

English Grammar – “Like”

1. Like – Verb

- A: What kind of food **do you like**? B: I **like** Chinese food.
- A: What kind of girl **does he like**? B: He **likes** girls who are intelligent.
- A: **Do you like** playing football? B: Yes, I do.
- A: What **do you like** doing after school? B: I **like** reading my books.
- A: How much **do you like** school? B: A lot. It's wonderful!

2. Would like – Choice

- A: **Would you like** a drink? B: Yes, please! / Yes, I **would**.
- A: What kind of food **would you like**? B: I **would like** Italian food.
- A: Who **would you like** to marry? B: I **would like** to marry a rich man.

3. Feel like – Desire / Think / Temperature

- A: I **feel like** a drink. I think I'll go to the pub. B: I'll go with you. I **feel like** a drink, too.
- A: Does anybody **feel like** an ice-cream? B: Absolutely! It's boiling today!
- A: I **feel like** this is a bad idea. B: Me too.
- It's 10 degrees today, but it **feels like** zero! (*PT: sensação térmica*)

Video: <https://english.insl.com.br/files/videos/Feels-like.mp4> (short)

4. Be like – Personality, places and weather

- A: What **is** Mary **like**? B: She is honest, intelligent and shy.
- A: What **is** São Paulo **like**? B: It's enormous and full of traffic.
- A: Who **are you like**? B: I'm **like** my father.
- A: **Are you like** your father? B: Yes, I am.
- A: What **is** the weather **like** in Tokyo today? B: It's cold and rainy.

5. Look like – Appearance / Comparison

- A: What does your wife **look like**? B: She has blond hair and blue eyes.
- A: Do I **look like** my mother? B: Yes, you do. Very much!

“look like” + noun / “look” + adjective

- She **looks like** Marilyn Monroe! (noun)
- He **looks like** a nerd. (noun)
- He **looks** crazy. (adjective)
- She **looks** beautiful. (adjective)
- He **looks** French. (adjective)
- He **looks like** a Frenchman. (noun)

Personality vs Appearance

Personality (to be like):

Description: What **is** she **like**?

Comparison: Who **is** she **like**?

She **is** friendly and talkative.

She **is like** her mother.

Appearance (to look like):

Description: What does she **look like**? She has black hair and hazel eyes.

Comparison: Who does she **look like**? She **looks like** her mother.

6. Like – Comparison

- You speak **like** an Englishman.
- He runs **like** a professional.
- They speak **like** experts.
- They sound **like** they are experts.
- She looked at me **like** I was crazy.
- He screamed **like** he was possessed.

7. Like – Example (such as)

- He plays many sports, **like** football, tennis and golf.
- I like various types of music, **like** jazz, classical and rock.

8. Be like – Say / said (very informal)

- **I'm like** "What do you mean?"
- **He's like** "Don't you know?"
- **I'm like** "No, I don't."

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9. Like – Filler

- I've been to, **like**, many countries around the world.
- You should, **like**, stop smoking right away!
- Do you have any, **like**, cheaper phones?

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10. Like – Approximately / about

- I went to the supermarket **like** 30 minutes ago.
- He lived **like** two years in Miami.
- I'll be back in **like** two minutes.
- It was really cheap! It cost **like** 10 dollars!
- There are **like** a thousand cars in the car park!

11. Like – Social Media (verb or noun)

- Please **like** this video and subscribe to my channel.
- If you enjoyed this video, give it a **like**.
- My Instagram post didn't get many **likes**.

Exercise 1. Match the answers to the questions.

1. What's Andrew like?	a. She's tall and pretty.
2. What do you like to study?	b. She's very shy.
3. Who do you look like?	c. He's very talkative and extrovert.
4. What food do you like?	d. My mother.
5. What does he look like?	e. Like her mother, very talkative!
6. What's she like?	f. Many things, like statistics and economy.
7. Who does Mike look like?	g. He's tall, bald and skinny.
8. What does she look like?	h. Chinese!
9. Does John speak English well?	i. He looks like his father.
10. Who's Ann like?	j. He talks like a native!

Exercise 2. Complete the following sentences.

1. Are you feeling alright? You _____ you've seen a ghost!
2. What do your children _____ to do after school?
3. It's incredible how much you _____ your mother. You could be twins!
4. What _____ the weather _____ in New York at the moment?
5. Caroline works very hard. She _____ her sister.
6. What _____ your new boss _____? Is he very strict?
7. Who does the baby _____? You or your wife?
8. It's a well-known fact that teenagers _____ fast food.
9. What _____ your new job _____?
10. Have you visited the new shopping mall? What _____ it _____?
11. George _____ his father – they are both short with dark hair.
12. He _____ to travel but he doesn't _____ to fly.
13. With her long dark hair and olive skin, Jessica _____ Italian.
14. With her long dark hair and olive skin, Jessica _____ an Italian girl.
15. Cristina _____ to see Josh tonight because she _____ him.
16. Anna _____ her brother. They are both funny and a little crazy.
17. "What's the problem? – you _____ unhappy".
18. Clive _____ Italian women a lot. He _____ to meet Claudia Romani.
19. Debora _____ (not) Kevin. She is clever whereas he is stupid.
20. Bryan _____ horror films and heavy rock music.
21. Valentino speaks various languages, _____ French, German and Polish.
22. That cake _____ delicious. Did you make it yourself?
23. You _____ fantastic. Have you done something with your hair?
24. My wife dances _____ a professional – she should be on TV!

25. Peter _____ chocolate so much! He'll get fat!
26. A: What _____ she _____? B: She's tall, pretty and blond.
27. Ann is so patient. She _____ (not) anybody in her family!
28. You _____ an actress in that dress! You are beautiful!
29. They _____ going to the cinema at weekends.
30. A: Who _____ she _____ in her family? B: She is like her father – very stubborn!
31. A: Who does she _____ in her family? B: She looks like her father.
32. I _____ (not) sushi at all!
33. A: What does your brother _____? B: He's tall with blue eyes.
34. A: What do you _____ to do at weekends? B: Going to the cinema and running.
35. A: What _____ your dogs _____? B: They're very friendly.
36. He _____ his father. He is very talkative!
37. Amanda _____ Madonna in those clothes.

Recommended video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mN61cl7PJug> (12 mins)
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