

# The many meanings of *like*

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## DIRECTIONS

The word *like* is printed in bold in every sentence below. Read each group and notice how its meaning shifts — and how the sign changes along with it. Then write your own sentences on the blank lines.

### 1 ENJOY OR WANT

*to be fond of something, or to wish for it*

- ♦ I would **like** to go camping.
- ♦ I don't **like** people who lie.
- ♦ I would **like** to go out with you.

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### 2 SIMILAR TO

*resembling something else*

- ♦ He felt **like** a runaway.
- ♦ I have never seen the **likes** of this before.
- ♦ I felt **like** death warmed over, but went to work anyway.

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### 3 THE WAY THAT

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*in the manner of; characteristic of*

- ♦ It's not **like** you to take offense.
  - ♦ He ran **like** crazy.
  - ♦ Tell it **like** it is.
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### 4 SEEMS LIKE

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*appears likely to happen*

- ♦ It looks **like** it will rain today.
  - ♦ It looks **like** he may get the job as mayor.
  - ♦ It looks **like** a bad season for the Tigers.
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### 5 FILLER WORD

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*a pause word dropped into casual speech*

- ♦ Last night I ate ... **like** ... 6 pieces of pizza!
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## 6 APPROXIMATELY

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*about, or roughly*

- ♦ It's **like** 90 degrees outside.
  - ♦ It's **like** 20 miles to the store.
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## 7 PREFER

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*to choose one thing over another*

- ♦ Would you **like** to stay or leave?
  - ♦ I **like** gold better than silver.
  - ♦ Which do you **like**: pink or blue?
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## 8 AND THE LIKE

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*and others of the same sort*

- ♦ He was subject to fevers, coughs, asthma, and the **like**.
  - ♦ Whole grain breads, dried beans, and the **like** are important for good health.
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**CHALLENGE**

One group on this sheet is a *like* that carries no meaning at all — it is just a filler word. Find it. Then write one sentence using filler *like*, and write the same sentence again with the filler taken out. Which one would you sign?

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**THINK ABOUT IT**

All eight groups use the same English word, but they do not share the same meaning — and in ASL they do not share the same sign. Choose one of your own sentences from each group and be ready to sign it for the class.