As if y as though

Everyday impressions

Usamos **as if** o **as though** para decir «como si». Si algo puede ser verdad, usamos el tiempo normal. Si sabemos que no es verdad, usamos una forma de pasado.

Ejemplos / Examples

It looks as if it is going to rain. / Parece que va a llover; puede que sea verdad. He acts as if he were the boss, but he is not. / Actúa como si fuera el jefe, pero no lo es.

Complete each gap with the correct connector or verb form. Use the context.

Completa cada hueco con el conector o la forma verbal correcta. Fíjate en el contexto.

01. El suelo está mojado; parece que ha llovido durante la noche.
The ground is wet; it looks as if it ___ during the night. (rain)

02. El bebé sonríe mientras juega con el sonajero; parece que se está divirtiendo.
The baby is smiling at the rattle; she looks as if she ___ herself. (enjoy)

03. El cielo se está oscureciendo; parece que va a llover.
The sky is getting darker; it looks as if it ___ soon. (rain)

04. El tren lleva diez minutos parado; parece que algo ha ocurrido.
The train has been still for ten minutes; it seems as if something ___ . (happen)

05. Las luces están apagadas y la puerta está cerrada; parece que la tienda ya cerró.
The lights are off and the door is locked; it looks as if the shop ___ . (close)

06. Huele a pan recién hecho; parece que alguien está horneando.
It smells of fresh bread; it seems as if someone ___ . (bake)

07. Oigo agua y el grifo está abierto; parece que alguien está lavando los platos.
I can hear water and the tap is running; it sounds as if someone ___ the dishes. (wash)

08. El partido terminó hace un momento; parece que nuestro equipo ganó.
The match has just ended; it looks as if our team ___ . (win)

09. Hay nubes negras sobre el mar; parece que habrá tormenta.
There are dark clouds over the sea; it looks as if there ___ a storm. (be)

10. La pantalla no responde; parece que el programa se ha bloqueado.
The screen is not responding; it looks as if the program ___ . (freeze)

11. La directora sonríe como si supiera el secreto, pero no lo sabe.
The director smiles as though she ___ the secret, but she does not. (know)

12. Ese hombre da órdenes como si dirigiera todo el edificio, pero no lo dirige.
That man gives orders as if he ___ the whole building, but he does not. (run)

13. Hablas como si tuvieras mucho tiempo, pero el plazo termina hoy.
You speak as if you ___ plenty of time, but the deadline is today. (have)

14. El niño mira el pastel como si tuviera muchísima hambre, pero acaba de comer.
The child is looking at the cake as if he ___ very hungry, but he has just eaten. (be)

15. Julia sonríe como si entendiera el chiste, pero no lo entiende.
Julia smiles as if she ___ the joke, but she does not. (understand)

16. El huésped se instala como si viviera aquí, pero solo se queda una noche.
The guest is settling in as though he ___ here, but he is staying for one night. (live)

17. Mi compañero reacciona como si yo hubiera roto el equipo, pero no lo he tocado.
My colleague reacts as if I ___ the equipment, but I have not touched it. (break)

18. El candidato responde como si conociera al alcalde, pero nunca se han visto.
The candidate answers as if he ___ the mayor, but they have never met. (know)

19. Ella se viste como si fuera a una gala, pero vamos a una comida informal.
She is dressing as if she ___ to a gala, but we are going to a casual lunch. (go)

20. El gato mira la caja como si escondiera algo, pero está vacía.
The cat is staring at the box as if it ___ something, but it is empty. (contain)

Continue. / Continúa.

21. El niño parecía como si hubiera llorado durante horas.
The child looked as if he ___ for hours. (cry)

22. El ordenador viejo sonaba como si hubiera necesitado una reparación.
The old computer sounded as if it ___ in need of repair. (be)

23. Al ver la factura, mi padre reaccionó como si le hubieran cobrado el doble.
When he saw the bill, my father reacted as if he ___ twice as much. (charge)

24. La habitación parecía como si nadie hubiera entrado en semanas.
The room looked as if nobody ___ it for weeks. (enter)

25. Al llegar a la estación, los pasajeros parecían como si hubieran esperado horas.
When they reached the station, the passengers looked as though they ___ for hours. (wait)

26. La carta estaba escrita como si el autor hubiera conocido personalmente al rey.
The letter was written as if its author ___ the king personally. (know)

27. Ella miró la foto como si nunca la hubiera visto antes.
She looked at the photograph as if she ___ it before. (never see)

28. Al terminar la reunión, todos hablaban como si hubieran llegado a un acuerdo.
After the meeting, everyone spoke as if they ___ an agreement. (reach)

29. El jardín parecía como si nadie lo hubiera cuidado durante meses.
The garden looked as if nobody ___ it for months. (look after)

30. El atleta respiraba como si hubiera corrido una maratón.
The athlete was breathing as if he ___ a marathon. (run)

31. El agua sabía como si tuviera demasiada sal.
The water tasted ___ it had too much salt in it. (as if / so that)

32. La guía repitió las instrucciones para que nadie se perdiera.
The guide repeated the directions ___ nobody would get lost. (as if / so that)

33. Se quedó inmóvil como si hubiera visto algo aterrador.
He stood perfectly still ___ he had seen something terrifying. (as if / so that)

34. Cerré la ventana para que no entraran los mosquitos.
I closed the window ___ the mosquitoes would not get in. (as if / so that)

35. Los dos se saludaron como si fueran viejos amigos.
The two of them greeted each other ___ they were old friends. (as if / so that)

36. Habló en voz baja para que el bebé pudiera dormir.
She spoke quietly ___ the baby could sleep. (as if / so that)

37. El bebé lloraba como si tuviera hambre.
The baby was crying ___ it was hungry. (as if / so that)

38. Dejaron una luz encendida para que encontráramos la puerta.
They left a light on ___ we could find the door. (as if / so that)

39. Él sonrió como si conociera a todo el mundo.
He smiled ___ he knew everybody. (as if / so that)

40. Acercó la silla para que la abuela pudiera sentarse.
She moved the chair closer ___ her grandmother could sit down. (as if / so that)

Answer key / Soluciones

Complete sentences. The answer is shown in bold. / Oraciones completas. La respuesta aparece en negrita.

01. The ground is wet; it looks as if it **has rained** during the night.
02. The baby is smiling at the rattle; she looks as if she **is enjoying** herself.
03. The sky is getting darker; it looks as if it **is going to rain** soon.
04. The train has been still for ten minutes; it seems as if something **has happened**.
05. The lights are off and the door is locked; it looks as if the shop **has closed**.
06. It smells of fresh bread; it seems as if someone **is baking**.
07. I can hear water and the tap is running; it sounds as if someone **is washing** the dishes.
08. The match has just ended; it looks as if our team **has won**.
09. There are dark clouds over the sea; it looks as if there **will be** a storm.
10. The screen is not responding; it looks as if the program **has frozen**.
11. The director smiles as though she **knew** the secret, but she does not.
12. That man gives orders as if he **ran** the whole building, but he does not.
13. You speak as if you **had** plenty of time, but the deadline is today.
14. The child is looking at the cake as if he **were** very hungry, but he has just eaten.
15. Julia smiles as if she **understood** the joke, but she does not.
16. The guest is settling in as though he **lived** here, but he is staying for one night.
17. My colleague reacts as if I **had broken** the equipment, but I have not touched it.
18. The candidate answers as if he **knew** the mayor, but they have never met.
19. She is dressing as if she **were going** to a gala, but we are going to a casual lunch.
20. The cat is staring at the box as if it **contained** something, but it is empty.
21. The child looked as if he **had been crying** for hours.
22. The old computer sounded as if it **had been** in need of repair.
23. When he saw the bill, my father reacted as if he **had been charged** twice as much.
24. The room looked as if nobody **had entered** it for weeks.
25. When they reached the station, the passengers looked as though they **had been waiting** for hours.
26. The letter was written as if its author **had known** the king personally.
27. She looked at the photograph as if she **had never seen** it before.
28. After the meeting, everyone spoke as if they **had reached** an agreement.
29. The garden looked as if nobody **had looked after** it for months.
30. The athlete was breathing as if he **had run** a marathon.
31. The water tasted **as if** it had too much salt in it.
32. The guide repeated the directions **so that** nobody would get lost.
33. He stood perfectly still **as if** he had seen something terrifying.
34. I closed the window **so that** the mosquitoes would not get in.
35. The two of them greeted each other **as if** they were old friends.
36. She spoke quietly **so that** the baby could sleep.
37. The baby was crying **as if** it was hungry.
38. They left a light on **so that** we could find the door.
39. He smiled **as if** he knew everybody.
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