





Subjunctive II (36 %) ,  
 Past Indefinite Past Perfect  
 Subjunctive II to be,  
 were  
 Conditional Mood (45 %)  
 should/would Indefinite Continuous Infinitive Perfect Infinitive -  
 Conditional Mood

“It **would be** appropriate to replace trucks because many obligations for heavy-duty vehicles do not apply to them...” (Deb. for 1 July 2013).

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 if

“If that were the case, we **would all have been voting** for it. It simply was not the case that it was incontrovertible” (Deb. for 1 July 2013).

“If aviation or our railways had the accident figures that road transport has, there **would be** a public outcry” (Deb. for 1 July 2013).

“There is no evidence to suggest that the inclusion of caravans – a six billion pound industry in the UK – and light commercial trailers **would benefit** from a road safety angle” (Deb. for 1 July 2013).

“We note that good safety standards across Europe are to be addressed. The inspections need to be targeted on heavy goods vehicles and not vans if the report data is confirmed, and if not, the overall inspections **would be carried out**” (Deb. 1 July 2013).

to order, to suggest, to demand, to imply, to recommend,  
 "mandative" [8, . 50],

*"The Committee recommends that we **should be** encouraging our leisure and tourism industries, not penalising them"* (Deb. for 1 July 2013).

*"We always have to look at both sides of the question and determine firstly how much it **would cost to remedy** and secondly how much it **would cost not to remedy**. I can guarantee you that, if we do not remedy such problems, the next cost review in five to 10 years' time and impact assessments will show that not remedying them will cost even more. So we **would have** even more reasons not to adopt that kind of solution"* (Deb. for 1 July 2013).

should.

*"During our discussions we considered all the details which could be left for Member States and what **should be tackled** at European level"* (Deb. for 1 July 2013).

should

*"Furthermore, why **should** we be forced to impose this new system on an industry that is already heavily under strain as a result of excessive taxing and incredibly high fuel prices?"* (Deb. for 1 July 2013).

"I should like to":

*"Madam President, **I should like to** thank the honourable Members very much for their comments"* (Deb. for 1 July 2013).

*"Madam President, good-quality water is a priority for us all, but we have to be realistic about what we can achieve and the timeframe in which we **should be achieving it**"* (Deb. for 1 July 2013).

*"We **should** also show more ambition in relation to light vans"* (Deb. for 1 July 2013).

should

*"I think it is good, as we discussed in the previous topic, that we **should exchange** best practice and try to bring in the best measures across Europe to guarantee safety on our roads"* (Deb. for 1 July 2013).

without, out, of

*"Making such a change **would be out of order** in any other parliamentary business"* (Deb. for 1 July 2013).

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**SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD AS MORPHOLOGICAL MEANS OF DOWN-TONING  
IN THE DISCOURSE OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**

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*The article deals with research and description of the use of Subjunctive Mood as one of the morphological means of down-toning in the discourse of the European Parliament. In the discourse of parliamentary debates the Subjunctive Mood, indicating the unreality of action as the opposition to the Indicative Mood, is used as a means of moderation of expression to show parliamentary etiquette, politeness and correctness, with the need to convey their attitude in the most vague and indeterminate form.*

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