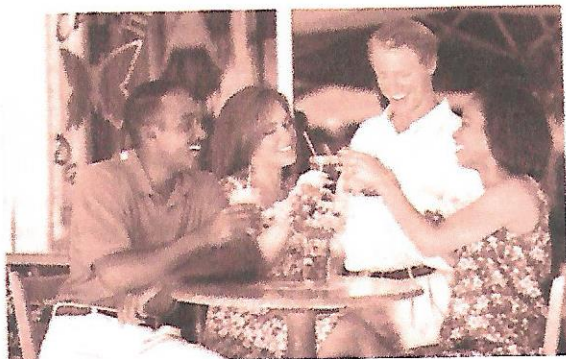
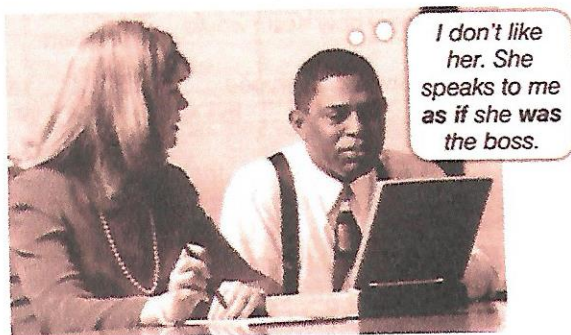


Clauses of Manner



They look as if/as though they are celebrating.



Clauses of manner are introduced with **as if/as though** and are used to express the way in which something is done/said, etc.

- ◆ We use **as if/as though** after verbs such as **act, appear, be, behave, feel, look, seem, smell, sound, taste** to say how somebody or something looks, behaves, etc.

e.g. He **sounds as if/as though** he's got a cold.
(It's possible that he has a cold.)

She **looks as if/as though** she is a model.
(It's possible that she is a model.)

- ◆ We use **as if/as though + past tense** when we are talking about an unreal present situation. **Were** can be used instead of **was** in all persons.

e.g. He **speaks as if/as though** he **was** a good friend of theirs.
(He is not a friend of the royal family.)
She **behaves as if she were** the boss. (were is more formal than was)

Note: We can use **like** instead of **as if/as though** in spoken English.

e.g. It looks **as if** it is going to rain. It looks **like** it is going to rain. (informal spoken English)

25

Match the items in column A to those in column B and join them using **as if/as though**.

e.g. 1 - c He feels as if/as though he hasn't slept properly for weeks.

A	B
1 Rick is tired. He feels	a he had won the lottery.
2 Claire is out of breath. She sounds	b she has run a marathon.
3 Jim is very angry. He feels	c he hasn't slept properly for weeks.
4 Sarah spoke very quickly. She sounded	d she was in a hurry.
5 Martin looked very happy. He was smiling	e he is going to explode.
6 Tom sneezed. He sounded	f he had a cold.

26

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.

- Mary was sniffing when I spoke to her on the phone. She sounded as though she **...was crying...** (cry) at the time.
- You seem very happy today. You seem as though you **.....** (just/hear) some good news.
- Sarah looked very frightened last night. She looked as if she **.....** (see) a ghost.
- She didn't know him, but she acted as if she **.....** (know) him.
- What a delicious smell! It smells as if mother **.....** (bake) at the moment.
- My boss tells the same jokes all the time and we always laugh as if we **.....** (never/ hear) them before.
- Emma was wearing a beautiful dress last night. She looked as if she **.....** (go) to a party.
- Jack is only twenty-two years old, but sometimes he behaves as though he **.....** (be) much older.
- There was a lot of noise last night. It sounded as if the people next door **.....** (have) a party.
- They must have had an argument because they acted as if they **.....** (not/like) each other.
- It's very cold outside today. In fact, it feels as if it **.....** (snow).
- James has been very selfish recently. He has been behaving as though he **.....** (not/want) to help anyone out.
- Helen didn't study science at university, but sometimes she talks about it as if she **.....** (be) an expert on the subject.