

Students Against Driving Drunk. Its acronym, SADD, will rarely be familiar enough for a headline. Note that the phrasing differs from that of *Mothers Against Drunk Driving*.

St. Vincents Hospital and Medical Center (without an apostrophe), in Manhattan. **styles and schools in the arts** are listed separately. See ARTS TERMINOLOGY.

Styrofoam is a trademark of the Dow Chemical Company for a polystyrene used in insulation and boat construction. It is not used in cups or food containers; for those, write *plastic foam*.

sub(-). Except before a proper noun or in Latin expressions that have migrated into English, compounds formed with *sub* are one word: subassembly, subatomic, subbasement, subcommittee, subcompact, subcontinent, subculture, subdivision, subfloor, subfreezing, sublet, submachine gun, subnormal, subplot, sub rosa (never hyphenated), sub-Saharan, subsoil, substandard, subtext, subtitle, subtotal, subzero.

subcommittees. See CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES.

subject-verb agreement. See NUMBER OF SUBJECT AND VERB.

subjunctive. Use this form of verb to express a wishful notion or a proposition contrary to fact:

- *The mayor wishes the commissioner were retiring this year* (not *was retiring*, because the commissioner is staying on).
- *If the commissioner were rich, she could retire* (not *was rich*, because she needs the salary).
- *If the bill were passed, taxes could go down* (not *was passed*, because it is still just a hope).

Do not use the subjunctive form (even with a tantalizing *if* in the sentence) when the intent is merely to convert an *is* idea to the past tense:

- *The mayor asked if the commissioner was rich* (the past version of *asks if she is rich*).
- *Secretary Kuzu asked if the bill was going to pass this year* (simply the past version of *asks if it is*).
- *But: If the bill were going to pass, Secretary Kuzu would know by now* (not *was going to pass*, but *were*, because the hypothesis is untrue: the bill is unlikely to pass).

One cue to use the subjunctive is the phrase *as though* or (preferred) *as if*. Either phrase signifies that what follows is contrary to fact: *Secretary Kuzu acts as if she were* (not *was*) *in the White House. The actor looked as if he were sick.*

subpoena, subpoenaed.

sub-Saharan. Use this adjectival form: *sub-Saharan region*. There is no place called the sub-Sahara. Also see SAHARA and SAHEL.

subway lines. New York City once had three systems: the BMT (Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit), the IND (Independent Subway System) and the IRT (Interborough