activity 92

Subjunctive

The Longest Yard

1. The subjunctive form of a verb is used following verbs or adjectives of urgency, obligation or advisability. Write the words below under the correct column.

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| Demand | Critical | Insist | Crucial | Propose  | Desirable | Request |
| Essential | Recommend | Important | Suggest | Necessary | Imperative | Urgent |



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REMEMBER:
*Verbs and adjectives that* **don't express** *urgency, obligation or advisability don't need the subjunctive*

B. Now watch the movie segment and choose the correct alternative for the items below. Make sure you decide whether you will you use affirmative or negative form according to the information presented in the movie segment.

1. Paul Crewe thinks that the police ***are / aren't / be / not be*** party poopers.

2. It's essential that a drunk driver ***respects / doesn't respect / respect / not respect*** a police officer.

3. The officer demanded that Paul ***left / didn't leave / leave / not leave*** the vehicle.

4. It's critical that Paul ***drinks / doesn't drink / drink / not drink*** while or before driving.

5. According to the reporter, it's imperative that a football player ***is / isn't / be / not be*** accused of shaving points\*.

\* Shaving points in football is to articificially control the score of the game (using the players) so the game score comes in within a certain range. Usually done to manipulate the Las Vegas betting odds.

6. Paul's girlfriend insisted that he ***got / didn't get / get / not get*** one more scratch on her car.

7. He hoped everyone ***liked / didn't like / like / not like*** the accident he caused.

8. It is crucial that Paul ***gets / doesn't get / get / not get*** arrested because of the absurd mess he caused to the city.

C. Class discussion:

 What should happen to Paul Crewe? Should he go to jail, have an alternative sentence like helping the community or assistance institutions, or something else? For how long? Explain it.

**Answer key**

Movie Segments to Assess Grammar Goals

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B.

1. are

2. respect

3. leave

4. not drink

5. not be

6. not get

7. liked

8. get