

AS it is it were



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Key Word Transformation Exercises
Reading and Use of English - Part 4

AS IT IS idiom

a) because of the situation that actually exists – used when that situation is different from what you expected or needed

Synonym : as it turns out

- They hoped to finish the kitchen by Friday, but as it is they'll probably have to come back next week.
- We were hoping to finish it by next week—as it is, it may be the week after.

b) already

- I'm not buying the children anything else today - I've spent far too much money as it is.
- I can't help—I've got too much to do as it is.

AS IS idiom

in the state that something is in at the present time:

- Will you wait till it's finished or take it home as is?
- We've agreed to take the house as is.

AS IT WERE idiom

Synonyms: in a way, so to speak, in a manner of speaking

used for making a description sound less definite or less exact

- Jim Radcliffe became our idol, as it were, the man we all wanted to be.
- His retirement was, as it were, the beginning of his real career.
- Mandela became, as it were, the father of the nation.

sometimes said after a figurative (= not meaning exactly what it appears to mean) or unusual expression:

- If he still refuses we could always apply a little pressure, as it were.
- Teachers must put the brakes on, as it were, when they notice students looking puzzled.