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***Subjunctives, Hopes, and Wishes*****More on the Mandative Subjunctive**

So what other phrases trigger the mandative subjunctive? Here are some common ones. The three main types of phrases are verb phrases, noun phrases (derived from many of these verbs), and adjective phrases. Here are the verb phrases—and remember that *that* is optional:

advise that	ask that
command that	demand that
forbid that	insist that
move that	order that
propose that	recommend that
request that	require that
suggest that	urge that

And here are the noun phrases derived from many of these verbs. With noun phrases, *that* is not an option; it must be used.

The advice that	The order that
The command that	The recommendation that
The demand that	The request that
The prohibition that	The requirement that
The move that	The suggestion that

Now let's look at a few examples of how these noun phrases trigger the mandative subjunctive:

The advice that she not quit her job fell on deaf ears.

The order that the prisoner be released was carried out.

The suggestion that he seek medical attention made sense.

And now to the adjective phrases. Here, the word *that* is optional again:

It's advisable that	It's necessary that
It's essential that	It's traditional that
It's imperative that	It's urgent that
It's important that	It's vital that

By the way, in informal speech the adjective phrases we've listed can also be followed by a verb in the simple present indicative:

It's essential he takes this medicine regularly.

Even though this use of the simple present indicative goes against the reason for the existence of the mandative subjunctive, it nevertheless must be recognized as an alternate form for the simple reason that so many native speakers use it this way. This is a good example of what you'll be exploring later on in Chapter 20 when I deal with some changes that English has already experienced, is experiencing right now, and will continue to experience in the future.

There's one last point I should make before moving on. If you take a second look at the sentences in the dialogue on page 362, can you think of other ways to communicate the same ideas without using the mandative subjunctive? Think about how you'd paraphrase those sentences and write your paraphrases below.

1. It'll be very important that everybody participate. =  
It'll be very important .....
2. They suggested that we separate paper products from metal ones. =  
They suggested .....
3. They said it was necessary that all cans and bottles be rinsed out. =  
They said it was necessary .....
4. The law requires that recycled material not be picked up on the same days as regular garbage. =  
The law requires .....

There's undoubtedly more than one way to paraphrase each of these sentences, but here are my entries to compare to your own.

1. **It'll be very important for everybody to participate.**
2. **They suggested that we should separate paper products from metal ones.**
3. **They said it was necessary for all cans and bottles to be rinsed out.**  
**They said it was necessary for us to rinse out all cans and bottles.**
4. **They law requires that recycled material must not/cannot/should not be picked up on the same days as regular garbage.**

Have you noticed that *should* pops up in half of the sentences I created? ***Should* is quite commonly used as an alternative to the mandative subjunctive**, maybe because some native speakers consider the mandative subjunctive very formal, archaic, or even somewhat harsh. Using the word *should* seems to soften the impact.