# As if y as though

## Past clues

Fíjate en qué pasó primero. Para imaginar algo anterior a otro momento pasado, usamos **had** y el verbo correspondiente.

**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 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)

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

**03.** 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)

**04.** 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)

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

**06.** 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)

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

**08.** 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)

**09.** 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)

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

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

**12.** 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)

**13.** 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)

**14.** 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)

**15.** 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)

**16.** 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)

**17.** 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)

**18.** 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)

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

**20.** 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)

**Continue. / Continúa.**

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

**22.** 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)

**23.** 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)

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

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

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

**27.** 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)

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

**29.** 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)

**30.** 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)

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

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

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

**34.** 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)

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

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

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

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

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

**40.** Habló en voz baja para que el bebé pudiera dormir.
She spoke quietly ___ the baby 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 glass is empty and has lip marks; it looks as if someone **has drunk** the juice.
**02.** People are carrying umbrellas; it seems as if it **is raining** downtown.
**03.** The clock says eight and the office is empty; it looks as if everyone **has gone** home.
**04.** The path is covered in leaves; it seems as if autumn **has arrived**.
**05.** The ground is wet; it looks as if it **has rained** during the night.
**06.** The baby is smiling at the rattle; she looks as if she **is enjoying** herself.
**07.** The sky is getting darker; it looks as if it **is going to rain** soon.
**08.** The train has been still for ten minutes; it seems as if something **has happened**.
**09.** The lights are off and the door is locked; it looks as if the shop **has closed**.
**10.** It smells of fresh bread; it seems as if someone **is baking**.
**11.** Leo behaves as though he **were** the boss, but he is not.
**12.** Nina treats me as if I **were** a child, although I am an adult.
**13.** The neighbours speak as if they **owned** the garden, but they do not.
**14.** Omar walks as if his leg **hurt**, but he says it is fine.
**15.** The director smiles as though she **knew** the secret, but she does not.
**16.** That man gives orders as if he **ran** the whole building, but he does not.
**17.** You speak as if you **had** plenty of time, but the deadline is today.
**18.** The child is looking at the cake as if he **were** very hungry, but he has just eaten.
**19.** Julia smiles as if she **understood** the joke, but she does not.
**20.** The guest is settling in as though he **lived** here, but he is staying for one night.
**21.** The house smelled as though someone **had cooked** there all day.
**22.** At the end of the walk, my boots looked as if they **had crossed** a river.
**23.** The witness spoke as if he **had seen** the accident, although he arrived later.
**24.** When she came back, she acted as though nothing **had happened**.
**25.** The child looked as if he **had been crying** for hours.
**26.** The old computer sounded as if it **had been** in need of repair.
**27.** When he saw the bill, my father reacted as if he **had been charged** twice as much.
**28.** The room looked as if nobody **had entered** it for weeks.
**29.** When they reached the station, the passengers looked as though they **had been waiting** for hours.
**30.** The letter was written as if its author **had known** the king personally.
**31.** She looked at me **as if** I had said something strange.
**32.** He put on his coat **so that** he would not get cold.
**33.** The dog barked **as if** there was a stranger outside.
**34.** We left space on the table **so that** all the dishes would fit.
**35.** The water tasted **as if** it had too much salt in it.
**36.** The guide repeated the directions **so that** nobody would get lost.
**37.** He stood perfectly still **as if** he had seen something terrifying.
**38.** I closed the window **so that** the mosquitoes would not get in.
**39.** The two of them greeted each other **as if** they were old friends.
**40.** She spoke quietly **so that** the baby could sleep.