Mood

Mood is the form a verb takes to indicate the attitude of the person using the verb.

(1) The indicative mood is used to express a fact, an opinion, or a question.

EXAMPLE

Deborah is an excellent swimmer.

(2) The imperative mood is used to express a direct command or request.

EXAMPLE

Go to the store and buy some more flour, please.

(3) The subjunctive mood is used to express a suggestion, a necessity, a condition contrary to fact, or a wish.

EXAMPLE

Our director insisted that we be on time for the concert.

EXERCISE A On the line before each sentence, identify the mood of the underlined verb by writing IND for indicative, IMP for imperative, or SUBJ for subjunctive.

Example SUBJ 1. If I were you, I would buy tickets soon.

1. Do not miss this show by the José Greco II Flamenco Dance Company.

2. The company is famous for its strength and artistry.

3. Tell me whether you like the show.

4. José Greco II, also called “Pepe,” wants to strengthen flamenco tradition.

5. If he were to define his work, he might say “trying for better and more.”

6. It is essential that flamenco dances include intense footwork.

7. Notice the influence of his training with the National Ballet of Spain.
8. He wishes to leave his own mark on this dance form, as his father did.
9. Can you tell me how long his company has been on tour?
10. He may wish he were able to be at home more than one month a year.

**EXERCISE B** On the line provided, write the correct form of the italicized verb given before each sentence.

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<th>1. <em>know</em> I wish I <em>knew</em> how to prepare as many dishes as Malcolm does.</th>
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<td>11. <em>go</em></td>
<td>Yesterday, Malcolm and I ___ into the kitchen to make a tossed salad.</td>
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<td>12. <em>wash</em></td>
<td>“First,” said Malcolm, “___ the raw vegetables very well.”</td>
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<td>13. <em>put</em></td>
<td>He continued, “Now, ___ all the vegetables in the bowl.”</td>
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<td>14. <em>be</em></td>
<td>He said, “I only wish Jane ___ here to enjoy this delicious salad with us.”</td>
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<td>15. <em>Pass</em></td>
<td>“I know. Oh, well,” I said. “___ me the dressing and the tongs so I can start tossing!”</td>
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Answer Keys:

EXERCISE A

1. IMP
2. IND
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5. SUBJ
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7. IMP
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10. SUBJ

EXERCISE B

11. went
12. wash
13. put
14. were
15. Pass