As if y as though

Possible or imaginary?

Pregúntate: «¿Puede ser verdad o sabemos que no lo es?». Esa pista te ayuda a elegir.

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. 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)

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

03. 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)

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

05. 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)

06. 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)

07. El ascensor no se mueve y el indicador sigue en la planta baja; parece que está averiado.
The lift is not moving and the display still shows the ground floor; it seems as if it ___ . (break down)

08. Las maletas están junto a la puerta; parece que se van de viaje.
The suitcases are by the door; it looks as if they ___ away. (go)

09. El vaso está vacío y tiene marcas de labios; parece que alguien se ha bebido el zumo.
The glass is empty and has lip marks; it looks as if someone ___ the juice. (drink)

10. La gente lleva paraguas; parece que está lloviendo en el centro.
People are carrying umbrellas; it seems as if it ___ downtown. (rain)

11. 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)

12. 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)

13. 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)

14. 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)

15. 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)

16. 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)

17. Ese coche avanza como si tuviera un motor nuevo, aunque es muy antiguo.
That car is moving as if it ___ a new engine, although it is very old. (have)

18. Marta habla como si conociera todas las respuestas, pero no las conoce.
Marta talks as if she ___ all the answers, but she does not. (know)

19. Leo se comporta como si fuera el jefe, pero no lo es.
Leo behaves as though he ___ the boss, but he is not. (be)

20. Nina me trata como si fuera una niña, aunque soy adulta.
Nina treats me as if I ___ a child, although I am an adult. (be)

Continue. / Continúa.

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

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

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

24. 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)

25. 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)

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

27. Al oír el ruido, el perro salió corriendo como si hubiera visto un intruso.
When it heard the noise, the dog ran off as if it ___ an intruder. (see)

28. Ella respondió como si hubiera ensayado la respuesta muchas veces.
She answered as if she ___ the reply many times. (rehearse)

29. La casa olía como si alguien hubiera cocinado allí todo el día.
The house smelled as though someone ___ there all day. (cook)

30. Al final de la caminata, mis botas parecían como si hubieran cruzado un río.
At the end of the walk, my boots looked as if they ___ a river. (cross)

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

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

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

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

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

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

37. La puerta se abrió sola, como si alguien la hubiera empujado.
The door opened by itself, ___ someone had pushed it. (as if / so that)

38. Guardamos los recibos para que el contable pudiera revisarlos.
We kept the receipts ___ the accountant could check them. (as if / so that)

39. Me miró como si hubiera dicho algo extraño.
She looked at me ___ I had said something strange. (as if / so that)

40. Se puso el abrigo para que no le entrara frío.
He put on his coat ___ he would not get cold. (as if / so that)

Answer key / Soluciones

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

01. There are dark clouds over the sea; it looks as if there **will be** a storm.
02. The screen is not responding; it looks as if the program **has frozen**.
03. The windows are misted on the inside; it seems as if it **is** cold outside.
04. I can see smoke under the door; it looks as if something **is burning**.
05. The room is empty and the chairs are stacked; it seems as if the meeting **has finished**.
06. The dog is wagging its tail and bringing the lead; it looks as if it **wants** to go out.
07. The lift is not moving and the display still shows the ground floor; it seems as if it **has broken down**.
08. The suitcases are by the door; it looks as if they **are going** away.
09. The glass is empty and has lip marks; it looks as if someone **has drunk** the juice.
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22. The athlete was breathing as if he **had run** a marathon.
23. When I saw Tom, he looked as if he **had seen** a ghost.
24. When I opened the door, she looked at me as though she **had been waiting** for me.
25. After the exam, the students looked as if they **had not slept** all night.
26. The car stopped suddenly, as if something **had broken**.
27. When it heard the noise, the dog ran off as if it **had seen** an intruder.
28. She answered as if she **had rehearsed** the reply many times.
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