

# Avoiding Cliches

## Similes

Some similes have been overused and so aren't very interesting or impactful.

These are known as **cliches**.

You've probably heard the following cliches:

...as big as an elephant.    ...as light as a feather.



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 backyard was as \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The test was as \_\_\_\_\_.

### Comparing Adjectives

9. as clever as \_\_\_\_\_.
10. as slow as \_\_\_\_\_.
11. as tired as \_\_\_\_\_.
12. as stubborn as \_\_\_\_\_.