE**
- *Teresa vuole che* *il marito cucini*
Teresa wants her husband to cook
- ***È essenziale che tu vada*** *subito a farti vedere dal medico*
it's essential that you go to see a doctor
- Verbs of doubt – **DUBITARE, SUPPORRE, NON ESSERE SICURO, SEMBRARE**
- ***Dubito che*** *vinciate la partita*
I doubt that you will win the game
- Impersonal verbs or expressions + **che** + subjunctive
- ***Sembra che*** *i miei amici partano per l'Europa*
It seems that my friends are leaving soon for Europe
- ***È possibile che*** *papa compri una macchina nuova*
It is possible that Dad will buy a new car

Congiuntivo

- There are **FOUR** forms of the subjunctive in ITALIAN
- PRESENTE (present)
- PASSATO (past)
- IMPERFETTO (imperfect)
- TRAPASSATO (past perfect)

Subjunctive (*PRESENT*)

- In ITALIAN, the subjunctive is formed **from the present indicative** – which means that all verbs are irregular in the present tense, they have the same form of irregularity in the present subjunctive

- **Conjugation - Regular**

Prima coniugazione: <i>parlare</i>	Seconda coniugazione: <i>ricevere</i>	Terza coniugazione: <i>dormire</i>
io parli	io riceva	io dorma
tu parli	tu riceva	tu dorma
lei/lui parli	lei/lui riceva	lei/lui dorma
noi parliamo	noi riceviamo	noi dormiamo
voi parliate	voi riceviate	voi dormiate
essi/loro parlino	essi/loro ricevano	essi/loro dormano

- *Please note that the endings for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd person singular are the same*
- **Conjugation - Irregular** page 170 *Italian Grammar in Practice*

In-class exercises

- Change the subject. Rewrite the last part of the second sentence using the appropriate verb form.
- Mi dispiace non poter venire.
- Mi dispiace che lei.... **non possa venire**.....
- Non credo di riuscire a fare in tempo
- Non credo che lui...**riesca a fare in tempo**.....
- Prima di andare via voglio parlarti
- Prima che tu....**vada via voglio parlarti**.....

In-class exercises

- Select the correct form of the verb – Beware, not all of the sentences require a subjunctive verb.
- (a) Sono sicuro che Anna **è**/sia felice
- (b) Non credo che lui **sia**/è antipatico
- (c) Si dice che lui **abbia**/ha molti soldi
- (d) Spero che lui **torni**/torna
- (e) Ho paura che **sia**/è troppo tardi.

In-class exercises

- You tell others what needs to happen. Express the English in Italian
- Nicola, non hai pagato l'affitto. *It's essential that you pay it soon*
- È essenziale/ Bisogna che tu lo paghi in fretta
- Non sapete se verrete domani? *But it's necessary for me to know today*
- Ma è necessario/ bisogna che io lo sappia oggi
- Silvana e Giorgio non hanno spedito il pacco? *It's important that they send it.*
- È importante che lo spediscono

Homework exercises

- For week 4
- GRAMMAR CLASS: Congiuntivo passato, aggettivi e pronomi indefiniti
 - **Grammar topic to be discussed in class in week 4:** congiuntivo passato (past subjunctive)
 - *Reference related to subjunctive (Italian Grammar in Practice): **chapter 25***
 - *Reference related to indefinite pronouns and adjectives (Italian Grammar in Practice): **chapter 25***
- - **Homework due in class in week 4**, related to congiuntivo presente (see week 3 for reference): ex. 1-2-3-4 pages 44-45 (*Italian Espresso 2 – Workbook*)
- - **OPTIONAL homework**, related to congiuntivo presente (see week 3 for reference): ex. 8-10 page 46-47 (*Italian Espresso 2 - Workbook*)