

## 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



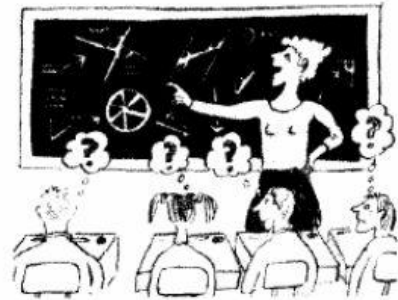
3 She's \_\_\_\_\_.



4 The doctor says  
he's \_\_\_\_\_.



- 5 His hands and face are \_\_\_\_\_.



- 6 The explanation is \_\_\_\_\_.

## 123 Comparisons with *as . . . as*

(EI 237-8)

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>

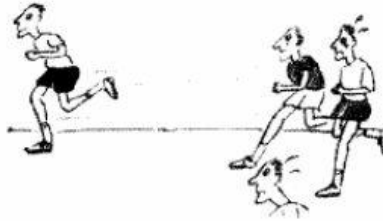
I promise not to disturb you. I'll just sit here and I'll be \_\_\_\_\_.  
**as quiet as a mouse**

- After a good night's sleep you'll feel \_\_\_\_\_.
- I'm \_\_\_\_\_ in these new boots. Look how thick the fur lining is!
- Quickly! Find a chair for this patient, nurse. He's \_\_\_\_\_ and I think he's going to faint.
- I'm afraid the meal I cooked was a disaster. It took so long to cut and chew the steak. It was \_\_\_\_\_.
- Pam's very good at adding up figures. I always need a calculator, but she's \_\_\_\_\_.
- '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.

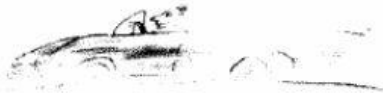
go	chimney
look	bomb
run	drowned rat
sing	hare
sleep	water
smoke	log
spend money	lark



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.

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

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?