Ojalá y Quizás

El subjuntivo

The Spanish expressions *ojalá* and *quizás* are **always** followed by the subjunctive.

Ojalá = I wish or I hope
Quizás = Maybe or Perhaps

Ojalá is used to introduce a very strong wish or desire. It comes from Arabic and means "May Allah permit it!"

Quizás is followed by the subjunctive because it presents an element of doubt. Other words that mean "perhaps" also include *tal vez* and *acaso*.

Let's examine the following sentences. Notice the underlined verb is in the subjunctive:

- Ojalá que puedas venir a la fiesta.
  I hope [that] you can come to the party.
- ¡Ojalá te vaya bien!
  ¡I hope [that] it goes well for you!
- Quizás Paco venga mañana.
  Maybe(Perhaps) Paco will come tomorrow.
- Quizás ganen los Tigres.
- Maybe(Perhaps) the Tigers will win.

Notice that Ojalá is often times followed by *que* while Quizás is not.

Let's practice.
Fill in the first blank with either *ojalá* or *quizás* as indicated. Fill in the second blank with the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

1. _____ (I hope) que Uds. _____ hacer el viaje. (poder)
2. _____ (maybe) _____ ellas. (venir)
3. _____ (I hope) que el juez no me _____ una multa. (dar)
4. _____ (I hope) que el gerente me _____. (llamar)
5. _____ (perhaps) Ana y Rosa no _____ la respuesta. (saber)
6. _____ (maybe) nosotros _____ a tiempo. (salir)
7. _____ (maybe) tú _____ enfermo. (estar)
8. _____ (I hope) _____ famosa mi hermana. (ser)
9. _____ (perhaps) no _____ al muchacho. (conocer)
10. _____ (I hope) que tú no _____ la gripe. (tener)

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