

GRAMÁTICA

Past Perfect Subjunctive

You can use the **past perfect subjunctive** to say that you wish that things had happened differently than they did. For example, use it after **ojalá que** to express a wish about something that didn't happen:

Ojalá que hubiera llamado.

I wish I had called. (But I didn't.)

To form the **past perfect subjunctive** use:

past subjunctive
of haber

+

past participle of the verb.

hubiera llamado

hubiéramos llamado

hubieras llamado

hubierais llamado

hubiera llamado

hubieran llamado

Here are some **irregular past participles**:

abrir → **abierto**, cubrir → **cubierto**, decir → **dicho**, escribir → **escrito**,
hacer → **hecho**, morir → **muerto**, poner → **puesto**, resolver → **resuelto**,
romper → **roto**, ver → **visto**, volver → **vuelto**.

You can also use the **past perfect subjunctive**, like the present perfect subjunctive, to say that one action took place before another action. You use the **past perfect subjunctive** when the verb of the main clause is in the **imperfect** or the **preterite**.



Compare these sentences:

Espero que te hayan dado el puesto.

I hope they gave you the job.

Esperaba que te hubieran dado el puesto.

I hoped they had given you the job.

I don't
know if they did.

I had hoped they
would have given you the
job, but they didn't.