

**Manner clauses**

They are introduced by subordinating conjunctions like "as if" and "as though". These clauses are used to talk about someone's behaviour or the way something is done/said, etc.

**Uses:**

- "As if" and "as though" mean the same:

He sounds **as if/ as though** he has got a cold.

**Word order:** a manner clause always goes after the main clause (final position):

subject + main verb .../ subordinating conjunction + subject + verb ...:

She looks as if she were a model.

**Tenses used:**

1) After "as if/ as though" we use a past tense when we are talking about an unreal situation. "Were" can be used instead of "was" with "I, she, he, it".

She behaves **as if she were/was** the boss. (=Unreal in the present: she isn't the boss)

She treats me **as though she were/was** my mother. (=Unreal in the present: she is not my mother)

She talked about Marilyn Monroe **as if they had been** close friends. (=Unreal in the past: they hadn't been close friends).

2) After "as if/ as though" we can use present or future tenses. We use present tenses when the situation can be real.

It looks **as though everyone else has gone** home.

It looks **as if it is going to** rain.

\* Notice: in an informal style, "like" is used instead of "as if/ as though". This is not considered correct in a formal style:

It looks **like** it is going to rain.