

Idioms with comparisons

122 Comparisons with *as . . . as*

(EI 237-8)

Which comparison describes the picture? Use an adjective and a noun from the lists.

<i>cold</i>	<i>mud</i>
<i>brown</i>	<i>ice</i>
<i>black</i>	<i>post</i>
<i>fit</i>	<i>coal</i>
<i>clear</i>	<i>Punch</i>
<i>pleased</i>	<i>fiddle</i>
<i>deaf</i>	<i>berry</i>



1 The room's ____.

2 Grandad's ____.



He's ____.
as **brown** as a **berry**



3 She's ____.



4 The doctor says
he's ____.



5 His hands and face
are ____.

6 The explanation is ____.

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Complete the sentences with a comparison, using an adjective and a noun from the lists.

<i>old</i>	<i>daisy</i>
<i>warm</i>	<i>lightning</i>
<i>quick</i>	<i>leather</i>
<i>white</i>	<i>toast</i>
<i>tough</i>	<i>sheet</i>
<i>quiet</i>	<i>mouse</i>
<i>fresh</i>	<i>hills</i>

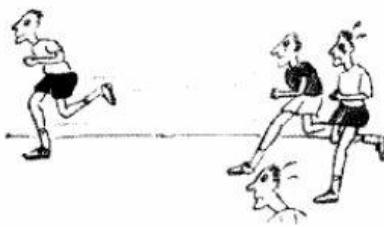
I promise not to disturb you. I'll just sit here and I'll be ____.
as quiet as a mouse

- 1 After a good night's sleep you'll feel ____.
- 2 I'm ____ in these new boots. Look how thick the fur lining is!
- 3 Quickly! Find a chair for this patient, nurse. He's ____ and I think he's going to faint.
- 4 I'm afraid the meal I cooked was a disaster. It took so long to cut and chew the steak. It was ____.
- 5 Pam's very good at adding up figures. I always need a calculator, but she's ____.
- 6 'Have you heard the news about Kevin's skiing holiday?' 'Oh, you mean when he broke his leg on the airport escalator and spent his holiday in a Munich hospital? That story's ____.'

124 Comparisons with *like* (EI 238-41)

Which comparison with *like* describes the picture? Use a verb and a noun from the lists.

go	chimney
look	bomb
run	drowned rat
sing	hare
sleep	water
smoke	log
spend money	lark



1 Tim can ____.



2 Uncle Ken ____.



Fred's new car ____.
goes like a bomb



3 His wife ____.



4 She ____.



5 She's in her chair, ____.



6 She was standing in the rain, ____.

125 Comparisons with *like* (EI 238-41)

Complete the sentences with a comparison with *like*, using a verb and a noun from the lists.

fit	leaf
drink	horse
eat	wildfire
treat	dirt
grin	fish
spread	<i>Cheshire cat</i>
shake	glove

I think I'll buy these jeans. They're perfect. They _____.
fit like a glove

- 1 'Last night in the pub Jim Spence was ordering pints of bitter as if they were glasses of water.' 'Yes, I know. He _____.?'
- 2 What's wrong with Sally? Has she had a shock? She's _____.?
- 3 I've never seen anyone eat as much food as Patrick does. He _____.?
- 4 Someone told me that it's very unpleasant working for that firm. They _____. their employees _____.?
- 5 The news that Mr Chamberlain was resigning _____. Everyone knew about it an hour after he had told the Managing Director.
- 6 Why are you _____.? What do you find so amusing?