

## CORRECTING ERRORS IN VERB MOOD #2

Verbs in **indicative mood** express statements of fact or opinion. Most sentences and clauses in English use the indicative mood. Verbs in the indicative mood follow **normal subject-verb agreement rules**.

*Every year, thousands of tourists **visit** the beautiful beaches of Bermuda.*

*Kendra **works** at the bakery on Main Street every weekend.*

Verbs in **subjunctive mood** may express indirect demands, requests, and suggestions, used in clauses after phrases such as “request that.” In these situations, the **base form of the verb** is used.

*The taxi driver requested that the passengers **be** patient as the car sat in rush hour traffic.*

*Jai’s coach recommended that he **train** for the race by gradually increasing his mileage every day.*

Verbs in the subjunctive mood may also express **counterfactuals**, or situations that are not true or not possible under the current circumstances. In these situations, the **plural verb “were”** is used even for singular subjects.

*If Nora **were** a millionaire, she would fund the construction of an animal shelter in her hometown.*

**Directions:** Consider whether the bolded verb is in the correct mood. If the mood is correct, write “correct” on the line. If the mood is incorrect, cross out the verb and write the correct form on the line. The first one has been done for you.

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| 1  | If Carlos <b>was</b> here, we would have enough people to play a game of baseball.   | _____ <b>were</b> _____    |
| 2  | The student council proposed that the seniors <b>displayed</b> their final sculptures in the courtyard for everyone at Grapevine School of the Arts to appreciate. | _____ <b>display</b> _____ |
| 3  | Many people would be surprised to learn that the zipper <b>was</b> originally invented to solve the problem of fastening boots.                                    | _____ <b>correct</b> _____ |
| 4  | Lucy insisted that we <b>are</b> packed and ready to go to the airport by the time she returns home from work.   | _____ <b>be</b> _____      |
| 5  | I recently learned that President Theodore Roosevelt <b>keep</b> a variety of unique pets, including a badger, a flying squirrel, and a hyena named Bill.          | _____ <b>kept</b> _____    |
| 6  | I have no doubt that Dakota would win first prize for her vegan black bean chili if she <b>was</b> participating in the annual neighborhood chili cook-off.        | _____ <b>were</b> _____    |
| 7  | Despite the persistent rain during the performance, almost every drenched fan <b>were</b> in the outdoor amphitheater for the entire concert.                      | _____ <b>was</b> _____     |
| 8  | I wish I <b>was</b> strolling along the Potomac River and taking in the beauty of the cherry blossoms instead of cleaning my room.                                 | _____ <b>were</b> _____    |
| 9  | If he <b>were</b> able to survive without sleep, Ethan would have read every science fiction book in the library over summer vacation.                             | _____ <b>correct</b> _____ |
| 10 | Our whale-watching guide asked that everyone <b>waits</b> patiently while looking for signs of whales in the distance.   | _____ <b>wait</b> _____    |