

**Complete the sentences below with a suitable word from the list**

a bell, a pancake, a fox, a bee, a cucumber, a peacock, a lamb, the grave, a picture, a sheet

1. Jane looked as pretty *as a picture* in her white silk dress.
2. Mr Bayer looks a rather rough type but he is really as gentle as \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Her voice rang out as clear as \_\_\_\_\_.
4. When Jenny came top of the class she was as proud as \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The land around town is as flat as \_\_\_\_\_. There isn't a hill in sight.
6. When Mr Jenkins heard the news he went as white as \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Her mother has been as busy as \_\_\_\_\_ all day making all the last minute preparations for the wedding.
8. John remained as silent as \_\_\_\_\_ as he listened to my plans for the future.
9. Mary stayed as cool as \_\_\_\_\_ and gave not even the slightest sign that she had met him before.
10. You can be sure he has an ulterior motive for inviting us to dinner; he is as cunning as \_\_\_\_\_.

**Complete the sentences below with a suitable word or words from the list**

a brush, brass, a bat, a feather, a mouse, life, gold, a fiddle, clockwork, two peas in a pod

1. Old Mr. Higgins is as fit as \_\_\_\_\_. He still jogs ten miles every morning.
2. She gets up at six every morning as regular as \_\_\_\_\_.
3. My suitcase feels as light as \_\_\_\_\_. I must have forgotten to pack something.
4. I wouldn't take any notice of anything he says. He's as daft as \_\_\_\_\_.
5. My dad is as blind as \_\_\_\_\_ without his glasses.
6. I thought John was abroad, but he turned up at the meeting as large as \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The twins are as like as \_\_\_\_\_. Nobody can tell them apart.
8. She marched to the front of the queue as bold as \_\_\_\_\_ and demanded to be served at once.
9. The children were as good as \_\_\_\_\_. I didn't hear a peep out of them all night.
10. We have to be as quite as \_\_\_\_\_ so that we don't wake up the baby.

**Complete the idioms below using an appropriate word from the box.**

dogs, cows, goat, bear, bird, elephant, cat, rat, horse, fish

1. I felt like a \_\_\_\_\_ out of water in my new job for the first two weeks.
2. She eats like a \_\_\_\_\_ -- that's why she's so thin.
3. The extension turned out to be a white \_\_\_\_\_ as nobody needed the extra space.
4. You're flogging a dead \_\_\_\_\_ trying to persuade me to come with you. You'll never get me to change my mind.
5. I wouldn't mind lending hem money but what gets my \_\_\_\_\_ is that he never pays me back.
6. Karen is like a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ with a sore head this morning. What has made her so bad tempered?
7. The man told me he had come to mend the photocopier but I began to smell a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ when I found him in the director's office.
8. The deal was supposed to be secret. Who let the \_\_\_\_\_ out of the bag.
9. Since the new manager took over, the business is really going to the \_\_\_\_\_. The service is not up to standard and the staff are inexperienced.
10. I could stay and talk to you till the \_\_\_\_\_ come home, but I really must leave now.

## KEYS

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2. Mr Bayer looks a rather rough type but he is really as gentle as a lamb.
3. Her voice rang out as clear as a bell.
4. When Jenny came top of the class she was as proud as a peacock.
5. The land around town is as flat as a pancake. There isn't a hill in sight.
6. When Mr. Jenkins heard the news he went as white as a sheet.
7. Her mother has been as busy as a bee all day making all the last minute preparations for the wedding.
8. John remained as silent as the grave as he listened to my plans for the future.
9. Mary stayed as cool as a cucumber and gave not even the slightest sign that she had met him before.
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1. Old Mr. Higgins is as fit as a fiddle. He still jogs ten miles every morning.
2. She gets up at six every morning as regular as a clockwork.
3. My suitcase feels as light as a feather. I must have forgotten to pack something.
4. I wouldn't take any notice of anything he says. He's as daft as a brush.
5. My dad is as blind as a bat without his glasses.
6. I thought John was abroad, but he turned up at the meeting as large as life.
7. The twins are as like as two peas in a pod. Nobody can tell them apart.
8. She marched to the front of the queue as bold as brass and demanded to be served at once.
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1. I felt like a FISH out of water in my new job for the first two weeks.
2. She eats like a BIRD-- that's why she's so thin.
3. The extension turned out to be a white ELEPHANT as nobody needed the extra space.
4. You're flogging a dead HORSE trying to persuade me to come with you. You'll never get me to change my mind. (to waste effort without a positive outcome)
5. I wouldn't mind lending him money but what gets my GOAT is that he never pays me back. (irritate)
6. Karen is like a(n) BEAR with a sore head this morning. What has made her so bad tempered?
7. The man told me he had come to mend the photocopier but I began to smell a(n) RAT when I found him in the director's office.
8. The deal was supposed to be secret. Who let the CAT out of the bag.
9. Since the new manager took over, the business is really going to the DOGS. The service is not up to standard and the staff are inexperienced.
10. I could stay and talk to you till the COWS come home, but I really must leave now. (for a very long time)