

As and like: grammar exercise

Both as and like can be used to say that things are similar. Note that like is a preposition. It is followed by a noun or pronoun which acts as its object.

She looks like her mother.

He is a teetotaler like his father.

He fought like a lion.

As is a conjunction. It is used to introduce a clause. As can also be followed by a prepositional phrase.

He fought as a lion does.

Nobody loves her as I do.

In American English, like is also used as a conjunction.

Complete the following sentences using like or as.

1. A butterfly starts life a pupa.

as

like

Either could be used here

2. She worked a teacher for twenty years before turning writer.

like

as

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3. She looks exactly her mother did when she was younger.

like

as

Either could be used here

4. She looks a bit Sharon Stone.

as

like

5. I am sending you the payment,
..... we agreed.

as

like

Answers

1. A butterfly starts his life as a pupa.

2. She worked as a teacher for twenty years before turning writer.

3. She looks exactly like / as her mother did when she was younger.

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4. She looks a bit like Sharon Stone.
5. I am sending you the payment, as we agreed.