

Varied Fluency

Step 1: Was or Were?

National Curriculum Objectives:

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

Differentiation

Developing Questions to support 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 Questions to support 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 Questions to support changing sentences with a range of clauses to the subjunctive form of 'to be' (were). For example: We could be on the same team if you were to play football with us after school at the park.

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1a. Fill in the blanks below with 'was' or 'were' so that the sentences make sense.

If I _____ a police officer, I would work hard to solve crime.

If I _____ a teacher, I would want to teach P.E.



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1b. Fill in the blanks below with 'was' or 'were' so that the sentences make sense.

I could be a basketball player if I _____ taller.

I _____ faster than Hafsa at the 100m race so I was chosen for the competition.



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2a. Change the underlined verb so that it is written in the subjunctive form.

If I was a footballer, I would play in the mid-field position.



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2b. Change the underlined verb so that it is written in the subjunctive form.

I would have won the race if I was a little faster.



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3a. Rewrite the sentence in the subjunctive form.

If I was older, I would apply to go on a television show.



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3b. Rewrite the sentence in the subjunctive form.

I would build a big house if I was rich.



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4a. Tick the sentence or sentences written in the subjunctive form.

A. I was wearing my yellow dress at the party last week.

B. If I were to go to the party, I would wear my best party dress.

C. When we went to the party, we were all wearing new shoes.



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4b. Tick the sentence or sentences written in the subjunctive form.

A. If the magician were to turn up, everyone would be surprised.

B. We were all surprised when the magician turned up at the party.

C. The magician was going to be a surprise for everyone at the party.



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5a. Fill in the blanks below with 'was' or 'were' so that the sentences make sense.

If I _____ to bake a cake for the party this weekend, I would choose to make chocolate instead of vanilla sponge.

I _____ not allowed to Netball training last night because I twisted my ankle during the last match.



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5b. Fill in the blanks below with 'was' or 'were' so that the sentences make sense.

I _____ unable to make it to Hannah's birthday party because my train was cancelled due to the weather.

If the trains _____ cancelled, I would be unable to make it to the meal for Cian's birthday.



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6a. Change the underlined verb so that it is written in the subjunctive form.

I wish we was able to perform in the concert next week but it takes place on the same day at the dance competition.



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6b. Change the underlined verb so that it is written in the subjunctive form.

If I was faster at running, I would have been chosen for the competition instead of Gabriel.



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7a. Rewrite the sentence in the subjunctive form.

I would have to make sure that they have a vegetarian option if I was to book the restaurant.



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7b. Rewrite the sentence in the subjunctive form.

If I was to go to the festival, I would have to buy a new tent as the one I have is ripped.



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8a. Tick the sentence or sentences written in the subjunctive form.

A. I was going to visit my friend after school but instead I went to the cinema.

B. If we were to go to the park this evening after school, we could play football.

C. We were going to play football in the park after school this evening.



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8b. Tick the sentence or sentences written in the subjunctive form.

A. We were going to have a pizza party but instead we decided to go to a Chinese banquet.

B. We were supposed to go to the cinema this evening but we went bowling instead.

C. If we were to go bowling, we would have to book a lane to make sure we could play.



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9a. Fill in the blanks below with 'was' or 'were' so that the sentences make sense.

I had my party at the indoor ski slopes as it was forecast to rain but I _____ going to have my party at the zoo.

I would choose somewhere that had a range of indoor and outdoor activities if I _____ to go on holiday in the summer.



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9b. Fill in the blanks below with 'was' or 'were' so that the sentences make sense.

We would need to book train tickets if we _____ to go to London on Tuesday, so that we were guaranteed seats.

I _____ going to go to the museum on Saturday to see the science exhibition but I decided to go to the gallery instead.



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10a. Change the underlined verb so that it is written in the subjunctive form.

We would need to make sure we booked a pitch on the site for the tent if we had to go camping during the half term break



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10b. Change the underlined verb so that it is written in the subjunctive form.

I would choose vegetable pizza, if I had to choose between pepperoni or vegetable, because it has more flavour to it.



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11a. Rewrite the sentence in the subjunctive form.

I would choose to study English, if I had to go to university when I finish school, as it is my favourite subject



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11b. Rewrite the sentence in the subjunctive form.

I would need to go to the supermarket, if I had to bake a cake because I do not have all the ingredients in the cupboard.



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12a. Tick the sentence or sentences written in the subjunctive form.

A. Sadly, the rain was too heavy at the weekend when we were going to watch the cricket match.

B. We wouldn't be going to the cricket game if it were to rain this weekend as it would be cancelled.

C. The cricket game was postponed because the rain was too heavy which water-logged the pitch.



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12b. Tick the sentence or sentences written in the subjunctive form.

A. I would make sure that there were a range of different stalls if I were organising the summer fayre.

B. We made sure that there were different stalls available when we were organising the summer fayre.

C. As we were organising the summer fayre, we made sure that there were different stalls available.



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Expected

- 5a. **were, was**
- 6a. **were**
- 7a. **I would have to make sure that they have a vegetarian option if I were to book the restaurant.**
- 8a. **B**

Greater Depth

- 9a. **was, were**
- 10a. **were**
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- 12a. **B**

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Developing

- 1b. **were, was**
- 2b. **were**
- 3b. **I would build a big house if I were rich.**
- 4b. **A**

Expected

- 5b. **was, were**
- 6b. **were**
- 7b. **If I were to go to the festival, I would have to buy a new tent as the one I have is ripped.**
- 8b. **C**

Greater Depth

- 9b. **were, was**
- 10b. **were**
- 11b. **I would need to go to the supermarket, if I were to bake a cake, because I do not have all the ingredients in the cupboard.**
- 12b. **A**