



Mastering French Subjunctive & Conditional – Expressing Hypotheticals & Emotions



The French Subjunctive – When & How to Use It

When to Use the Subjunctive:

✓ After expressions of
doubt, emotions, wishes, and
necessity

✓ Common triggers:

Il faut que... (It is necessary
that...)

Je veux que... (I want that...)

Je doute que... (I doubt
that...)

How to Form the Subjunctive:

✓ Start with the "ils" form
of the present tense

✓ Drop the "-ent" and add
subjunctive endings

The French Conditional – Expressing Hypotheticals & Politeness

When to Use the Conditional:

✓ To express hypothetical situations & polite requests

✓ Common structures:

- Si + imperfect → Conditional (If I had money, I would travel.)
- Je voudrais... (I would like...)



How to Form the Conditional:



Take the infinitive form of the verb



Add imperfect endings (-ais, -ais, -ait, -ions, -iez, -aient)

Common Mistakes & How to Fix Them

Mistake 1: Using the Indicative Instead of the Subjunctive

✗ Je veux que tu viens. (Wrong)

→ ✓ Je veux que tu viennes.
(Correct)

Mistake 2: Mixing Up the Conditional & Future Tenses

✗ Demain, je voudrais partir.
(Wrong) → ✓ Demain, je partirai.
(Correct)

🎯 Practice:

✓ Rewrite: Il faut que tu (aller) à la réunion.

What to learn

Key Takeaways:

- ✓ Use the subjunctive for emotions, doubts & wishes
- ✓ Use the conditional for hypotheticals & politeness
- ✓ Practice with real-life sentences & triggers

