

Use Verb Mood for Effect

The **mood** of a verb communicates the intention of the speaker or writer. When choosing your verb mood, think about the message you want to convey.

Verb Mood	Effect	Example
indicative	expresses a fact or opinion	Sal gives the horse a carrot.
interrogative	asks a question	Did Sal give the horse a carrot?
imperative	expresses a direct command	Sal, give the horse a carrot.
conditional	expresses the potential effect of a condition being met	If Sal gave the horse carrots, she would like him more.
subjunctive	expresses counterfactuals, or hypothetical situations that are not true or not possible	If the horse were friendlier, Sal would give her more carrots.
	expresses <i>indirect</i> demands, requests, and suggestions	The stable hand suggested that Sal give the horse apples instead of carrots.

For each problem, rewrite the scenario to achieve a different effect. **Sample answers**



- 1. Express a direct command:** Remain seated until the plane arrives at the gate.

Express an indirect demand or request: The flight attendant requests that passengers remain seated until the plane arrives at the gate.



- 2. Ask a question:** Has the tennis player recovered from her injury yet?

Express a potential effect of a condition being met: If the tennis player rested and iced her injury for two weeks, she would be allowed to return to practice.



- 3. Express a direct command:** Catch the ice cream truck before it leaves the neighborhood!

Express a counterfactual: If I were faster, I would have caught the ice cream truck before it left the neighborhood.



- 4. Express an indirect demand or request:** Mrs. Holland requested that I pet-sit her dogs for her when she goes out of town this weekend.

Express a potential effect of a condition being met: If Mrs. Holland went out of town, I would pet-sit her dogs for her.

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Keep going! For each problem, rewrite the scenario to achieve a different effect. **Sample answers**



5. **Express a counterfactual:** If he were more attentive in the morning, Dario might not have forgotten his lunch at home.

Express a fact or opinion: Dario forgot his lunch at home because he wasn't paying attention this morning.



6. **Express a potential effect of a condition being met:** If the arcade had a laser tag arena, we would spend most of our time playing laser tag.

Ask a question: Does the arcade have a laser tag arena?



7. **Express a counterfactual:** If I were you, I would turn my phone off completely before the movie begins.

Express a direct command: Make sure your phone is on silent before the movie begins.



8. **Express an indirect demand or request:** Jayden requested that we stop by and say hello if we see him at the trampoline park.

Express a potential effect of a condition being met: If we saw Jayden at the trampoline park, we would stop by and say hello.



9. **Express a direct command:** Study your vocabulary cards and the study guide before the life science test on Friday.

Express a counterfactual: If I were you, I would study the vocabulary cards and study guide before the life science test on Friday.



10. **Express a counterfactual:** If I were a school bus driver, I would play music to brighten the students' day on the way to and from school.

Express an indirect demand or request: The students request that the school bus driver play music for them on the way to and from school.



11. **Ask a question:** Did you hear a peculiar noise coming from the basement last night?

Express a counterfactual: If I heard a peculiar noise coming from the basement at night, I would call someone to help me investigate.