VERB MOODS

The **mood** of a verb shows the writer's or speaker's purpose or attitude.

The **indicative** mood expresses statements of fact or opinion.

The squirrels **scrambled** up the tree.

The **interrogative** mood asks a question.

Why **did** the squirrels **scramble** up the tree?

The **imperative** mood expresses a direct demand. The verb's implied subject is "you."

Look at those squirrels scrambling up the tree!

The **conditional** mood expresses the potential effect of a condition being met.

If Flora's dog saw the squirrels, he would chase after them.

The <u>subjunctive</u> mood may express **counterfactuals**, or situations that are not true or not possible under the current circumstances. The plural verb "were" is used even for singular subjects.

If her dog were smaller, the squirrels might not be so frightened of him.

The **<u>subjunctive</u>** mood may also express indirect demands, requests, and suggestions, used in clauses appearing after phrases like "request that." The base form of the verb is used.

Flora's squirrel-loving neighbor requested that she walk her dog on the other side of the street.

Part A: Write the verb mood used in the <u>underlined</u> part of each sentence.

1. When you visit the beach, <u>do you ever search for sea glass or driftwood</u> ?	
2. Although sunsets are beautiful, <u>I love the quiet serenity of sunrises</u> .	
3. If we had enough peaches, <u>I would make a cobbler for dessert tonight</u> .	
4. After Ethan spent 20 minutes trying to park downtown, his aunt playfully suggested that he practice his parallel parking more.	
5. Nevaeh was fascinated when she learned that <u>frogs absorb water through their skin</u> .	
6. Even if it's cloudy, <u>don't forget to reapply sunscreen every two hours</u> .	
7. If Liam were a more confident singer, he might consider trying out for the winter musical.	
8. With the new setting on your phone camera, <u>have you been able to capture any great</u> <u>action shots</u> ?	
9. If you water your indoor cactus plant too often, <u>it could develop root rot</u> .	
10. Before beginning any DIY construction project, <u>first gather all the necessary safety</u> <u>equipment</u> , and then carefully read the instructions.	

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Part B: Rewrite each sentence in the mood that is specified below.
1. Indicative: We have to work together to complete the escape room.
Interrogative:
2. Subjunctive: The musician requests that you turn off your phone before entering the recital hall.
Imperative:
3. Interrogative: Did Owen send in his application for the summer internship at the aquarium?
Indicative:
4. Indicative: Jocelyn saved her allowance for a year, so she has enough money to buy a new kayak.
Conditional:
5. Imperative: When preparing for a hike, remember to pack water, snacks, and a first aid kit.
Subjunctive:
Part C: Write your own sentences using each of the verb moods!
Indicative:
Interrogative:
Imperative:
Conditional
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Subjunctive:

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