

**Did You Get It?** *Presentación de gramática*

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**Goal:** Learn and practice the use of the subjunctive after certain conjunctions to talk about actions that may or may not happen in the future.

**Subjunctive after adverbial conjunctions**

- Read the sentences, paying attention to the boldfaced words.

**Antes de que te vayas**, voy a decirte cómo conectarte a Internet.

*(Before you go, I'm going to tell you how to connect to the Internet.)*

Te voy a hacer algunas sugerencias **a fin de que puedas** hacer búsquedas más fácilmente.

*(I am going to make you a few suggestions, so that you can do searches more easily.)*

**En caso de que quieras** comunicarte conmigo hoy, puedes enviarme un correo electrónico.

*(In case you want to communicate with me today, you can send me an e-mail.)*

**EXPLANATION:** Conjunctions such as **antes de que** (*before*), **a fin de que** (*so that, in order that*), and **en caso de que** (*in case*) are followed in Spanish by the subjunctive because they express doubt or uncertainty about whether or not the events in the second part of the sentence will happen. Study the chart below that contains other conjunctions that express doubt or uncertainty and are followed by the subjunctive.

Conjunctions followed by the subjunctive
<b>a menos que</b> ( <i>unless</i> )
<b>con tal (de) que</b> ( <i>provided that, as long as</i> )
<b>para que</b> ( <i>so that, in order that</i> )
<b>sin que</b> ( <i>without</i> )

- Read these sentences, paying attention to the boldfaced words.

**Para que estudies**, te llevaré a la biblioteca.

*(In order that you study, I'll take you to the library.)*

**Para estudiar**, necesitarás ir a la biblioteca.

*(In order to study, you'll need to go to the library.)*

**EXPLANATION:** When the above conjunctions are used without **que**, the verb that follows must be in the infinitive form.