

ENGLISH PLUS

WITH
ANSWER
KEY

PRACTICE WORKSHEETS

*As Cool as
a Cucumber!*



IDIOMS

SIMILES

Idioms Advanced | Similes

1. Match the beginning of each sentence with its ending.

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| A. ____ My new dress fits ... | 1. as a bone. |
| B. ____ You'll need to run ... | 2. as a button. |
| C. ____ She's as thin ... | 3. like a glove. |
| D. ____ Ana always looks as fresh ... | 4. like the wind. |
| E. ____ He drove off ... | 5. as a rake. |
| F. ____ Her mouth felt as dry ... | 6. as silk. |
| G. ____ Their son is as bright ... | 7. like a maniac. |
| H. ____ Her hair felt as smooth ... | 8. as a daisy. |

2. Write the correct word to complete each simile.

- That book was so boring. It was as dry as (A) _____.
- You explained it so well - it's a difficult concept, but it's as clear as (B) _____.
- I wonder what they're plotting - they look as thick as (C) _____.
- After working in that airless room my mouth feels as dry as a (D) _____.
- I can't understand what he's trying to say - it's as clear as (E) _____.

3. Replace the underlined part of each sentence with a simile.

- Tom and Rosa have been arguing all the time (A) _____ recently.
- Amy blushed and looked very embarrassed (B) _____ when Lasse commented on her new dress.
- When our teacher asks the class a difficult question, Hatsuki usually answers without a moment's hesitation (C) _____.
- It was early Sunday morning, and the house was strangely silent (D) _____.
- Emma was behaving towards Jakob in a very affectionate way (E) _____ at the barbecue last week.
- All her sisters are extremely poor (F) _____.
- Caterina felt full of energy (G) _____ after her shower.
- The students in my class are great - hardworking, punctual and very enthusiastic (H) _____.

4. Agree with what A says. Use a simile in your response.

A. A: He looked really angry.

B. A: It's impossible to get him to change his mind.

C. A: He drove off very quickly, didn't he?

D. A: You've been very busy at work, haven't you?

E. A: You can always rely on Suzie to organize the school concert.

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1. A. ____ B. ____ C. ____ D. ____ E. ____ F. ____ G. ____ H. ____

2. A. _____ B. _____ C. _____ D. _____ E. _____

3. A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

E. _____

F. _____

G. _____

H. _____

4. A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

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| A. <u>3</u> My new dress fits ... | 1. as a bone. |
| B. <u>4</u> You'll need to run ... | 2. as a button. |
| C. <u>5</u> She's as thin ... | 3. like a glove. |
| D. <u>8</u> Ana always looks as fresh ... | 4. like the wind. |
| E. <u>7</u> He drove off ... | 5. as a rake. |
| F. <u>1</u> Her mouth felt as dry ... | 6. as silk. |
| G. <u>2</u> Their son is as bright ... | 7. like a maniac. |
| H. <u>6</u> Her hair felt as smooth ... | 8. as a daisy. |

2. Write the correct word to complete each simile.

- That book was so boring. It was as dry as (A) dust.
- You explained it so well - it's a difficult concept, but it's as clear as (B) crystal.
- I wonder what they're plotting - they look as thick as (C) thieves.
- After working in that airless room my mouth feels as dry as a (D) bone.
- I can't understand what he's trying to say - it's as clear as (E) mud.

3. Replace the underlined part of each sentence with a simile.

- Tom and Rosa have been arguing all the time (A) **fighting like cat and dog** recently.
- Amy blushed and looked very embarrassed (B) **was as red as a beetroot** when Lasse commented on her new dress.
- When our teacher asks the class a difficult question, Hatsuki usually answers without a moment's hesitation (C) **as quick as a flash**.
- It was early Sunday morning, and the house was strangely silent (D) **as silent as the grave**.
- Emma was behaving towards Jakob in a very affectionate way (E) **was all over Jakob like a rash** at the barbecue last week.
- All her sisters are extremely poor (F) **as poor as a church mice**.
- Caterina felt full of energy (G) **as fresh as a daisy** after her shower.
- The students in my class are great - hardworking, punctual and very enthusiastic (H) **keen as mustard**.

4. Agree with what A says. Use a simile in your response.

A. A: He looked really angry.

Yes, he had a face like thunder.

B. A: It's impossible to get him to change his mind.

Yes, he's as stubborn as a mule.

C. A: He drove off very quickly, didn't he?

Yes, he was driving like a maniac.

D. A: You've been very busy at work, haven't you?

Yes, I've been working like a dog.

E. A: You can always rely on Suzie to organize the school concert.

Yes, she's as keen as mustard.

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1. A. 3 B. 4 C. 5 D. 8 E. 7 F. 1 G. 2 H. 6

2. A. ● dust B. ● crystal C. ● thieves D. ● bone E. ● mud

3. A. ● fighting like cat and dog

B. ● was as red as a beetroot

C. ● as quick as a flash

D. ● as silent as the grave

E. ● was all over Jacob like a rash

F. ● as poor as a church mice

G. ● as fresh as a daisy

H. ● keen as mustard

4. A. Yes, he had a face like thunder.

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D. Yes, I've been working like a dog.

E. Yes, she's as keen as mustard.