

Worksheet „Subjunctive“ in English

Explain the difference:

- 1 a) If I were an angel, I could fly.
 b) If I (ever) was an angel, I could fly.
- 2 a) I suppose that John arrives at 6pm.
 b) I suggest that John arrive at 6pm.
- 3 a) Believers think that God blesses them.
 b) I do hope that God bless them.
- 4 a) Old people say that times were better in the old days.
 b) Old people wish that times were better for them now.
- 5 a) I wish you didn't speak so much.
 b) I wish you would stop speaking so much.
- 6 a) If she gives him a rose, he will be so happy.
 b) If she were to give him a rose, he might be embarrassed.
- 7 a) If you went to Paris, would you visit the Eiffel Tower?
 b) If you were to get to Paris, would you visit the Eiffel Tower?
- 8 a) The essential thing is that she is here now.
 b) It is essential that she be there when we arrive.
- 9 a) The teacher appreciates that his students are always on time.
 b) The teacher insists that his students be on time.
- 10 a) It's time (, we have) to leave.
 b) It's (about/high) time we left.
- 11 a) It's high time for you to change your habits.
 b) It's high time you changed your habits.
- 12 a) They behave as if they know something.
 b) They act as if they knew everything.
- 13 a) Fallen again! It looks as though they have never seen a snowboard before.
 b) What's the matter with him! He rides as if he had never seen a snowboard before. And he won this race last year!