

The Subjunctive

Languages

When Spanish switches mood, and the acronym that covers the triggers.

WEIRDO — the six categories that trigger the subjunctive in a subordinate clause.

The triggers

Wishes – Quiero que vengas

Emotions – Me alegra que estés

Impersonal – Es importante que sepas

Recommendations – Sugiero que lo hagas

Doubt – No creo que sea

Ojalá – Ojalá llueva

Formation

Take the yo form of the present

Drop the -o

-ar verbs take -e endings

-er and -ir take -a endings

hablo → hable · como → coma

Two subjects

Quiero comer – one subject, infinitive

Quiero que comas – two subjects, subjunctive

No que, no subjunctive

No creo que sea takes the subjunctive; creo que es does not. Doubt triggers it, certainty does not.