

13 *as or like.* The two words are often interchanged like hockey sticks, and many mistaken transferences of role occur. In general, *as* should be used before adverbs (*there are times, as now, when I could hate him*) and prepositions (*he acted well again, as in 'Henry V' last year*). *Like* should be used before nouns, noun phrases, and pronouns, and occasionally as a conjunction. Sometimes the choice between the two words affects the meaning: *let me discuss this with you as your father* is obviously not the same as *let me discuss this with you like your father*.