

What to do today

IMPORTANT Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and any weblinks or use of internet.

1. Read a formal job application

- Read [Big Cats Job Application](#)
- What strengths has Fred got that will fit the job? What three things would you ask him to tell you more about if you interviewed him?

2. Learn about the Subjunctive Form

- Use the [PowerPoint](#) or [Revision Card](#) to learn about the subjunctive form.
- Look back in the [Big Cats Job Application](#) and try to highlight examples where the subjunctive has been used for requests or the 'if...were' pattern.
- Now use [Subjunctive Practice](#) and write some of your own sentences.

[Well done. Share your highlighting and answers with a grown-up.](#)

3. Now for some writing.

- Pick one of the [Possible Jobs](#). Write a letter like Fred's to apply for it. (You can make things up!)
- Include some sentences that use the subjunctive.

Try the Fun-Time Extras

- Role-play a job interview for one of the Possible Jobs. Can you include one character who would be really good and one who would be really terrible?
- Think of your dream job. Write and draw about what it would involve doing.

Big Cats Job Application

Fred Fletcher

Post applied for	Keeper of big cats at London zoo
Start date	1 st January 2020
Please give your reasons for applying below. Explain why you believe you are suited to this post.	
<p><i>I believe that if I were appointed, I would be an excellent zookeeper, especially if I were working in the big cat enclosure.</i></p> <p><i>I am a person who will obey instructions to the letter. I prefer that things be explained carefully and that reasons be given so that I understand the instructions clearly. But, once this has happened, I will never forget what I have been asked to do and I will keep doing it faithfully and consistently. I love animals and, in particular, members of the cat family. Everyone who knows me, including my teachers, insist that I listen most carefully when the subject has anything to do with cats. I have always loved cats – the bigger the better as far as I am concerned. If I were to work with big cats, that would fulfil my life's dream.</i></p> <p><i>I do not mind messy work or unpleasant tasks. I suggest that some people avoid smelly environments or get uncomfortable working in hot or enclosed spaces. My own brother is like this. If I ask that he help to muck out the pigs' enclosure on our farm, he will refuse! But I have plenty of experience in this sort of task and do not mind.</i></p> <p><i>I ask that I be considered as a very strong candidate for this post. You will never find someone who will work harder or be more diligent, or more conscientious and committed to the animals.</i></p>	
Signed and dated	<i>Fred Fletcher 20th June 2019</i>

Revision Card – Subjunctive

Subjunctive Form

If **I were a teacher**, I would be kind.

We insisted that **he sit still**.

She requested that **she run the race again**.

Requests

Look at these requests.
What do you notice?

We **ask** that students **walk** in school.

I **demand** that he **answer** my question.

We **request** that doorways **be** kept clear.

The Head **insists** that everyone **write** in pen.

I **suggest** that he **listen** carefully to me.

Verbs in simple form (**walk, answer, be**)

Request Verbs

ask
command
demand
insist
request
suggest

The word **that** joins the parts of the sentence.

If...were

Look at these sentences.
What do you notice?

I would go **if** I **were** younger.

If he **were** not so mean, he would buy one.

I wish the computer **were** working.

Suppose she **were** here. What would you say?

She acts as if she **were** the Queen.

Always **were** whoever it's about. (Instead of **was**). Formal sounding.

if
as if
wish
suppose

The sentences are about something desired or imagined.

Subjunctive Practice

Subjunctive - Requests

Make your own formal sentences using **that** and these verbs. (Remember: to keep the **verb** in the simple form whoever is doing it)

1. demand e.g. I demand that she **listen** to my reasons.
2. request
3. suggest
4. insist
5. recommend
6. propose

Re-read your sentences. Which sound ok without 'that'? Can you change the verb form to make them more informal?

Subjunctive – If/Were

Make your own formal sentences using these patterns. (Remember, in the subjunctive: always use the word 'were', never use the word 'was')

1. if/were
2. I wish/were
3. Suppose/were
4. As if/were

Possible jobs

Professional
pet-cuddler

Snake venom
milker

Iceberg mover

Dog surfing
instructor

Professional
queuer

Pet food taster

Fortune cookie
writer

Colour-inner
for comic books

Letter of Application

Write to apply for one of the jobs.

*Try to use at least one example of the **subjunctive as a request** and at least one of the **subjunctive in the if...were pattern**.*



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A decorative border with a repeating orange and black zigzag pattern surrounds a central writing area. The writing area consists of 20 horizontal lines on a white background, providing space for text.

Job Application - ANSWERS

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