

How I Look Like

If you've spent time on social media (off the clock, of course), you might have come across this phrase: "how I look like." An app even exists called "How I Look Like When I Grow Up."

So, what's the problem here? Redundancy, that's what.

One of the definitions of the word "how" is "in what state or condition." In other words, "how" can help express **what** something is **like**. Therefore, when we're describing the state or condition of something, we can either use "how" by itself or a combination of "what" and "like."

Here's **how** this could look in a medical context. (See what we did there? 😊)

Incorrect: These pictures show **how** a measles rash could look **like** on different skin tones.

Correct: **These pictures show **how** a measles rash could look on different skin tones.**
 These pictures show **what a measles rash could look **like** on different skin tones.**

Sources:

- [How Definition & Meaning - Merriam-Webster](#)
- [How is ...? or What is ... like? - Cambridge Grammar](#)