

**CLAUSES AFTER AS IF, AS THOUGH, IT'S HIGH TIME,  
IT'S TIME, WOULD RATHER.**

**1. Clause after AS IF, AS THOUGH:**

\* AS IF, AS THOUGH có nghĩa là “nhe thể, dường như”

\* Hai từ nối trên đứng trước một mệnh đề chỉ một điều không thật hoặc trái với thực tế.

\* Form:

**a/ S + V<sub>(present simple)</sub> + as if /as though + V<sub>past subjunctive</sub> (V-ed/ were).**

Eg: The old lady dresses as if it were winter even in the summer (It is not winter).

+ She walks as though she studied modeling. (She didn't study modeling).

+ He acts as though he were rich. (He is not rich).

**b/ S + V<sub>(past)</sub> + as if /as though + V<sub>past perfect subjunctive</sub> / (had + V-ed/ (pp)).**

(Nếu chỉ một hành động xảy ra trước hành động ở mệnh đề chính)

Eg: + Tom looked very tired as if he worked very hard.

+ The child ate as though he had been hungry for a long time.

+ He looked as if he hadn't taken a bath for month.

Note: Past Subjunctive (quá khứ giả định) có hình thức giống thì Simple Pát nhưng với động từ TO BE thì phải đổi thành WERE cho tất cả các ngôi.

- Past Perfect Subjunctive (quá khứ hoàn thành giả định) có hình thức giống thì Past perfect.

**2. Clauses after IT'S TIME, IT'S HIGH TIME:**

\* It's time/ It's high time có nghĩa là “đã tới lúc” để diễn tả thời gian mà một việc nên được làm ngay.

*a/ Followed by past tense with present meaning:*

Form: **It's time/ It's high time + S + V<sub>past subjunctive</sub> (V-ed/ were).**

Eg: + It's time you started to work.

+ It's high time we set out.

+ It's time we received our lesson.

*b/ Followed by infinitive.*

**Form: It's time/ It's high time + (for + O) + to + V<sub>(infinitive)</sub>.**

Eg: + It's time for her to go to bed.

+ It's time to buy a car.

**3. Clauses after WOULD RATHER:**

\* “Would rather” có nghĩa là “mong muốn rằng”

(Dạng viết tắt: ...'d rather).

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\* Mệnh đề theo sau WOULD RATHER có ba cấu trúc như sau:

**a/ Mong muốn ở tương lai:**

**S + would rather (that) + S<sub>(not)</sub> + V<sub>present subjunctive</sub>/ V (bare infinitive).**

**Note:** Present subjunctive là hiện tại giả định có hình thức như động từ nguyên mẫu không TO (V<sub>bare infinitive</sub>)

Eg: I would rather (that) you call me tomorrow.

+ We would rather he take this train.

+ I would rather (that) she be here tomorrow.

+ I would rather you not call me next Sunday.

**b/ Mong muốn ở hiện tại: (trái với thực tế, không có thật)**

**S + would rather (that) + S<sub>(not)</sub> + V<sub>past subjunctive</sub>/ V-ed/ were).**

Eg: + Henry would rather (that) his girlfriend worked in the same department as he does. (His girlfriend does not work in the same department).

+ Jane would rather (that) it weren't winter now.

+ I would rather the weather were fine today.

**c/ Mong muốn ở quá khứ: (trái với thực tế, không thật)**

**S + would rather (that) + S<sub>(not)</sub> + V<sub>past perfect subjunctive</sub>/ (had + V-ed/pp).**

Eg: + Roberto would rather we hadn't left yesterday.

+ John would rather that Mary had gone to school yesterday.

+ I would rather I had passed my last exam.

\* Would rather còn được dùng trong các cấu trúc sau:

+ Ý tương lai/ hiện tại:

**S + would rather (not) + V (bare infinitive) ... (+ than) ...**

Eg: + I would rather stay at home tonight.

+ John would rather go to class tomorrow than today.

+ Ý quá khứ

**S + would rather (not) + have + V.ed/(pp) ... (than) ...**

Eg: + John would rather have gone to class yesterday than today.

+ Mary would rather not have gone to class yesterday.

#### 4. EXERCISES:

##### Exercise 1: Give the correct form of the verb:

1. Sue went to France this year, but she says she would sooner \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Spain.

2. John had better \_\_\_\_\_ (not/speak) to me like that again.
3. She would prefer to meet you personally rather than \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) to you over the phone.
4. Sean prefers playing football to \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) it.
5. Would you rather \_\_\_\_\_ (write) in ink or in pencil?
6. Sheila prefers \_\_\_\_\_ (get up) early in the morning rather than \_\_\_\_\_ (oversleep)
7. Would he prefer \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) to work tomorrow rather than cycle?
8. I would rather \_\_\_\_\_ (speak) directly to the manager than \_\_\_\_\_ (deal) with his rude secretary as I did.
9. My father prefers to have a beard rather than \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a shave every day.
10. Tom prefers \_\_\_\_\_ (ski) to \_\_\_\_\_ (skate).
11. Wouldn't you prefer to sit on this seat rather than \_\_\_\_\_ (stand) for the whole journey?
12. We'd better \_\_\_\_\_ (take) some money for a taxi in case we \_\_\_\_\_ (miss) the bus home.

**Exercise 2: Give the correct form of the verb using "would rather" grammar**

1. I'd rather you \_\_\_\_\_ (not/drive) so fast
2. It's a shame you missed the party; I would rather you \_\_\_\_\_ (be) there.
3. I'd rather you \_\_\_\_\_ (not/mention) this to anyone until next week.
4. Tim's mother would rather he \_\_\_\_\_ (work) closer to home than he does.
5. Greg says he would rather \_\_\_\_\_ (not/leave) things as they are.
6. We would rather (stay) \_\_\_\_\_ home tonight.
7. Mr. Jones would rather (stay) \_\_\_\_\_ home last night.
8. We would rather (drink) \_\_\_\_\_ coffee than tea.
9. The photographer would rather that we (stand) \_\_\_\_\_ closer together than we are standing.
10. Carmen would rather (cook) \_\_\_\_\_ for the entire family.
11. She would rather you (not arrive) \_\_\_\_\_ last night.
12. John would rather he (sleep) \_\_\_\_\_ than worked last night.
13. George would rather he (be) \_\_\_\_\_ free tomorrow.
14. Mary would rather that she (not, fail) \_\_\_\_\_ the test yesterday.
15. I would rather that I (invite) \_\_\_\_\_ her to my birthday party last Sunday.

**Exercise 3: Rewrite the sentences using "It's (high) time":**

1. We should do something about it now.  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. We ought to find out why she is in Moscow.  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. When is the council going to do something about the city's traffic problems?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. He had better get back to work.  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. The government should really do something about air pollution.  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. The children should start doing their homework now.

7. I really think you ought to acquire a few manners.

8. We'd better buy a new cooker.

9. I had better get back to work.

10. You really should be able to dress yourself by now.

**Exercise 4: Rewrite the sentences using “as if/ as though”:**

1. I had a feeling that I was walking in the air.

→ I felt as though \_\_\_\_\_

2. He spent his money like a prince.

→ He spent his money as if \_\_\_\_\_

3. He spent his money like a billionaire.

→ He spent his money as if \_\_\_\_\_

4. English is not her native tongue.

→ She speaks English as if \_\_\_\_\_

5. My head seems to be on fire now.

→ I feel as if \_\_\_\_\_

6. I had a feeling that I was walking in the air.

→ I felt as though \_\_\_\_\_

7. He spent his money like a prince.

→ He spent his money as if \_\_\_\_\_

8. You speak like a prophet.

→ You speak as though \_\_\_\_\_

9. She pretended not to know me.

→ She looked as if she \_\_\_\_\_

10. She made up like an actress.

→ She made up as if \_\_\_\_\_

**HOMEWORK**

**Exercise 1: Supply the correct forms of the verbs in brackets:**

1. We would rather (stay) ..... home tonight.

2. Mr Jones would rather (stay)..... home last night.

3. We would rather(drink) ..... coffee than tea.

4. The photographer would rather that we (stand) ..... closer together than we are standing.

5. Carmen would rather (cook) ..... for the entire family.

6. She would rather you (not arrive) ..... last night.

7. John would rather he (sleep) ..... than worked last night.

8. George would rather he (be) ..... free tomorrow.
9. Mary would rather that she (not, fail) ..... the test yesterday.
10. I would rather that I (invite) .....her to my birthday party last Sunday.
11. Henry talks to his dog as if it (understand) ..... him.
12. It's time we all (go) ..... now.
13. I'd rather you (go) ..... now.
14. He acts as if he (know) ..... English perfectly.
15. It's high time you (get) ..... the tea ready.
16. I'd rather you (pay) ..... me now.
17. It's high time you (have) ..... a haircut.
18. He was wet as if he (swim) ..... for hours.
19. She acted as if she (meet) ..... him before.
20. Jack spent his money as if he (win) ..... a lottery.

**Exercise 2: Rewrite the sentences, beginning with the words given:**

1. My head seems to be on fire now.  
- I feel as if .....
2. I had a feeling that I was walking in the air.  
- I felt as though .....
3. Bill doesn't work hard.  
- I'd rather .....
4. He drives too fast.  
- I'd rather .....
5. He didn't want to pay his debts.  
- I'd rather .....
6. He spent his money like a prince.  
- He spent his money as if .....
7. You speak like a prophet.  
- You speak as though .....
8. We must set out, it is a little late.  
- It's high time .....
9. You should review your lessons for the exams.  
- It's time .....
10. He smokes a great deal. I'd like he gives up smoking.  
- I'd rather .....
11. She pretended not to know me.  
- She looked as if she .....
12. He should call me on the phone.  
- It's time .....
13. We must start working now.  
- It's high time .....
14. She made up like an actress.  
- She made up as if .....
15. She cried like a baby.  
- She cried as though .....
16. They talk like kings.

- They talk as if .....

17. We should solve this problem.

- It's time .....

18. Mary dresses up like a queen.

- Mary dresses up as if .....

19. She talks too much.

- I'd rather .....

20. He'll come to my house tonight.

- I'd rather .....

**Exercise 5: Supply the correct forms of the verbs in brackets:**

1. Henry talks to his dog as if it (understand) \_\_\_\_\_him.

2. It's time we all (go) \_\_\_\_\_ now.

3. I'd rather you (go) \_\_\_\_\_ now.

4. He acts as if he (know) \_\_\_\_\_English perfectly.

5. It's high time you (get) \_\_\_\_\_the tea ready.

6. I'd rather you (pay) \_\_\_\_\_ me now.

7. It's high time you (have) \_\_\_\_\_ a haircut.

8. He was wet as if he (swim) \_\_\_\_\_ for hours.

9. She acted as if she (meet) \_\_\_\_\_him before.

10. Jack spent his money as if he (win) \_\_\_\_\_a lottery.

**Exercise 6: Rewrite the sentences, beginning with the words given:**

1. Bill doesn't work hard.

- I'd rather \_\_\_\_\_

2. He drives too fast.

- I'd rather \_\_\_\_\_

3. He didn't want to pay his debts.

- I'd rather \_\_\_\_\_

4. We must set out, it is a little late.

- It's high time \_\_\_\_\_

5. You should review your lessons for the exams.

- It's time \_\_\_\_\_

6. He smokes a great deal. I'd like he gives up smoking.

- I'd rather \_\_\_\_\_

7. He should call me on the phone.

- It's time \_\_\_\_\_

8. We must start working now.

- It's high time \_\_\_\_\_

9. We should solve this problem.

- It's time \_\_\_\_\_

10. She talks too much.

- I'd rather \_\_\_\_\_