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Hello everyone!

For today's mini lesson, let's talk about how to use 'as if' and 'as though'.

We can use 'as if' and 'as though' to make comparisons when we want to say that one thing is *similar* to another thing. They mean the same thing and you can choose either.

They are often used with '**feel**' and '**look**'. Usually the thing is not actually true, but sometimes it might be true.

- *She **felt as if** she had run a marathon.* (She hadn't run a marathon, but she felt so tired that it was like she had run a marathon.)
- *He **looks as though** he hasn't slept in days.* (Probably he had slept, but we are not certain.)
- *The garden **looked as if** we hadn't ever cut the grass.*
- *I **feel as though** I have eaten twenty pizzas.*

If the action after 'as if' and 'as though' happened *before* the looking or feeling, we often use *one tense back in time* from the main verb.

So if 'look' or 'feel' is in the **present**, we often use **the present perfect**.

If 'look' or 'feel' is in the **past simple**, we often use **the past perfect**.

- *She **feels** (present simple) as though she **has worked** (present perfect) non-stop.*
- *She **felt** (past simple) as though she **had worked** (past perfect) non-stop.*

If we are talking about something that might happen further in the future than the looking or feeling, we often use '**am / is / are going to**' after the present tense of 'look' and 'feel' and '**was / were going to**' after the past tense of 'look' and 'feel'.

- *It **looks** as if it **is going** to rain.*
- *It **looked** as if it **was going** to rain.*

Let's review!

Make sentences using 'as if' and 'as though'.

1. The sky is really dark (it looks / if / rain)

2. She was very sad (she looked / though / cry)

3. The room was so dirty! (the room looked / though / not be cleaned for weeks)

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Answers

1. It looks as if it's going to rain.
2. She looked as though she was going to cry.
3. The room looked as though it hadn't been cleaned for weeks.