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1. [laɪk] *n*1) **чьё-л. подобие; такой же человек**

we shall not see his like again - такого человека, как он, нам не видать больше

the likes of you - **разг.** такие люди как вы

not for the likes of me - **разг.** не для нашего брата, не для таких как я

2) **что-л. подобное или похожее**

I never heard the like (of it) - я никогда ничего подобного не слышал

and the like - и тому подобное

music, painting and the like - музыка, живопись и тому подобное

or the like - или что-л. в этом роде

I will never do the like again - я больше никогда не буду делать таких вещей

◇ like draws to like - свой своего ищет

to return like for like - отплатить той же монетой

like cures like - чем ушибся, тем и лечись

2. [laɪk] *a*1. **подобный, похожий**

in like manner - подобным (же) образом

on this and the like subjects - по этому и аналогичным вопросам

men of like disposition - люди со сходными характерами

the two letters are very like - эти две буквы очень похожи

like causes produce like results - сходные причины приводят к сходным следствиям

what is he like? - а) как он выглядит?; б) что он собой представляет?

2. **равный, одинаковый**

a like sum - равная /такая же/ сумма

like signs - **мат.** одинаковые знаки

like quantities - **мат.** равные величины

like poles [charges] - **физ.** одноимённые полюса [заряды]

◇ as like as two peas - ≅ похожи как две капли воды

like father, like son - каков отец, таков и сын; ≅ яблоко от яблони недалеко падает

like master, like man - по хозяину и слуга; ≅ каков поп, таков и приход

3. [laɪk] *adv*1) **редк.** вероятно

most /very/ like - весьма вероятно

like enough - довольно вероятно

as like as not - не исключено

2) **прост.** вроде; так сказать; как бы

by way of argument like - так сказать, в качестве примера

I wish I knew, like - да мне вроде бы хотелось знать

4. [laɪk] *prep*1. **так; как кто-л.; как что-л.**

a subject like physics - предмет вроде физики

like that - таким образом

do it like that - делай (это) так

to swim like a duck - плавать как утка

to climb like a monkey - лазить как обезьяна

to be /to look/ like smb., smth. - быть похожим на кого-л., что-л.

she looks very much like her mother - она очень похожа на свою мать

it was like this - дело было так

it looks like gold - это похоже на золото /выглядит как золото/

don't ask questions like that - не задавай подобных вопросов

like the stars in number - бесчисленный как звёзды

it was just like him to do that - это так на него похоже; это как раз то, что от него можно было ожидать

that's (just) like his impudence - нахальство, типичное для него

isn't that just like a boy! - как это по-мальчишески!

2. **в сочетаниях:**

to look like smth. - предвещать что-л.

it looks like rain [snow] - похоже, что будет дождь [снег]

he looks like winning - он, вероятно, выиграет

the rain looks like lasting - похоже, что дождь зарядил

to feel like smth., to feel like doing smth. - иметь желание или намерение сделать что-л.

she felt like crying - ей захотелось плакать, она чуть не заплакала

she felt like a drink again - ей захотелось снова выпить

I feel like stopping work now - у меня есть желание прекратить работу сейчас

I don't feel like going there - мне не хочется туда идти

something like - около

something like 3 miles - около трёх миль

it costs something like £100 - это стоит что-то около ста фунтов

there is nothing like a good rest - ничто не может сравниться /не идёт в сравнение/ с хорошим отдыхом  
 there is nothing like a cup of hot tea when you are tired [for a headache] - когда устанешь [болит голова], нет ничего лучше  
 чашки горячего чаю /ничто так не помогает, как чашка горячего чаю/  
 ◇ this is something like a day! - чудесный день!, вот так денёк!  
 nothing like as good - совсем не так /далеко не так/ хорош  
 like a shot - немедленно, без разговоров  
 like anything /blazes, crazy, the devil, mad/ - изо всех сил, изо всей мочи; сломя голову  
 he ran like mad - он бежал как угорелый  
 I'll do it like a bird - я сделаю это очень охотно

## 5. [laɪk] *сj*

### 1. *разг.* как

she can't cook like her mother does - она не умеет так готовить, как её мать  
 it was just like you said - всё было в точности так, как вы говорили

### 2. *прост.* как будто, словно; как

he looks like he is signalling to us - кажется, он подаёт нам знак  
 seems like he had written a novel - оказывается, он когда-то написал роман  
 he told me like he didn't have a job for me - он мне сказал, что, видимо, не может предоставить мне работу  
 ◇ to tell it like it is - рассказать всё как оно есть /без прикрас/

## II

## 1. [laɪk] *n* *обыкн. pl*

вкусы

one's likes and dislikes - (чи-л.) пристрастия и предрасположения; симпатии и антипатии

## 2. [laɪk] *v*

### 1. любить (*что-л.*); хорошо *или* одобрительно относиться к чему-л., кому-л.

to like dancing [dogs, fruit] - любить танцы [собак, фрукты]  
 she likes him but does not love him - он ей нравится, но она его не любит  
 well! I like that! - *ирон.* это мне нравится!  
 how do you like it? - как вам это нравится?  
 do as you like - делайте, как вам нравится, поступайте, как вам угодно  
 I don't like you to smoke /your smoking/ - мне не нравится, когда /что/ ты куришь

### 2. 1) предпочитать; выбирать

how do you like your tea? - I don't like it too strong - какой чай вы любите /вам подать/? - Я предпочитаю не очень крепкий  
 I like people to tell the truth - я хочу, чтобы люди говорили правду

### 2) *шутл.* подходить, сочетаться, согласоваться

I like wine but it does not like me - я люблю вино, но мне его нельзя /мне от него плохо/

### 3. хотеть, желать

I will come if you like - если хотите, я приду  
 shall I open the window? - If you like - открыть окно? - (Да,) если хотите  
 come whenever you like - приходите, когда хотите; приходите в любое время  
 would you like a cup of coffee? - не желаете ли чашечку кофе?  
 I should /would/ like - я хотел бы, мне бы хотелось  
 I should like to go home - я хотел бы поехать /пойти/ домой  
 I should like to see [to know] her - хотел бы я повидать её [познакомиться с ней]  
 I didn't like to interrupt him - мне не хотелось прерывать его  
 I don't like to disturb you - не хочу /не хотел бы/ вас беспокоить

### 4. *арх.*, *диал.* нравиться

it likes me well - мне это очень нравится /приятно/  
 it liked me not - мне это не понравилось

## like

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**like** [like likes liked liking] preposition, verb, conjunction, noun, adjective, adverb

BrE [laɪk] <sup>2</sup> NAmE [laɪk]

preposition

### 1. similar to sb/sth

- She's wearing a dress like mine.
- He's very like his father.
- She looks **nothing like** (= not at all like) her mother.
- That sounds like (= I think I can hear) him coming now.

### 2. used to ask sb's opinion of sb/sth

- What's it like studying in Spain?
- This new girlfriend of his— what's she like?

### 3. used to show what is usual or typical for sb

- It's just like her to tell everyone about it.

### 4. in the same way as sb/sth

- Students were angry at being treated like children.
- He ran like the wind (= very fast).
- You do it like this.
- I, like everyone else, had read these stories in the press.
- Don't look at me like that.

• (informal) The candles are arranged **like so** (= in this way) .

## 5. for example

- anti-utopian novels like 'Animal Farm' and '1984'

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### Thesaurus:

**like prep.**

- She's wearing a dress like mine.

**similar • • close • • alike •**

**Opp: unlike**

like sth/similar/close/alike **in** size, amount, etc.

**look** like sth/similar/alike

**feel/sound/taste** like sth/similar

### Language Bank:

#### **similarly**

##### *Making comparisons*

- This chart **provides a comparison of** ▪ the ways that teenage boys and girls in the UK spend their free time.
- In many cases, the results for boys and girls are virtually **the same** ▪ / **identical** ▪.
- In many cases, the results for boys are virtually **the same as** ▪ / **identical to** ▪ the results for girls.

**Both** ▪ boys **and** ▪ girls spend the bulk of their free time with friends.

▪ Most of the boys do more than two hours of sport a week, **as do** ▪ many of the girls.

**Like** ▪ many of the girls, most of the boys spend a large part of their free time using the Internet.

▪ The girls particularly enjoy using social networking websites. **Similarly** ▪, nearly all the boys said they spent at least two to three hours a week on these sites.

Language Banks at ↑contrast, ↑illustrate, ↑proportion, ↑surprising

### Which Word?:

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### Example Bank:

- Don't look at me like that.
- He ran like the wind.
- He's very like his father.
- I, like everyone else, have read these stories in the press.
- It tastes rather like chicken.
- She looks nothing like her mother.
- She's wearing a dress like mine.
- Stop acting like a spoilt child.
- That sounds like him coming now.
- The dark wood shone like glass.
- You'll get a chance to meet people of like mind.

Idioms: ↑I like that! ▪ ↑I like to think ▪ ↑how would you like it? ▪ ↑if you like ▪ ↑like as not ▪ ↑like enough ▪ ↑more like ▪ ↑more like ... ▪ ↑most like ▪ ↑what is somebody like? ▪ ↑what's not to like?

**verb** (not usually used in the progressive tenses)

## 1. **transitive** to find sb/sth pleasant, attractive or of a good enough standard; to enjoy sth

- ~ **sb/sth** She's nice. I like her.
- Do you like their new house?
- Which tie do you like best?
- How did you like Japan (= did you find it pleasant) ?
- I don't like the way he's looking at me.
- You've got to go to school, whether you like it or not.
- ~ **doing sth** She's never liked swimming.
- ~ **sb/sth doing sth** I didn't like him taking all the credit.
- (formal) I didn't like his taking all the credit.
- ~ **to do sth** I like to see them enjoying themselves.
- ~ **it when...** I like it when you do that.

2. **transitive, no passive** to prefer to do sth; to prefer sth to be made or to happen in a particular way

• ~ **to do sth** At weekends I like to sleep late.

• ~ **sth + adj.** I like my coffee strong.

3. **transitive, no passive** **what/whatever sb ~ to want**

• Do what you like— I don't care.

• You can dye your hair whatever colour you like.

4. **transitive** used in negative sentences to mean 'to be unwilling to do sth'

• ~ **to do sth** I didn't like to disturb you.

• ~ **doing sth** He doesn't like asking his parents for help.

5. **transitive, intransitive** used with would or should as a polite way to say what you want or to ask what sb wants

• ~ **sth** Would you like a drink?

• ~ **to do sth** I'd like to think it over.

• Would you like to come with us?

• (formal) We would like to apologize for the delay.

• How can they afford it? That's what I'd like to know.

• ~ **sb/sth to do sth** We'd like you to come and visit us.

• ~ **for sb to do sth** (NAmE) I'd like for us to work together.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	like
	BrE /laɪk/
	NAmE /laɪk/
he / she / it	likes
	BrE /laɪks/
	NAmE /laɪks/
past simple, past participle	liked
	BrE /laɪkt/
	NAmE /laɪkt/
-ing form	liking
	BrE /laɪkɪŋ/
	NAmE /laɪkɪŋ/

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Thesaurus:

**like** verb

1. T (not usually used in the progressive tenses)

• Which shirt do you like best?

**love** • **be fond of sth** • |informal **go for sb/sth** • **adore** • |BrE, informal **be keen on sth** •

**Opp: dislike**

like/love/be fond of/adore/be keen on **doing sth**

like/love **to do sth**

I like/love/adore **it** here/there/when...

2. T (not usually used in the progressive tenses)

• She's a nice person and I like her a lot.

**be fond of sb** • **care for sb** • **love** •

**Opp: dislike**

like/be fond of/care for/love your **children/husband/wife/mother/father**

like/care for/love sb **very much**

3. T, no passive (BrE, informal, especially spoken) (not usually used in the progressive tenses)

• Do what you like— I don't care.

**want** • **wish** • |formal **desire** • |formal, especially spoken **would like sth** • |informal, especially spoken **feel like** • |BrE, informal, especially spoken **fancy** •

sb likes/wants/wishes/desires/would like **to do sth**

**if you like/want/wish**

More About:

**offers and invitations**

Would you like...? is the most usual polite question form for offers and invitations, especially in **BrE**: ▪ Would you like a cup of coffee?

Do you want...? is less formal and more direct. It is more common in **NAmE** than in **BrE**: ▪ We're going to a club tonight. Do you want to come with us?

Would you care...? is very formal and now sounds old-fashioned

Synonyms:

**like**

love • be fond of • be keen on sth • adore

These words all mean to find sth pleasant, attractive or satisfactory, or to enjoy sth.

**like** • to find sth pleasant, attractive or satisfactory; to enjoy sth: ▪ Do you like their new house? ◇ ▪ I like to see them enjoying

themselves.

**love** • to like or enjoy sth very much: ▪ He loved the way she smiled.

**be fond of sth** • to like or enjoy sth, especially sth you have liked or enjoyed for a long time: ▪ We were fond of the house and didn't want to leave.

**be keen on sth** • (*BrE informal*) (often used in negative statements) to like or enjoy sth: ▪ I'm not keen on spicy food. ◊▪ She's not keen on being told what to do.

**adore** • (*informal*) to like or enjoy sth very much: ▪ She adores working with children.

**love or adore?**

**Adore** is more informal than **love**, and is used to express a stronger feeling.

to like/love/be fond of/be keen on/adore **doing sth**

to like/love **to do sth**

to like/love sth **very much**

I like/love/adore **it** here/there/when...

to like/love/adore **the way** sb does sth

to **really** like/love/adore sb/sth

to be **really** fond of/keen on sth

### Synonyms:

#### **love**

like • be fond of sb • adore • be devoted to sb • care for sb • dote on sb

These words all mean to have feelings of love or affection for sb.

**love** • to have strong feelings of affection for sb: ▪ I love you.

**like** • to find sb pleasant and enjoy being with them: ▪ She's nice. I like her.

**be fond of sb** • to feel affection for sb, especially sb you have known for a long time: ▪ I've always been very fond of your mother.

**adore** • to love sb very much: ▪ It's obvious that she adores him.

**be devoted to sb** • to love sb very much and be loyal to them: ▪ They are devoted to their children.

**care for sb** • to love sb, especially in a way that is based on strong affection or a feeling of wanting to protect them, rather than sex: ▪ He cared for her more than she realized.

**Care for sb** is often used when sb has not told anyone about their feelings or is just starting to be aware of them. It is also used when sb wishes that sb loved them, or doubts that sb does: ▪ If he really cared for you, he wouldn't behave like that.

**dote on sb** • to feel and show great love for sb, ignoring their faults: ▪ He dotes on his children.

to **really** love/like/adore/care for/dote on sb

to be **really/genuinely** fond of/devoted to sb

to love/like/care for sb **very much**

### Example Bank:

- Everyone he met instantly liked him and wanted to be friends.
- He pretended to like her for Tony's sake.
- He works hard and is well liked by his colleagues.
- I have always liked Sue and I don't intend to stop now.
- I hope you will get to like our town.
- I liked him enormously and was sorry when he left.
- I personally liked this song a lot.
- I really like that restaurant.
- I tried to like her because it would be for the best.
- I wanted to like the movie because of its message.
- I'm learning to like spinach.
- She guessed that he secretly liked wearing skirts.
- Which story do you like best?
- a man who was universally liked
- 'Let's go and see "The Last Samurai."' 'OK, if you like.'
- Do what you like— I don't care.
- He never did like me much, did he?
- How did you like Japan?
- I didn't like him taking all the credit.
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- You can come too if you like.
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### **conjunction** (*informal*)

#### **1.** in the same way as

- No one sings the blues like she did.
- It didn't turn out like I intended.
- **Like I said** (= as I said before), you're always welcome to stay.

#### **2.** as if

- She acts like she owns the place. You will find more information about this use of **like** at the entries for the verbs **act**, **behave**,

feel, look and sound and in the note at **as**.

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#### noun

- likes plural** the things that you like
  - We all have different **likes and dislikes**.
- singular** a person or thing that is similar to another
  - jazz, rock **and the like** (= similar types of music)
  - a man whose like we shall not see again
  - You're not comparing **like with like**.
- the likes of sb/sth (informal)** used to refer to sb/sth that is considered as a type, especially one that is considered as good as sb/sth else
  - She didn't want to associate with the likes of me.

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#### Example Bank:

- I let the apartment to students, backpackers and such like.
- They experienced a period of expansion the like of which the world had rarely seen.
- You're not comparing like with like.

#### adjective only before noun (formal)

having similar qualities to another person or thing

- a chance to meet people of like mind (= with similar interests and opinions)
- She responded in like manner.

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#### adverb

- used in very informal speech, for example when you are thinking what to say next, explaining sth, or giving an example of sth
  - It was, like, weird.
  - It was kind of scary, like.
  - It's really hard. Like I have no time for my own work.
- used in very informal speech to show that what you are saying may not be exactly right but is nearly so
  - I'm leaving in like twenty minutes.
  - It's going to cost like a hundred dollars.
- I'm, he's, she's, etc.** ~ used in very informal speech, to mean 'I say', 'he/she says', etc.
  - And then I'm like 'No Way!'
- used in informal speech instead of as to say that sth happens in the same way
  - There was silence, but not like before.

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## like

**1. like**<sup>1</sup> **S1 W1** /laɪk/ *BrE* <sup>2</sup> *AmE* <sup>3</sup> *preposition*

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: ⇨ †like<sup>6</sup>]

- SIMILAR** similar to something else, or happening in the same way:

<sup>4</sup> Her hair is dark brown like mine.



A club should be like a big family.

He eats like a pig!

### look/sound/feel/taste/seem like

The garden looked like a jungle.

At last he felt like a real soldier.

My experience is very much like that described in the book.

He's very like his brother.

Sometimes you sound just like (=exactly like) my mum!

He's growing more like his father every day.

He looked nothing like (=not at all like) the man in the police photograph.

### 2. what is somebody/something like? spoken used when asking someone to describe or give their opinion of a person or thing:

What's their house like inside?

What are Dan's parents like?

### 3. EXAMPLE for example:

Things like glass, paper, and plastic can all be recycled.

Try to avoid fatty foods like cakes and biscuits.

### REGISTER

In written English, people usually use **for example**, **for instance**, or **such as** rather than **like**:

▪ packaging materials, for instance paper, glass, and plastic

▪ Try to avoid fatty foods such as cakes and biscuits.

### 4. TYPICAL typical of a particular person

#### be like somebody to do something

It's not like Steven to be late.

It's just like her to run away from her responsibilities!

### 5. like this/that/so spoken used when you are showing someone how to do something:

You have to fold the corners back, like so.

### 6. just like that informal if you do something just like that, you do it without thinking about it or planning it carefully:

You can't give up your job just like that!

### 7. something like not much more or less than a particular amount SYN about:

The machinery alone will cost something like thirty thousand pounds.

He's scored something like 60 goals this season.

### 8. nothing like British English not at all:

Twenty years ago travel was nothing like as easy as it is now.

This will be nothing like enough money.

### 9. there's nothing like used to say that a particular thing is very enjoyable:

There's nothing like a nice cup of tea!

### 10. more like used when giving an amount or number that you think is closer to being right than one that has been mentioned:

The builders say they'll be finished in three months, but I think it'll be more like six.

### 11. that's more like it/this is more like it spoken used to say that something is better, more correct, or more enjoyable than something else:

That gives us a total of 52 – that's more like it.

She sat down by the pool and took a sip of her wine. 'This is more like it,' she said.

### 12. more like it British English spoken used when you want to change something that has been said, to make it more true:

'Poor David,' she said. 'Poor Harriet, more like it!'

### 13. what are you like! British English spoken informal used in a joking, friendly way, when you are surprised by what someone has just said or done:

'I think she's a lovely lady.' 'What are you like!'

## II. like<sup>2</sup> S1 W1 BrE<sup>2</sup> AmE<sup>2</sup> verb [transitive not usually in progressive]

[Word Family: noun: ↑like ≠ ↑dislike, ↑liking; verb: ↑like ≠ ↑dislike; adjective: ↑likeable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: lician]

### 1. THINK SOMETHING IS NICE to enjoy something or think that it is nice or good ⇒ love OPP dislike:

I like your jacket.

I don't really like classical music.

Do you like this colour?

I like my coffee quite weak.

I don't like it when you get angry.

How do you like living in London (=how much do you like it)?

#### like doing something

I don't like talking in public.

#### like to do something

I like to see people enjoying themselves.

I quite like their new album.

We really liked the film.

The time I like best (=like most of all) is the evening when it's cool.

#### like something about somebody/something

One of the things I like about John is his sense of humour.

I didn't like the idea of being a single parent.

### 2. LIKE A PERSON to think that someone is nice or enjoy being with them:

Jessica's really nice, but I don't like her boyfriend.

You'll like my brother.

I really like Sam.

She's a lovely girl and I like her very much.

In time, I got to like her (=began to like her).

**3. APPROVE OF SOMETHING** to approve of something and think that it is good or right:

I don't like dishonesty.

I don't like the way he shouts at the children.

**like doing something**

He's never liked talking about people behind their backs.

**like somebody doing something**

I don't like him taking all the credit when he didn't do any of the work.

**like to do something**

She doesn't like to swear in front of the children.

**4. DO SOMETHING REGULARLY** to try to do something regularly or make something happen regularly

**like to do something**

I like to get up early and get a bit of work done before breakfast.

**like somebody to do something**

We like our students to take part in college sports activities.

**5. WANT would like**

**a) used to say that you want something or want to do something ⇒ love:**

I'd like a cheeseburger, please.

**would like to do something**

I'd like to see that film.

There's something I'd like to tell you.

I'd like to apologize for my behaviour yesterday.

I'd just like to say how grateful we are for your help.

**would like somebody to do something**

He would like us all to be at the meeting.

**b) used to ask someone if they want something or want to do something:**

Would you like a drink?

What would you like to eat?

Contact our office if you would like more information.

**would somebody like to do something**

Would you like to come with us?

How would you like (=would you like) to spend the summer in Italy?

**would somebody like somebody to do something**

Would you like me to pick you up in the morning?

**6. whatever / wherever / anything etc you like** whatever thing you want, in whatever place you want etc:

You can sit wherever you like.

You can choose anything you like from the menu.

**7. as long as you like / as much as you like etc** as long, as much etc as you want:

You know you're welcome to stay with us as long as you like.

Take as many as you like.

**8. (whether you) like it or not** used to emphasize that something unpleasant is true or will happen and cannot be changed:

Like it or not, people are often judged by their appearance.

**9. I'd like to think/believe (that)** used to say that you wish or hope something is true, when you are not sure that it is:

I'd like to think that we offer an excellent service.

I would like to believe that the company can be successful in the future.

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**SPOKEN PHRASES**

**10. if you like** *British English*

**a) used to suggest or offer something to someone:**

I can give you her phone number, if you like.

If you like, I could go with you.

**b) used to agree to something, even if it is not really what you want yourself:**

'Shall we get a takeaway on the way home?' 'If you like.'

**c) used to suggest one possible way of describing something or someone:**

We don't have a proper agreement, but we have an informal understanding, if you like.

**11. ROMANTIC** to think someone is sexually attractive ⇒ **love:**

Do you think Alex likes me?

**12. I'd like to see you/him do something** used to say that you do not believe someone can do something:

I'd like to see you organize a conference!

**13. how would you like something?** used to ask someone to imagine how they would feel if something bad happened to them instead of to you or someone else:

How would you like being left alone for hours in a strange place?

How would you like it if someone treated you in that way?

**14. I like that!** *British English* used to say that what someone has said or done is rude and unfair:

I like that! She didn't even say thank you!

**15. like it or lump it** used to say that someone must accept a situation or decision they do not like because it cannot be changed

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## THE SAURUS

- **like** to think that someone or something is nice: I like your dress – it's a beautiful colour. | Do you like spaghetti? | What did you like about the movie? | I like travelling by train. | I like to see the children enjoying themselves. | Everybody liked Mr Schofield.
- **be fond of somebody/something** *especially British English* to like someone or something, especially something that you have liked for a long time or someone who you have known for a long time: Connie had always been fond of animals. | Over the years, I've become quite fond of him. | He had always been fond of drinking at lunchtime, perhaps too fond.
- **be keen on somebody/something** *especially British English spoken* to like someone or something – often used in negative sentences: I like Maria but I'm not keen on her husband. | Our English teacher was very keen on Shakespeare, but I couldn't stand him. | I was keen on all sports at school. | I know he's keen on opera. Let's take him to see 'La Traviata'. | I'm quite keen on the idea of having a fancy dress party.
- **be into something** *informal* to like doing a particular activity or be interested in a particular subject – used especially by young people: She's really into music at the moment. | What kind of films are you into?
- **have a thing about somebody/something** *informal* to like someone or something, especially something surprising or unusual: I've always had a thing about wolves. | He has this thing about tall women.
- **be partial to something** *formal* to like to have something – often used humorously: He's partial to the occasional glass of wine.
- **something grows on you** used when saying that you begin to like something, especially something that you did not like before: I didn't like the colour of the room at first, but it's growing on me.

### ■ to like something very much

- **love/adore** to like something very much. **Adore** is stronger than **love** but is less common: I love the smell of coffee. | The children absolutely adore her books.
- **be crazy about something** (*also be mad about something British English informal*) to be extremely interested in an activity and spend a lot of time doing it or watching it: Jonah's crazy about basketball. | She's always been mad about horses.
- **have a passion for something** to like an activity very much, because it gives you a lot of pleasure or excitement: From a very early age he had a passion for fast cars. | To be a great performer, you have to work very hard and have a passion for the music you play.
- **be addicted to something** to like doing something so much that you spend all your free time doing it: My son's addicted to computer games – he hardly ever comes out of his room. | I started watching the show out of curiosity, but now I'm addicted!

## III. like<sup>3</sup> W3 BrE<sup>2</sup> AmE<sup>2</sup> noun

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[Sense 1: Date: 1800-1900; Origin: ⇒ ↑like<sup>2</sup>]

[Sense 2-3, 5: Date: 1200-1300; Origin: ⇒ ↑like<sup>6</sup>]

### 1. sb's likes and dislikes the things that someone likes and does not like:

▪ We all have our own likes and dislikes when it comes to food.

### 2. and the like/and such like and similar things:

▪ Soldiers, policemen, and the like were all called in to help with the emergency.

▪ They believe that the government does not spend enough money on health, education, and such like.

### 3. the likes of somebody/something *spoken*

#### a) used to talk about someone you do not like or do not approve of:

▪ I don't want you spending time with the likes of him.

#### b) used to talk about people of a particular type:

▪ Information is collected through the likes of the FBI, CIA, and Scotland Yard.

### 4. the like of somebody/something (*also sb's/sth's like*) *formal* something similar to someone or a particular person or thing, or of equal importance or value:

▪ This will be a show the like of which has never been seen before.

▪ The man was a genius. We shall not see his like again.

## IV. like<sup>4</sup> S1 BrE<sup>2</sup> AmE<sup>2</sup> adverb *spoken*

[Date: 1700-1800; Origin: ⇒ ↑like<sup>1</sup>]

### 1. used in speech to fill a pause while you are thinking what to say next:

▪ The water was, like, really cold.

▪ I was just, like, standing there.

### 2. I'm/he's/she's like ...

#### a) used to tell the exact words someone used:

▪ I asked Dave if he wanted to go, and he's like, no way!

#### b) used to describe an event, feeling, or person, when it is difficult to describe or when you use a noise instead of words:

▪ She was like, huh? (=she did not understand)

### 3. as like as not/like enough *British English* probably:

▪ The ambulance will be too late, as like as not.

## V. like<sup>5</sup> S1 BrE<sup>2</sup> AmE<sup>2</sup> conjunction

[Date: 1400-1500; Origin: ⇒ ↑like<sup>1</sup>]

### 1. in the same way as. Some people consider this use to be incorrect:

▪ No one else can score goals like he can!

▪ Don't talk to me like you talk to a child.

### 2. like I say/said *spoken* used when you are repeating something that you have already said:

▪ Like I said, I don't mind helping out on the day.

▪ I'm sorry, but, like I say, she's not here at the moment.

### 3. *informal* as if. Some people think that this use is not correct English:

▪ He looked at me like I was mad.

▪ It looks like it's going to rain.

▪ This meat smells like it's gone bad.

vi. **like** <sup>6</sup> BrE <sup>7</sup> AmE <sup>8</sup> *adjective formal*

[Language: Old English; Origin: *gelic*]

1. **[only before noun]** similar in some way:

- " The second dispute was sorted out in a like manner.
- " They get on well together because they are of like mind.
- " Try to buy two fish of like size.

2. **be like to do something** *old use* to be likely to do something

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## THESAURUS

- **similar** *adjective* almost the same: Jo said she'd had a similar experience. | The colours are very similar, but I like this one best.
- **like** *preposition* similar to something or someone else: It tastes a little like chicken. | She still looks like a teenager.
- **alike** *adjective* [not before noun] very similar - used especially about the way people look or behave: She and her sister look alike. | Lawyers are all alike - I don't trust them.
- **close** *adjective* very similar: The film bears a close resemblance to real life (=is very similar). | The painting is remarkably close to the original.
- **much the same** very similar: The glass is still made in much the same way as it was 100 years ago. | People are much the same, wherever you go. | She still looks very much the same.
- **identical** *adjective* exactly the same: The two computers were identical in design. | identical names
- **matching** *adjective* having the same colour, style, pattern etc as something else - used about clothes or furniture that you wear or use together: She wore matching silver shoes and handbag. | a dining table and matching chairs
- **akin to something** *formal* fairly similar to something: These dialects are akin to Arabic, though different in several respects.

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