

Writing poetry ! [an activity found at <http://home.online.no/~anlun/>]

All you have to do is to follow the recipe carefully.

1. On the first line write a **noun** of your choice.
2. On the second line write **two adjectives** joined by **and** to describe this noun.
3. On the third line write a **verb** and an **adverb** to describe this noun in **action**.
4. Start the fourth line with **like** or **as** followed by a **comparison**.
5. Start the final line with **if only** followed by a **wish** (un souhait).

Below is an example of such a poem (written by a Norwegian pupil):

Politician
 phoney and false
 lying desperately
 like a mocking bird
 if only I had the key to the bird cage



But first a grammatical brush-up!

LIKE and AS are both used to say that things are similar, but ...

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| LIKE is a preposition used before a noun or a pronoun. | AS is a conjunction, used before subject + verb or a prepositional expression | AS can be used as a preposition before a noun or pronoun to talk about the jobs, roles and functions of people and things |
| He runs LIKE the wind She looks LIKE me | Nobody knows her AS I do. On Fridays, AS on Mondays, we meet at eight. | He worked AS a waiter for a year. Don't use your plate AS an ashtray. |

LIKE or AS ?

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| 1. His eyes are _____ knives. | 6. She left _____ she came, silently. |
| 2. _____ I said, you're too late. | 7. _____ your brother, I must warn you to be careful. (I am your brother). |
| 3. This bread tastes _____ cardboard. | 8. _____ your brother, I must warn you to be careful. (Me and your brother warn you). |
| 4. My brother isn't at all _____ me. | |
| 5. Clinton must learn to behave _____ a president. | |

WISH and IF ONLY are used in structures which express regrets and wishes for unlikely or impossible things (note the use of the past form).

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| He is poor → "I WISH I were rich." He doesn't speak French → "I WISH I spoke French." | We can't fly → "Don't you WISH you could fly?" I don't have many friends → "IF ONLY I knew more people!" |
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| He smokes → I haven't got a car → | She worked on Sundays → I'm not hard-working → |
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