

As if = as though ★★☆☆
(Also: *even if = even though*)

1 As if = as though

“in a way which”

In INFORMAL language, we often use *like* to mean *as if*.



“You look as if you need a shower!”
“You look as though you need a shower!”
INFORMAL: “You look like you need a shower”

He looked horrified, **as if** the car were about to crash.
She ran into the room **as though** someone was chasing her.

(from GB 102)

2 Even if = even though

(= *though*, but more emphatic)



**Ernest still runs, even though
he’s eighty years old!**

Quick check

Complete each sentence with as or even:

- 1 He spoke softly, _____ though he didn’t want anyone to hear.
- 2 Her responses were slow _____ if it required an effort to reply.
- 3 You must have lunch _____ though you don’t feel hungry.
- 4 He looked _____ if he was someone everyone knew.
- 5 He kept his eyes shut _____ though he was awake, just to get me confused.
- 6 He spoke loudly, _____ though what he was saying was private.
- 7 He runs _____ though he were a much younger man.
- 8 You look _____ if you’re exhausted!
- 9 He came to work _____ though he had a terrible cold.
- 10 That dog looks _____ if he’s going to bite someone!