

Unless and without; as and like

Without and Unless

Without is a preposition. It cannot be used as a conjunction.

As he was not ready, we left without him. (without – preposition)

Unless is a conjunction. It has a similar meaning to if not.

Come tomorrow unless I phone.

Correct the following sentences.

1. We cannot play without he gives us permission.
2. He will not come without you invite him.
3. Without you tell me the truth I cannot help you.

Answers

1. We cannot play unless he gives us permission.
2. He will not come unless you invite him.
3. Unless you tell me the truth I cannot help you.

Like and As

Like is used as either a verb or preposition.

I like seafood. (like – verb)

She likes roses. (like – verb)

She looks like her mother. (like – preposition)

He talked like a priest. (like – preposition)

Like cannot be used a conjunction. The conjunction for this meaning is ‘as’

She writes as I do. (NOT She writes like I do.)

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Exercise

Correct the following sentences.

1. She walks like her sister does.
2. He looks like he is a professional.
3. She works like a waitress.

Answers

1. She walks as her sister does.
2. He looks like a professional.
3. She works as a waitress.