As if y as though

Purpose or appearance

As if significa «como si»; **so that** significa «para que». Una expresión compara; la otra cuenta para qué hacemos algo.

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 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)

02. 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)

03. 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)

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

05. El reloj marca las ocho y la oficina está vacía; parece que todos se han ido a casa.
The clock says eight and the office is empty; it looks as if everyone ___ home. (go)

06. El camino está cubierto de hojas; parece que el otoño ya ha llegado.
The path is covered in leaves; it seems as if autumn ___ . (arrive)

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

08. 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)

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

10. 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)

11. 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)

12. 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)

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

14. 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)

15. Los vecinos hablan como si fueran dueños del jardín, pero no lo son.
The neighbours speak as if they ___ the garden, but they do not. (own)

16. Omar camina como si le doliera la pierna, pero dice que está bien.
Omar walks as if his leg ___, but he says it is fine. (hurt)

17. 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)

18. 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)

19. 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)

20. 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)

Continue. / Continúa.

21. 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)

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

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

24. 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)

25. El testigo habló como si hubiera visto el accidente, aunque llegó después.
The witness spoke as if he ___ the accident, although he arrived later. (see)

26. Cuando regresó, actuaba como si no hubiera ocurrido nada.
When she came back, she acted as though nothing ___ . (happen)

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

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

29. 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)

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

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

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

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

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

35. El perro ladró como si hubiera un desconocido fuera.
The dog barked ___ there was a stranger outside. (as if / so that)

36. Dejamos espacio en la mesa para que cupieran todos los platos.
We left space on the table ___ all the dishes would fit. (as if / so that)

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

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

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

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

Answer key / Soluciones

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

01. The lift is not moving and the display still shows the ground floor; it seems as if it **has broken down**.
02. The suitcases are by the door; it looks as if they **are going** away.
03. The glass is empty and has lip marks; it looks as if someone **has drunk** the juice.
04. People are carrying umbrellas; it seems as if it **is raining** downtown.
05. The clock says eight and the office is empty; it looks as if everyone **has gone** home.
06. The path is covered in leaves; it seems as if autumn **has arrived**.
07. The ground is wet; it looks as if it **has rained** during the night.
08. The baby is smiling at the rattle; she looks as if she **is enjoying** herself.
09. The sky is getting darker; it looks as if it **is going to rain** soon.
10. The train has been still for ten minutes; it seems as if something **has happened**.
11. That car is moving as if it **had** a new engine, although it is very old.
12. Marta talks as if she **knew** all the answers, but she does not.
13. Leo behaves as though he **were** the boss, but he is not.
14. Nina treats me as if I **were** a child, although I am an adult.
15. The neighbours speak as if they **owned** the garden, but they do not.
16. Omar walks as if his leg **hurt**, but he says it is fine.
17. The director smiles as though she **knew** the secret, but she does not.
18. That man gives orders as if he **ran** the whole building, but he does not.
19. You speak as if you **had** plenty of time, but the deadline is today.
20. The child is looking at the cake as if he **were** very hungry, but he has just eaten.
21. When it heard the noise, the dog ran off as if it **had seen** an intruder.
22. She answered as if she **had rehearsed** the reply many times.
23. The house smelled as though someone **had cooked** there all day.
24. At the end of the walk, my boots looked as if they **had crossed** a river.
25. The witness spoke as if he **had seen** the accident, although he arrived later.
26. When she came back, she acted as though nothing **had happened**.
27. The child looked as if he **had been crying** for hours.
28. The old computer sounded as if it **had been** in need of repair.
29. When he saw the bill, my father reacted as if he **had been charged** twice as much.
30. The room looked as if nobody **had entered** it for weeks.
31. The door opened by itself, **as if** someone had pushed it.
32. We kept the receipts **so that** the accountant could check them.
33. She looked at me **as if** I had said something strange.
34. He put on his coat **so that** he would not get cold.
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