

## Past subjunctive

### Formation:

1. Take the ellos form of the preterit tense verb (comieron, tuvieron, fueron, durmieron, etc.)
2. Remove “-ron”
3. Add the cheer endings:
  - ra            -’ramos (always has an accent: volviéramos)
  - ras           -rais
  - ra            -ran
4. (Alternate endings: se, ses, se, ’semos, seis, sen)

### Uses:

1. Follow the same rules for subjunctive. If the primary clause has a subjunctive indicator in the present, future, present perfect or conditional tenses, then the secondary clause verb will be in the present subjunctive. However, if the primary clause verb is imperfect, preterit, past perfect, conditional or historical present (referring to a past action), then the secondary clause verb will be in the past subjunctive.

Primary clause (with proper subjunctive indicator)	Secondary clause
Present Future Present Perfect Commands	Present Subjunctive or *present perfect subjunctive
Preterit Imperfect Past perfect conditional	Past subjunctive or *past perfect subjunctive

**\* use a perfect tense to describe a prior action.**

Mi madre quiere que yo vaya a la escuela.

Mi profesora duda que yo *haya terminado* la tarea.

Mi novio esperaba que yo le hiciera unas galletas.

Era importante que yo *hubiera ordenado* mi habitación.

2. Use past subjunctive in if-then statements that are hypothetical (pairs with conditional). Use the past perfect subjunctive to talk about hypothetical ideas in the past.
  - a. Si tuviera un millón de dólares, te compraría un mono.
  - b. Ellos vendrían a la fiesta si supieran bailar.
  - c. Si no hubiera contestado el teléfono, no habría aprendido del problema.
3. Use past subjunctive after “como si” or “cual si” (as if...)
  - a. Habla como si fuera argentino.
4. Use past subjunctive after “ojalá” if referring to a hypothetical situation. For a past-tense hypothetical situation, use the past perfect subjunctive.
  - a. Ojalá que todos terminaran sus proyectos.
  - b. Ojalá que hubiéramos leído el libro.
5. Past subjunctive can be used with certain verbs to make a request more polite (the “I was hoping that...” is implied).
  - a. Quisiera tener más agua.
  - b. ¿Pudieran visitarme más tarde?