



# ITALIAN TABLE

Summary of Tense Sequencing with the Subjunctive



When in the main clause you have the **PRESENT** indicative

→ use the **present subjunctive** to express an action happening at the same time.



 <b>25</b>	<p><i>Credo che Maria <b>arrivi</b> presto.</i></p> <p>(now)                      (now)</p> <p>I think that Maria will arrive soon.</p>	 <b>25</b>
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When in the main clause you have a **PAST** indicative tense  
(*imperfetto, passato prossimo, etc.*)



→ use the **imperfect subjunctive** to express an action that happened at the same time, but in the past!

 <b>24</b>	<p><i>Credo che Maria <b>arrivasse</b> subito.</i></p> <p>(past)                      (past)</p> <p>I thought that Maria would arrive soon.</p>	 <b>24</b>
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→ use the **past subjunctive** to express an action that happened **before** the one expressed in the main clause:

 <b>25</b>	<p><i>Credo che Maria <b>sia già arrivata</b>.</i></p> <p>(now)                      (before)</p> <p>I think that Maria has arrived already.</p>	 <b>24</b>
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→ use the **past perfect subjunctive** to express an action that happened **before** the one expressed in the main clause:

 <b>24</b>	<p><i>Temevo che <b>fossero già andati</b> via.</i></p> <p>(past)                      (before)</p> <p>I feared they had already left.</p>	 <b>23</b>
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