

### みたい "A is like" "Acts like"

(A) は (B) みたい

"A is like B"

みたい is used as predicate.

ミサはイタリア人みたい。 Misa is like an Italian.

(A) みたいな (B)

"B that is like A"

みたいな is used to modify a noun

犬みたいなねこ。 A cat (that acts) like a dog.

(Noun) みたいに (Verb/Adj)

"Verb like ... "

みたいに is used to modify a verb

ミサはイタリア人みたいに話す。 Misa talks like an Italian.

子どもみたいに遊んだ。 I played like a kid.

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!□!□みたい acts like an adjective; hence, can be used as predicate and be put at the end of the sentence.

### "To become like"

(Noun) + みたいになる

"To become like "

俺みたいになるな！ Please don't be like me.

(Noun) + みたいになりたい

"Want to become like "

べんごしみたいになりたい。 I want to become like a lawyer.

### "A that is similar to B"

(A) は (B) のようです

"A that is similar to B"

のよう is used as predicate.

あのねこは犬のようです。 That cat is like a dog.

(A) ような (B)

"B that is like A"

ような is used to modify a noun

犬のような猫。 A cat that is like a dog.

(Noun) のように (Verb)

"Verb like "

Changing ように to an adverb when modifying a verb

ミサはイタリア人のように話します。 Misa talks like an Italian.

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!□!□のよう acts like an adjective; hence, can be used as predicate and be put at the end of the sentence.

### "Is like; -ish"

(Noun) + らしい

"is like; -ish; is acting like" (Acts the way it should)

-Acting like he's supposed to be; Appropriately; stereotypically

-Acting the way it should or how stereotypically people think they do

(Noun) らしく (Verb)

"(Verb) like..."

-Changing らしく to an adverb when modifying a verb

(Noun) + っぽい

"is like; -ish; is acting like" (Acts like something else)

-Sometimes acting like it shouldn't"

(Usually) acting opposite of how they should



### "Is like; -ish" (cont)

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|  |   | -Not always opposite / negative; can mean has a trait similar to something |
| みさはこどもらしい。Misa acting like a child. (like she should be as she is one) | 日本人らしくはしで食べる。I eat with chopsticks like a Japanese person (should). | みさはこどもっぽい。Misa is childish. (not acting like she's supposed to be)         |
| 女らしい。Womanly (Feminine)  |   | おとなっぽい。(They're) so grown up / mature. (positive)                          |
| 男らしい。Manly (Masculine)   |   | あの猫は犬っぽい。That cat is (acting) like a dog.                                  |

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らしい is an い-adjective; hence, can be used as predicate and be put at the end of the sentence.



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