



## Unit 77 – As (Mark called me as I was sitting down.. As I was saying..)

### A) As = at the time as:

- Nancy saw me **as** she was walking towards the station.
- The fans cheered **as** the players walked out onto the field.
- Could you open the window **as** you come back inside?

-> To describe the 'exact' moment something happens, use **just**:

- Michael arrived **just as** the conversation was getting interesting.
- **Just as** I left the office, my manager called me.

-> **While** and **as** can be used to describe things that happen over a longer period of time:

- I cleaned up **while mom was cooking** dinner.      I cleaned up **as mom cooked** dinner.
- We chatted **while walking** around the park.      We chatted **as we walked** around the park.

Compare **when** and **as**:

I listened to music **as** I studied for the final exam.      **When** I finished studying, I went to bed.  
(compares two things occurring at the same time)      (describes one thing occurring after another)

### B) As = because: (**Note**: we use **as** & **since** to more emphasize the reason for something occurring)

- I asked Jennifer to meet later **as** I'm not feeling well today.
- Higher taxes on gasoline benefits the environment **as** it reduces driving.
- I used to roll up my jeans in high school **as** it was the style in those days.

**Note**: -> **as** (because) has the same basic meaning of **since**. However, **since** is more casual than **as**.

- We decided to book the concert tickets **since (as)** it's our favorite singer.
- You can go ahead first **since (as)** you are the oldest.
- We watched a movie last night **since (as)** tomorrow is a holiday.

### C) As = in the same way; in the same condition; like:

- My hometown looks exactly **as** it did when I lived there.
- He decided to become a doctor, just **as** his father was.
- I left everything in the classroom **as** it was.

-> The grammar pattern (as + subject + verb) is often used:

- She told me to lock up the office just **as/like she did**.
- **As the teacher promised**, we were allowed to finish early.

-> As I mentioned / as you know / as he explained, etc.:

- **As you know**, Cory was a competitive swimmer when he was young.
- **As I mentioned**, I'll meet you later to study if you like.

-> As + adverb (as usual / as is often the case, etc.):

- **As always**, mom cooked a beautiful meal on Christmas Day!
- It's been raining a lot **as is often the case** with winters in Britain.

### D) As = although: (**Note**: this is a formal use of 'as'. 'Although' is more casual)

- **Happy as she seemed**, I knew she wasn't okay. (formal) *Although she seemed happy..(casual)*



## Unit 77 – Exercises:

77.1 – Connect the sentences below using **as**. The meaning is ‘**at the same time as**’.

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| 1. My father wrapped our presents     | he was running out of the bank.        |
| 2. We hid downstairs in the basement  | we told her the good news.             |
| 3. The police spotted the criminal    | the tornado passed by.                 |
| 4. Jonathan looked up and saw me just | we slept on Christmas Eve.             |
| 5. The excitement in the stadium grew | the players walked out onto the field. |
| 6. Jessica started to smile more      | I started waving to him.               |

1. My parents wrapped my presents as I slept on Christmas Eve.
2. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_.
5. \_\_\_\_\_.
6. \_\_\_\_\_.

77.2 – Connect the sentences below using **as**. The meaning is ‘**because**’.

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| 1. We spoke very quietly                | it was my favorite hobby when I was young. |
| 2. This bottle of wine is expensive     | it was his birthday today.                 |
| 3. I used to collect sportscards        | we didn’t want to wake up my mom.          |
| 4. We decided to go to the park         | it is quite hard to find.                  |
| 5. I took my umbrella with me to work   | the forecast was calling for showers.      |
| 6. We took my son to the amusement park | the weather was beautiful yesterday.       |

1. \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_.
5. \_\_\_\_\_.
6. \_\_\_\_\_.

77.3 – Fill in the blanks with **as** + an appropriate expression from the box.

**As I mentioned / as you know / as I showed you / as you like / as I expected / as it was / as always**

1. **As I mentioned** earlier in my presentation, we must reduce our company costs.
2. You can be as creative as you want! You are free to paint \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Follow the painting techniques \_\_\_\_\_ in today’s class.
4. I didn’t touch anything. I left everything in the room \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The hotel and resort were beautiful! It was just \_\_\_\_\_.
6. \_\_\_\_\_, Mr. Green started the class by reviewing our homework.
7. \_\_\_\_\_, it’s Sarah’s birthday next week. Let’s have a surprise party for her!

77.4 – Complete the sentences using the conjunctions **as**, **when** or **while**.

1. I waved to my friend \_\_\_\_\_ she stepped off the bus.
2. Mom waited in the car \_\_\_\_\_ I was writing the test.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ I finished the test, mom and I had lunch together nearby the school.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ finishing my last semester, I was also working part time at a café.
5. Call me \_\_\_\_\_ you finish work and I’ll meet you nearby for dinner.