

# G15 Subjunctive

These are two structures found mainly in formal English. The **present subjunctive** appears mostly in official statements and **inversion** is mainly used in written texts.

## Subjunctive

### a) Present subjunctive

#### 1. Verwendung

- The form of the **present subjunctive** is the same for all persons.
- It is identical with the infinitive.
- It is mainly used in **that-clauses** after verbs expressing demand or suggestions (*recommend, request, demand, decide, suggest, etc.*) and in few phrases that express a wish.

#### 2. Beispiele

- In case of complaint, we recommend that the customer **contact** Customer Services.
- British politicians insist that strict laws **be made** to confront climate change.
- We'll support you, **come** what may.
- God **save** the Queen.

### b) Were-subjunctive

#### 1. Verwendung

- After **I wish, if only, as though, it's (high) time** the subjunctive form **were** is often used instead of **was**.
- It expresses a wish that is **unlikely** to be fulfilled.

#### 2. Beispiele

- I wish I **were/was** better at volleyball.
- If only my back **were/was** stronger.
- I remember the match as though it **were/was** yesterday.