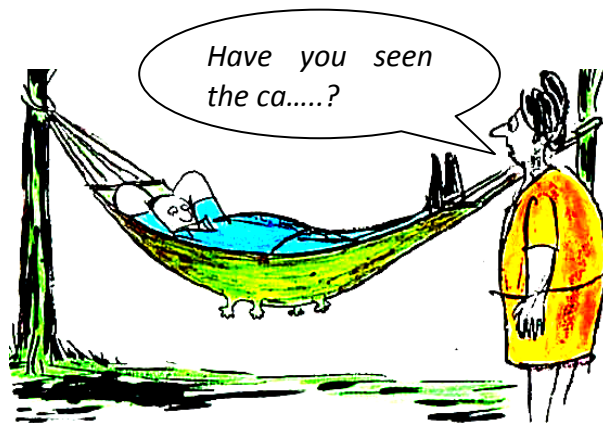


## The subjunctive after impersonal expressions of evaluation or judgement

You must always use the subjunctive in this instance. "Evaluation" or "judgement" covers a vast range of possibilities including regret, pleasure, displeasure and surprise. However, it is important to differentiate between value judgements and statements of fact such as "es verdad que", "es obvio que" etc. which do **not** require a subjunctive. Some examples of expressions of evaluation or judgement are:

Es natural que	It's only natural that
¡ Qué pena que ... !	It's such a pain that
Es una vergüenza que	It's a shame that
Es necesario que	It's necessary that
Basta que	It's enough for you to
Es una lástima que	It's a shame that
Es una casualidad que	It's pure chance that
¡ Qué rabia que ... !	What a nuisance
Ya es hora que	It's about time that
Me parece mal que	I disapprove of
Me parece bien	I approve of
Es justo que	It's only right that
Es una lástima que	It is a shame that
Me molesta que	It annoys me that
Me sorprende que	It surprises me that
Me alegra que	It pleases me that
Me importa un bledo que	I couldn't care less whether
Me irrita que	It irritates me that



Es una lástima  
que el hombre  
no haya visto el gato

### Exceptions (which do not require the subjunctive)

Menos mal que	It's just as well that
Es mejor que	It's best that

### Exercise - Translate the following into Spanish

1. It annoys me that they are unable to come to Spain with us.
2. It's pure chance that I am here.
3. It's time that you face up to reality.
4. I couldn't care less whether you telephone him.
5. Thank heavens you're safe !
6. It's such a nuisance that we have to arrive so early.
7. It annoys me that they are so apathetic.
8. It's only natural that she should want to be with her family at Christmas.

## *The Subjunctive - exercise*

Translate the following sentences into Spanish:

1. I want you to open the window.
2. I want to buy a car.
3. I don't want him to go out.
4. I don't want them to hear me.
5. I want to go to the beach with you.
6. He wants me to help him.
7. He wants to go to the party.
8. My exchange partner wants me to do her English homework.
9. They want to go on holiday with us.
10. Do you want me to help you?