# As if y as though

## Unreal comparisons now

Si hablamos de ahora y sabemos que la comparación no es verdad, usamos una forma de pasado: She acts as if she were...

**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.** 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)

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

**03.** 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)

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

**05.** 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)

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

**07.** Las ventanas están empañadas por dentro; parece que hace frío fuera.
The windows are misted on the inside; it seems as if it ___ cold outside. (be)

**08.** Veo humo bajo la puerta; parece que algo se está quemando.
I can see smoke under the door; it looks as if something ___ . (burn)

**09.** La sala está vacía y las sillas están apiladas; parece que la reunión ha terminado.
The room is empty and the chairs are stacked; it seems as if the meeting ___ . (finish)

**10.** El perro mueve la cola y trae la correa; parece que quiere salir.
The dog is wagging its tail and bringing the lead; it looks as if it ___ to go out. (want)

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

**12.** 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)

**13.** 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)

**14.** 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)

**15.** 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)

**16.** 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)

**17.** El profesor nos habla como si ya supiéramos el tema, pero es nuevo para nosotros.
The teacher talks to us as though we ___ the topic already, but it is new to us. (know)

**18.** Pablo sonríe como si no tuviera ninguna preocupación, pero está muy estresado.
Pablo smiles as if he ___ no worries, but he is very stressed. (have)

**19.** La turista pregunta como si entendiera el mapa, pero está perdida.
The tourist asks questions as if she ___ the map, but she is lost. (understand)

**20.** Los niños se comportan como si fueran los únicos en la sala, pero hay más gente.
The children behave as though they ___ the only ones in the room, but other people are there. (be)

**Continue. / Continúa.**

**21.** 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)

**22.** 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)

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

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

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

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

**27.** Cuando vi a Tom, parecía que había visto un fantasma.
When I saw Tom, he looked as if he ___ a ghost. (see)

**28.** Al abrir la puerta, ella me miró como si hubiera estado esperándome.
When I opened the door, she looked at me as though she ___ for me. (wait)

**29.** Después del examen, los alumnos parecían como si no hubieran dormido en toda la noche.
After the exam, the students looked as if they ___ all night. (not sleep)

**30.** El coche se detuvo de golpe, como si algo se hubiera roto.
The car stopped suddenly, as if something ___ . (break)

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

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

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

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

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

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

**37.** El cielo se puso verde, como si se acercara una tormenta.
The sky turned green ___ a storm was approaching. (as if / so that)

**38.** Escribí el código para que no se me olvidara.
I wrote down the code ___ I would not forget it. (as if / so that)

**39.** El hombre temblaba como si tuviera frío.
The man was shaking ___ he was cold. (as if / so that)

**40.** Bajaron la música para que los vecinos pudieran dormir.
They turned the music down ___ the neighbours could sleep. (as if / so that)

## Answer key / Soluciones

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

**01.** The lights are off and the door is locked; it looks as if the shop **has closed**.

**02.** It smells of fresh bread; it seems as if someone **is baking**.

**03.** I can hear water and the tap is running; it sounds as if someone **is washing** the dishes.

**04.** The match has just ended; it looks as if our team **has won**.

**05.** There are dark clouds over the sea; it looks as if there **will be** a storm.

**06.** The screen is not responding; it looks as if the program **has frozen**.

**07.** The windows are misted on the inside; it seems as if it **is** cold outside.

**08.** I can see smoke under the door; it looks as if something **is burning**.

**09.** The room is empty and the chairs are stacked; it seems as if the meeting **has finished**.

**10.** The dog is wagging its tail and bringing the lead; it looks as if it **wants** to go out.

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**12.** The guest is settling in as though he **lived** here, but he is staying for one night.

**13.** My colleague reacts as if I **had broken** the equipment, but I have not touched it.

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**17.** The teacher talks to us as though we **knew** the topic already, but it is new to us.

**18.** Pablo smiles as if he **had** no worries, but he is very stressed.

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**21.** When they reached the station, the passengers looked as though they **had been waiting** for hours.

**22.** The letter was written as if its author **had known** the king personally.

**23.** She looked at the photograph as if she **had never seen** it before.

**24.** After the meeting, everyone spoke as if they **had reached** an agreement.

**25.** The garden looked as if nobody **had looked after** it for months.

**26.** The athlete was breathing as if he **had run** a marathon.

**27.** When I saw Tom, he looked as if he **had seen** a ghost.

**28.** When I opened the door, she looked at me as though she **had been waiting** for me.

**29.** After the exam, the students looked as if they **had not slept** all night.

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**32.** She spoke quietly **so that** the baby could sleep.

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