

Application and Reasoning

Step 1: Was or Were?

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 6: (6G4.3) [Recognising subjunctive forms](#)

Differentiation

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Reasoning)

Developing Decide whether a statement is true or false and explain why when using the subjunctive form of 'to be' (were) in sentences with two simple clauses. For example: If I were a teacher, I would teach PE.

Expected Decide whether a statement is true or false and explain why using the subjunctive form of 'to be' (were) in sentences with two expanded clauses. For example: If I were to run in the race on Sports Day, I would definitely win a gold medal.

Greater Depth Decide whether a statement is true or false and explain why when using the subjunctive form of 'to be' (were) in sentences with various clauses. For example: We could be on the same team if you were to play football with us after school at the park.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Reasoning)

Developing Explain which sentence correctly uses the subjunctive form of 'to be' (were). Sentences with two simple clauses.

Expected Explain which sentence correctly uses the subjunctive form of 'to be' (were). Sentences with two expanded clauses.

Greater Depth Explain which sentence correctly uses the subjunctive form of 'to be' (were). Sentences with various clauses.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Application)

Developing Create a subjunctive sentence using given words (word bank including 'were').

Expected Create a subjunctive sentence using given words (word bank not including 'were').

Greater Depth Create a sentence using given words (word bank including 'was') and rewrite the sentence in the subjunctive form ('were').

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1a. True or false? The sentence below is written in the subjunctive form.

If I were to get a dog, I would walk it everyday.

Explain how you know.



R

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1b. True or false? The sentence below is written in the subjunctive form.

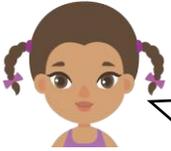
I would get the bus to school if there was a stop near my house.

Explain how you know.



R

2a. Hannah and Andy are writing sentences in the subjunctive form.



Hannah

If I was better at Maths, I would have passed my arithmetic test.

If I were better at Maths, I would have passed my arithmetic test.



Andy

Who is correct? Explain why.



R

2b. Jessy and James are writing sentences in the subjunctive form.



Jessy

I would be able to reach the top shelf if I were taller.

If I were taller, I would be able to reach the top shelf.



James

Who is correct? Explain why.



R

3a. Create a sentence written in the subjunctive form which includes the words below.

were

fireman

save

lives



A

3b. Create a sentence written in the subjunctive form which includes the words below.

striker

score

goals

were



A

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4a. True or false? The sentence below is written in the subjunctive form.

If I were to get a pet, I would choose to get a dog over a cat.

Explain how you know.



R

Was or Were?

4b. True or false? The sentence below is written in the subjunctive form.

I would play in the football game if I was available on Saturday afternoon.

Explain how you know.



R

5a. Steph and Josh are writing sentences in the subjunctive form.



Steph

If I were chosen to play in the netball match, I would have scored a goal.



Josh

I would have scored a goal if I was chosen to play in the netball match.

Who is correct? Explain why.



R

5b. Chuan and Lucy are writing sentences in the subjunctive form.



Chuan

If I had to choose between playing football and tennis, I would choose tennis.



Lucy

If I were to choose between playing football and tennis, I would choose to play tennis.

Who is correct? Explain why.



R

6a. Create a sentence written in the subjunctive form which includes the words below.

sun

holiday

travel

beach



A

6b. Create a sentence written in the subjunctive form which includes the words below.

water

choose

taste

lemonade



A

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7a. True or false? The sentence below is written in the subjunctive form.

I am already going to a dancing competition in Wales with my sister but I wish I were able to go to the football game this weekend instead.

Explain how you know.



R

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7b. True or false? The sentence below is written in the subjunctive form.

I would choose the park, if I had to choose between going to the cinema and going to the park, because I prefer doing activities outdoors.

Explain how you know.



R

8a. Kelly and Sean are writing sentences in the subjunctive form.



Kelly

We would have to change our plans and do indoor activities if it were to snow at the weekend.

We had to change our plans because it snowed but we were going to do outdoor activities.



Sean

Who is correct? Explain why.



R

8b. Hafsa and Arthur are writing sentences in the subjunctive form.



Hafsa

We would have to wait until after the football had finished, if we were to go shopping on Saturday.

We were planning to go shopping on Saturday but we were already playing football.



Arthur

Who is correct? Explain why.



R

9a. Create a sentence which includes the words below. Rewrite it in the subjunctive form.

park

museum

Saturday

was



A

9b. Create a sentence which includes the words below. Rewrite it in the subjunctive form.

swimming

triathlon

running

was



A

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Developing

- 1a. True; 'were' is used in the subjunctive form to indicate a hypothetical situation.
- 2a. Andy; he has used 'were' as the subjunctive form of 'to be'.
- 3a. Various answers, for example: If I were a fireman, I would save lives.

Expected

- 4a. True; 'were' is used in the subjunctive form to indicate a hypothetical situation.
- 5a. Steph; she has used 'were' as the subjunctive form of 'to be'.
- 6a. Various answers, for example: If I were to travel on holiday, I would choose to go somewhere that has a beach and lots of sun.

Greater Depth

- 7a. True; 'were' is used in the subjunctive form to indicate a wish.
- 8a. Kelly; she has used 'were' as the subjunctive form of 'to be'. Sean has used 'were' in the past tense.
- 9a. Various answers, for example: I was going to get the train to the park on Saturday instead of going to the museum. If we were to go to the park on Saturday instead of the museum, we would have to get the train.

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Developing

- 1b. False; the sentence uses 'was' instead of 'were' as the subjunctive form of 'to be'.
- 2b. They are both correct; both sentences use 'were' as the subjunctive form of 'to be'.
- 3b. Various answers, for example: If I were a striker, I would score many goals.

Expected

- 4b. False; the sentence uses 'was' instead of 'were' as the subjunctive form of 'to be'.
- 5b. Lucy; she has used 'were' as the subjunctive form of 'to be'.
- 6b. Various answers, for example: If I were to choose between drinking water or lemonade, I would choose lemonade because I prefer the taste of it.

Greater Depth

- 7b. False; the subjunctive form of 'to be' has not been used.
- 8b. Hafsa; she has used 'were' as the subjunctive form of 'to be'. Cian has used 'were' in the past tense.
- 9b. Various answers, for example: I was going to compete in the triathlon, which involves running and swimming. If I were going to compete in the triathlon, I would be stronger at running than swimming.