

Impersonal expressions

with regular verbs

An impersonal expression is an expression that doesn't have a person as a subject, and it usually starts with 'It is ...' i.e., '**It's good that...**', '**It's important that...**', '**It's urgent that...**' etc.

The Present Subjunctive always follows 'that' when the impersonal expression is in the *Present* or *Future* indicative, not in the past.

E>S Leave out the subject pronouns in the answer.
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1. Is it important that I speak Spanish? ¿Es importante que yo hable español?
 Yes, it's important that you (*tú*) speak Spanish. _____
2. Is it necessary that he eat now? _____
 No, but it's necessary that he eat soon. _____
3. Is it possible that they (*f*) visit us? _____
 Yes, it is possible that they visit us. _____
4. Is it probable that they (*m*) arrive early? _____
 No, it's probable that they (*m*) arrive late. _____
5. Is it important that I work today? _____
 Yes, it's important that you (*Ud.*) work today. _____
6. Is it better that I pay it to you (*tú*) now? _____
 No, it's better that you (*tú*) pay it to me later. _____
7. When is it necessary that you all return? _____
 It's necessary that we return tomorrow. _____
8. What is important that you (*Ud.*) sell today? _____
 It's important that I sell all my tickets.. _____
9. Is it possible that they (*m*) buy the tickets? _____
 No, it's not possible that they buy them now. _____
10. Is it urgent that you (*Ud.*) receive it today? _____
 Yes, it's urgent that I receive it as soon as possible. _____
11. Is it necessary that I sign the contract now? _____
 It's necessary that you (*Ud.*) sign it today. _____
12. Is it good that you all rest today? _____
 No, it's better that we rest tomorrow. _____
13. Is it important that you (*Ud.*) see the doctor? _____
 Yes, it's urgent that I see him. _____
14. Is it possible that she might sell it (*m*)? _____
 Yes, it's possible that she might sell it (*m*). _____
15. Is it probable that he might wait? _____
 Yes, it's probable that he might wait. _____

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As an oral exercise, cover the Spanish or English column and translate.

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| 1. ¿Es importante que yo hable español?
Sí, es importante que hables español. | 1. Is it important that I speak Spanish?
Yes, it's important that you (<i>tú</i>) speak Spanish. |
| 2. ¿Es necesario que él coma ahora?
No, pero es necesario que coma pronto. | 2. Is it necessary that he eat now?
No, but it's necessary that he eat soon. |
| 3. ¿Es posible que ellas nos visiten?
Sí, es posible que nos visiten. | 3. Is it possible that they (<i>f</i>) visit us?
Yes, it is possible that they might visit us. |
| 4. ¿Es probable que ellos lleguen temprano?
No, es probable que lleguen tarde. | 4. Is it probable that they (<i>m</i>) might arrive early?
No, it's probable that they (<i>m</i>) might arrive late. |
| 5. ¿Es importante que yo trabaje hoy?
Sí, es importante que trabaje hoy. | 5. Is it important that I work today?
Yes, it's important that you (<i>Ud.</i>) work today. |
| 6. ¿Es mejor que yo te lo pague ahora?
No, es mejor que me lo pagues más tarde. | 6. Is it better that I pay it to you (<i>tú</i>) now?
No, it's better that you (<i>tú</i>) pay it to me later. |
| 7. ¿Cuándo es necesario que Uds. regresen?
Es necesario que regresemos mañana. | 7. When is it necessary that you all return?
It's necessary that we return tomorrow. |
| 8. ¿Qué es importante que Ud. venda hoy?
Es importante que venda todos mis boletos. | 8. What is important that you (<i>Ud.</i>) sell today?
It's important that I sell all my tickets. |
| 9. ¿Es posible que ellos compren los boletos?
No, no es posible que los compren ahora. | 9. Is it possible that they (<i>m</i>) buy the tickets?
No, it's not possible that they buy them now. |
| 10. ¿Es urgente que Ud. lo reciba hoy?
Sí, es urgente que lo reciba cuanto antes. | 10. Is it urgent that you (<i>Ud.</i>) receive it today?
Yes, it's urgent that I receive it as soon as possible. |
| 11. ¿Es necesario que yo firme el contrato ahora?
Es necesario que lo firme hoy. | 11. Is it necessary that I sign the contract now?
It's necessary that you (<i>Ud.</i>) sign it today. |
| 12. ¿Es bueno que Uds. descansen hoy?
No, es mejor que descansemos mañana. | 12. Is it good that you all rest today?
No, it's better that we rest tomorrow. |
| 13. ¿Es importante que Ud. vea al doctor?
Sí, es urgente que lo vea inmediatamente. | 13. Is it important that you (<i>Ud.</i>) see the doctor?
Yes, it's urgent that I see him immediately. |
| 14. ¿Es posible que ella lo venda?
Sí, es posible que lo venda. | 14. Is it possible that she might sell it (<i>m</i>)?
Yes, it's possible that she might sell it (<i>m</i>). |
| 15. ¿Es probable que él espere?
Sí, es probable que espere. | 15. Is it probable that he might wait?
Yes, it's probable that he might wait. |