

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. it were B. it was

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.} ^{B.} *as / 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.} ^{B.} *like / 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.} ^{B.} *as / as though* it were a human being. They are just ^{A.} ^{B.} *as though / like* customer service agents, only they don't get tired or make mistakes. Chatbots can also act ^{A.} ^{B.} *as if / 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.} ^{B.} *as / 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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