

**1 as and like**

Complete the sentences with *as* or *like*.

EXAMPLE

That dog behaves *like* a wolf!

- 1 My brother works in a bar ..... a manager.
- 2 Marion talks ..... her mother.
- 3 I use that table ..... a desk.
- 4 The meeting didn't finish until six o'clock,  
..... usual.
- 5 Some plants , ..... cacti, are good at  
surviving in hot climates.
- 6 We're going to paint our walls green, ..... we  
saw in that magazine.
- 7 ..... I said, the course ends in March and  
then there's an exam.
- 8 Kathy runs as fast ..... Jackie.
- 9 I really enjoy reading writers ..... Charles  
Dickens.
- 10 Travelling first class is more expensive with Realfly,  
..... it is with all airlines.

**2 Verbs of sensation**

Complete with a verb of the senses + *like* or *as if* where necessary.

EXAMPLE

You *look as if* you've had some bad news. Do you want to talk about it?

- 1 I don't think microwave meals .....  
freshly cooked ones.
- 2 What was that noise? It ..... breaking  
glass.
- 3 I like this air freshener – it ..... spring  
flowers.
- 4 Janine likes wearing high heeled shoes. She  
..... a fashion model.
- 5 You're very smart! You ..... you're  
going to a wedding.
- 6 This sweater is so soft. It ..... it's made  
of cashmere.
- 7 Sometimes Haydn can ..... Mozart. It's  
hard to distinguish between them!
- 8 This meat ..... lamb. Are you sure it's  
beef?
- 9 You ..... your brother. You both have  
the same colour eyes and curly hair.
- 10 This room ..... an ashtray! Let's open  
the windows.

**3 Other uses of the passive**

**a Complete the sentences by putting the verbs in the correct passive form.**

EXAMPLE

The meal *was cooked* (cook) last week and kept in the freezer.

- 1 The new hospital ..... (open) by the Mayor of Oxford next week.
- 2 This camera ..... (make) in 1978.
- 3 Pauline ..... (offer) the job but she decided not to take it.
- 4 Have you heard the news? The bank robber who stole £2 million last Friday ..... (arrest).
- 5 I ..... (ask) to give a speech at a conference next month. I'll have to start preparing it this week.

**b Change the sentences into the passive to make them sound more formal.**

EXAMPLE

The police think that someone broke into the house.  
*It is thought that someone broke into the house.*

- 1 The government has announced that taxes will go up next year.  
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- 2 People hope that this election will be won by the local candidate.  
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- 3 People are saying that the cost of living has gone up this year.  
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- 4 Many people feel that mobile phone theft is a big problem.  
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- 5 Nobody thinks that house prices will go down.  
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**c Rewrite the sentences to change the focus.**

EXAMPLE

My father is teaching me to drive.  
*I am being taught to drive by my father.*

- 1 Our boss gave us a pay rise last week.  
We .....
- 2 The mail order company sent Sam the wine.  
Sam .....
- 3 My family has given me a new carpet.  
I .....
- 4 Ian's client will buy the goods.  
The goods .....
- 5 The secretary told me that the meeting was this afternoon.  
I .....

**4 so and such**

**Complete the sentences with *so, such, such an*.**

EXAMPLE

They're *such* boring films.

- 1 I was ..... nervous that I had to take some pills to calm me down.
- 2 Annabel and James are ..... good friends.
- 3 He ran ..... fast that I couldn't keep up with him.
- 4 She's ..... intelligent. She does all the crosswords in *The Times*.
- 5 It's ..... old house – it's got original stone fireplaces.