

## 2º de Bachillerato

### IDIOMS OF COMPARISON

#### A) COMPARISONS WITH ADJECTIVES

as black as the Ace of Spades / soot / coal  
as black as midnight  
as blind as a bat / a beetle / a mole  
as bold as brass  
as bold as a lion  
as bright as silver / noonday / day  
as brown as a berry  
as busy as a bee  
as changeable as the weather / the moon  
as cheerful as a lark  
as clear as a bell  
as clear as crystal  
as clear as the nose on your face  
as cold as a frog, a stone  
as cold as ice  
as cold as a cucumber  
as cunning as a fox  
as dark as pitch  
as dead as a doornail  
as deaf as a post  
as different as chalk from cheese  
as drunk as a lord  
as dry as a bone  
as dry as dust  
as dry as a stick  
as dumb as a fish  
as easy as ABC  
as fair as a rose  
as fat as butter / a pig  
as fierce as a tiger  
as firm as a rock  
as flat as a board  
as free as (the) air / a bird

as gay as a lark  
as gaudy as a peacock / a butterfly  
as good as gold  
as graceful as a swan  
as grave as a judge  
as greedy as a wolf / a pig / a dog  
as green as grass  
as happy as a king  
as happy as the day is long  
as hard as a stone / nails  
as harmless as a dove / a kitten  
as hot as fire  
as hot as pepper  
as hungry as a hunter  
as innocent as a dove  
as keen as mustard  
as large as life  
as light as a feather / air  
as like as two peas in a pod / two beans  
as loud as thunder  
as mad as a hatter / a March hare  
as merry as a cricket  
as mute as a fish  
as obstinate as a mule  
as old as the hills  
as pale as a ghost / death  
as patient as Job / an ox  
as plain as the the nose on your face  
as playful as a kitten  
as plump as a partridge  
as poor as a church-mouse  
as pretty as a picture  
as proud as a peacock / Lucifer  
as quick as lightning  
as quiet as a lamb / a mouse  
as red as fire / blood / a cherry / a rose  
as regular as clockwork  
as rich as Croesus  
as round as a barrel / a globe / an apple  
as sharp as a needle / a razor

as silent as the stars  
as silly as a sheep / a goose  
as slippery as an eel  
as smooth as velvet  
as smooth as butter / oil  
as sound as a bell  
as sour as vinegar  
as steady as a rock  
as timid as a rabbit  
as tough as leather  
as tricky as a monkey  
as ugly as a scarecrow  
as vain as a peacock  
as warm as toast  
as watchful as a hawk  
as wet as a drowned rat  
as white as snow  
as white as a sheet  
as wise as an owl / Solomon

#### B) COMPARISONS WITH VERBS

to be off like a shot  
to come down on someone like a ton of bricks  
to drink like a fish  
to eat like a horse  
to fight like cat and dog  
to fit like a glove  
to get on like a house on fire  
to go like the wind  
to live like fighting cocks  
to run like a hare  
to sing like a bird / lark / nightingale  
to shake / tremble like a leaf  
to sleep like a log  
to smoke like a chimney  
to spend money like water

to spread like wildfire  
to swear like a trooper  
to swim like a fish  
to take to something like a duck to water  
to work like a Trojan

#### C) MISCELLANEOUS COMPARISONS

(to be) like a bull in a china shop  
(to be) like a bear with a sore head  
(to be) like a dog with two tails  
(to have) eyes like a ferret  
(to be / feel) like a fish out of water  
(to have) a hide like a rhinoceros  
(to have) a memory like an elephant  
(to have) a memory like a sieve  
(to be) like a red rag to a bull  
(to be) like water off a duck's back  
(to have) as many faces as the moon  
(to go) at a snail's pace  
as the crow flies  
to look as if / though one has been dragged through a hedge backwards  
like an oven  
like a whirlwind

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