

prepositions

as

Used to refer to the function or character that someone or something has.

'it came as a shock,' 'she got a job as a cook'

like

Having the same characteristics or qualities as; similar to.

'he used to have a car like mine,' 'they were like brothers,' 'she looked nothing like Audrey Hepburn'

In the manner of; in the same way or to the same degree as.

'he was screaming like a banshee'

In a way appropriate to.

'students were angry at being treated like children'

Such as; for example.

'the cautionary vision of works like Animal Farm and 1984'

such as

For example

'wild flowers such as mountain pansy and wild thyme'

Of a kind that; like

'You have to make a study of my behaviour, such as a spouse will do, much to your dismay at times.'

conjunctions

as

Used to indicate by comparison the way that something happens or is done.

'they can do as they wish', 'she kissed him goodbye, as usual'

Used to add or interject a comment relating to the statement of a fact.

'as you can see, I didn't go after all'

Even though.

'sweet as he is, he doesn't pay his bills,' 'try as he might, he failed to pull it off'

like [informal usage as conjunction, but increasingly prevalent]

In the same way that; as.

'people who change countries like they change clothes'

As though; as if.

'I felt like I'd been kicked by a camel'

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