

Grade 9
English Home Language

MOOD of VERBS

ANSWERS

ACTIVITY

1 Compare the sentences below. Explain how they differ in meaning. (Focus on their functions)

- a) If I were you , I would slam dunk that ball.
Expresses something that is not factual, but probable.
- b) Slam dunk that ball immediately!
Expresses a command and uses an exclamation mark:
- c) Michael Wilson slam dunked that ball.
Expresses a fact.
- d) Who slam dunked the ball in the last minute?
Expresses a state of questioning and uses a question mark.

2 Each of the sentences above are set in a different mood.

- a) In which sentence is the speaker completely sure what they are saying?
B and C
- b) In which sentence is the speaker doubtful about what they are saying?
A and D
- c) In which sentence is the speaker just stating a fact?
C
- d) In which sentence is the speaker asking a question?
D

3 Match each of the sentences in question 1 to a mood.

- a) Subjunctive mood**
- b) Imperative mood**
- c) Indicative mood**
- d) Interrogative mood**

4 Which moods are these sentences in?

- a) Don't assume that he's a hero!
Imperative mood.
- b) If he were superman, he could jump three metres high.
Subjunctive mood.
- c) These achievements are reserved for "freak shows" and *Oprah*.
Indicative mood.
- d) Did you hear a noise?
Interrogative mood.
- e) She might be late for her English class.
Conditional mood.