

GRAMMAR // *like, unlike, as if, as though*

4 a Look at the sentences and answer the questions.

- a) It feels **as if** that robot is watching me.
 - b) That robot sounds **like** a monster.
 - c) This robot is **unlike** anything else.
 - d) The robot acts **as though** it were happy.
- 1 Which structures are followed by a noun?
 - 2 Which structures are followed by a clause?
 - 3 What is the verb form in the second clause in sentence d? Is this a past situation or a hypothetical situation? A. B.

5 Choose the correct options to complete the text.

Does your company need a chatbot?

Technology is evolving at an incredible speed and it's ^{A.} *as* / ^{B.} *as if* there were something new every day. Millions of people now use internet chatting apps to communicate with companies. This provides an opportunity ^{A.} *like* / ^{B.} *unlike* anything before. But is your business keeping up?

Online chatbots save your company time and money. Customers can ask questions to the chatbot ^{A.} *as* / ^{B.} *as though* it were a human being. They are just ^{A.} *as though* / ^{B.} *like* customer service agents, only they don't get tired or make mistakes. Chatbots can also act ^{A.} *as if* / ^{B.} *like* virtual secretaries, organising meetings and information for you. We estimate that by 2020, 85% of customer interactions will happen with a chatbot. It's time to stop doing business ^{A.} *as* / ^{B.} *as though* it were the 20th century and join the chatbot revolution!

6 a Imagine you wake up in the middle of the night and one of the robots illustrated in this lesson is in the room, looking at you. Complete the sentences with **your own ideas**.

- 1 It looks like ...
- 2 It looks as if ...
- 3 It sounds as though ...
- 4 I feel as if ...

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