

Similes: Avoiding Clichés

Some similes have been overused and so aren't very interesting to the reader. They often don't have the same impact as a fresh comparison. You've probably heard some of the following:

...as big as an elephant. ...as light as a feather. ...rained like cats and dogs.

These are known as clichés

Complete the following similes by thinking of comparisons *as fresh as morning snow*.

Comparing Verbs

1. He ran like _____.
2. Her knees shook like _____.
3. It rained like _____.
4. The lady sung as sweetly _____.

Comparing Nouns

5. The leather couch was as soft as _____.
6. The music sounded like _____.
7. The family's back yard was as _____.
8. The test was as _____.

Comparing Adjectives

9. as clever as _____.
10. as slow as _____.
11. as funny as _____.
12. as big as _____.
13. as tired as _____.
14. as stubborn as _____.
15. as light as _____.
16. as pretty as _____.