

# 41 Idioms of comparison

There are many short comparisons used in English to make the language more vivid and clear. Below are thirty of the most common ones. Complete each of them with a suitable word or words. Choose from the following:

a bat	chalk from cheese	mustard	the nose on your face
brass	a lord	life	the grave
a berry	a fiddle	a feather	a fox
a bee	a pancake	a hatter	a rock
a bell	a daisy	the hills	toast
a cucumber	gold	a church mouse	two peas in a pod
a doornail	nails	a picture	
a post	lead	clockwork	

- 1 As mad as .....
- 2 As flat as .....
- 3 As dead as .....
- 4 As heavy as .....
- 5 As light as .....
- 6 As regular as .....
- 7 As blind as .....
- 8 As different as .....
- 9 As clear as .....
- 10 As plain as .....
- 11 As like as .....
- 12 As cunning as .....
- 13 As hard as .....
- 14 As busy as .....
- 15 As keen as .....
- 16 As poor as .....
- 17 As steady as .....
- 18 As deaf as .....
- 19 As fit as .....

- 20 As pretty as .....
- 21 As bold as .....
- 22 As drunk as .....
- 23 As cool as .....
- 24 As warm as .....
- 25 As old as .....
- 26 As fresh as .....
- 27 As large as .....
- 28 As silent as .....
- 29 As good as .....
- 30 As brown as .....

Find the opposites of the words on the left. Choose from the ones on the right.  
Number 1 has been done for you.

ADJECTIVE

OPPOSITE

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| 1 harmless       | ..... | <i>harmful</i> |
| 2 generous       | ..... |                |
| 3 permanent      | ..... |                |
| 4 industrious    | ..... |                |
| 5 gigantic       | ..... |                |
| 6 friendly       | ..... |                |
| 7 dull           | ..... |                |
| 8 daring         | ..... |                |
| 9 dear           | ..... |                |
| 10 narrow-minded | ..... |                |
| 11 real          | ..... |                |
| 12 horrible      | ..... |                |
| 13 gradual       | ..... |                |
| 14 keen          | ..... |                |
| 15 fortunate     | ..... |                |

lazy
broad-minded
timid
sudden
unfortunate
mean
wonderful
hostile
temporary
uninterested
exciting
cheap
imaginary
harmful
minute