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adverb

\əz, (ˌ)əz\

Definition of as

(Entry 1 of 9)

1 : to the same degree or amount as soft as silktwice as long

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2 : for instance : such as various trees, as oak or pine

3 : when considered in a specified form or relation —usually used before a preposition or a participle my opinion as distinguished from his

as

conjunction

Definition of *as* (Entry 2 of 9)

1 : as if He looks as he had seen a ghost.— Samuel Taylor Coleridge

2 : in or to the same degree in which soft as silk—usually used as a correlative after an adjective or adverb modified by adverbial *as* or *so* as cool as a cucumber

3 : in the way or manner that Do as I do.

4 : in accordance with what or the way in which quite good as boys go

5 : while, when spilled the milk as she got up

6 : regardless of the degree to which : though Improbable as it seems, it's true.

7 : for the reason that : because, since stayed home as she had no car

8 : that the result is so clearly guilty as to leave no doubt

as is

: in the presently existing condition without modification bought the clock at an auction *as is*

as it were

: as if it were so : in a manner of speaking His retirement was, *as it were*, the beginning of his real career.

as

pronoun

Definition of *as* (Entry 3 of 9)

1 : that, who, which —used after *same* or *such* in the same building as my brother... tears such as angels weep ...— John Milton and chiefly dialect after a substantive not modified by *same* or *such* ... that kind of fruit as maids call medlars ...— William Shakespeare

2 : a fact that is a foreigner, as is evident from his accent

as

preposition

Definition of *as* (Entry 4 of 9)

1a : like sense 2 They all rose as one man.

b : like sense 1a ... his face was as a mask which revealed nothing.— Max Beerbol

2 : in the capacity, character, condition, or role of works as an editor

as

noun

\ˈas ① \

plural asses \ˈa-,sēz, ① ˈa-səz \

Definition of *as* (Entry 5 of 9)

1a : a bronze coin of the ancient Roman republic

b : a unit of value equivalent to an as coin

2 : libra sense 2a

As

abbreviation (1)

Definition of *As* (Entry 6 of 9)

altostratus

As

symbol

Definition of *As* (Entry 7 of 9)

arsenic

AS

abbreviation (2)

Definition of *AS* (Entry 8 of 9)

1 after sight

2 airspeed

3 American Samoa

4 Anglo-Saxon

5 antisubmarine





6 associate in science

as-

prefix

Definition of *as-* (Entry 9 of 9)

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Synonyms for *as*

Synonyms: Conjunction

so long as, when, while, whilst [chiefly British]

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Like vs. as: Usage Guide

Conjunction

Like has been used as a conjunction in ways similar to *as* since the 14th century. In the 14th, 15th, and 16th centuries it was used in serious literature, but not often; in the 17th and 18th centuries it grew more frequent but less literary. It became markedly more frequent in literary use again in the 19th century. By mid-century it was coming under critical fire, but not from grammarians, oddly enough, who were wrangling over whether it could be called a preposition or not. There is no doubt that, after 600 years of use, conjunctive *like* is firmly established. It has been used by many prestigious literary figures of the past, though perhaps not in their most elevated works; in modern use it may be found in literature, journalism, and scholarly writing. While the present objection to it is perhaps more heated than rational, someone writing in a formal prose style may well prefer to use *as*, *as if*, *such as*, or an entirely different construction instead.

Examples of *as* in a Sentence

Adverb

He was angry, but she was *just as* angry.

Conjunction

The letter “k” is sometimes silent, *as* it is in “knee.”

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Noun

1540, in the meaning defined at [sense 1a](#)

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Adverb, Conjunction, Pronoun, and Preposition

Middle English, from Old English *eallswā* likewise, just as — more at [also](#)

Noun

Latin

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adverb



English Language Learners Definition of *as*

(Entry 1 of 3)

: to the same degree or amount

—used to introduce an example

as

conjunction

English Language Learners Definition of *as* (Entry 2 of 3)

—used in the phrase *as...as* to say when something should be done, how often something should happen, etc.

: in the way that

—used to introduce a statement which indicates that something being mentioned was known, expected, etc.

as

preposition

English Language Learners Definition of *as* (Entry 3 of 3)

—used to indicate how a person or thing appears, is thought of, etc.

—used to indicate the condition, role, job, etc., of someone or something

See the full definition for *as* in the English Language Learners Dictionary

as

adverb

\əz, ˈɑz\

Kids Definition of *as*

(Entry 1 of 4)

1 : to the same degree or amount *as* good as gold

2 : for example various trees, *as* oaks and maples

as

conjunction

Kids Definition of *as* (Entry 2 of 4)

1 : in equal amount or degree with cold *as* ice

2 : in the way that Do *as* I say. You can come and go *as* you please.

3 : at the same time that They sang *as* they marched.

4 : for the reason that : because I stayed home, *as* I had no car.

as

pronoun

Kids Definition of *as* (Entry 3 of 4)

1 : that entry 1 sense 1, who, which She was a kind soul such *as* I'd never known before. He has the same name *as* my cousin does.

2 : a fact that You are happy, *as* we all know. *As* I said before, you must leave.

as

preposition

Kids Definition of *as* (Entry 4 of 4)

1 : like entry 4 sense 1 I went dressed *as* a princess.

2 : in the position or role of He works *as* a firefighter.

as

abbreviation

Medical Definition of *as*

(Entry 1 of 3)

astigmatism

As

symbol

Medical Definition of *As* (Entry 2 of 3)

arsenic

AS

abbreviation

Medical Definition of *AS* (Entry 3 of 3)

1 ankylosing spondylitis

2 aortic stenosis

3 arteriosclerosis

4 [Latin *auris sinistra*] left ear —used especially in audiology and in writing med

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