

Subordinating Conjunctions (Manner)

Subordinate clauses starting with the subordinating conjunctions of **manner** are called **adverb clauses** of manner. **An adverbial clause**, also known as **an adverb clause**, is a group of words that forms a dependent clause and acts as an adverb in a sentence. Adverbial clauses contain a subject, a predicate, and a subordinating conjunction. As with other adverbs, adverbial clauses modify an adjective, a verb, or another adverb.

There are several different types of adverbial clauses, each with its own set of common conjunctions and functions. We are focusing on one type only in this paper:

Adverbial Clause of Manner:

These adverbial clauses often use “**as**”, “**like**”, “**as if**” and “**as though**” to explain how something is done.

i. **As:**

As is used to show how something is done

- *He behaves **as** he does, because his mother was totally cruel to him.*
- *The bricks are still made **as** they were in Roman Times.*

You can use **just**, **exactly** and **precisely** in front of **as** for emphasis.

For example :

- *I like the freedom to plan my day **exactly as** I want.*

ii. **As if / as though:**

As if / as though are used to show that the information might not be correct

- *She reacted **as if** she didn't know who stole the ring.*
- *She acts **as though** she is the boss.*

After **as if** or **as though**, we often use a **past tense** to emphasize that the information is not true.

- *He looked at me **as though** I were mad.*



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iii. *Like:*

Like is used in **informal** speech to show how someone feels, looks or sounds.

- *You look **like** you've seen a ghost.*
- *He talks just **like** his father does.*

You can also use like in prepositional phrase to say how someone does something.

- *He was sleeping **like** a baby.*

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