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Chapter 1 Lesson 3 (pp. 18–20)

Eliminate Clichés

Activity A Read each cliché below. Then rewrite each one as a fresh expression.

EXAMPLE tip of the iceberg first fish fed to the bear

1. ants in your pants _____
2. calm before the storm _____
3. down in the dumps _____
4. cute as a button _____
5. drive you up a wall _____

Activity B Cross out the cliché in each sentence below. Rewrite the sentence using fresh, original language.

1. The football player remained cool as a cucumber despite the enormous linebacker barreling toward him.

2. Marco polished his French horn until it was as clean as a whistle.

3. Watching the band perform all their hits, Bernard was as happy as a clam.

4. Lucinda slept like a baby in her new Sleep EZ adjustable bed.

5. Nana had a reputation for being tough as nails.

6. Mr. Ruiz explained the math equation until the answer was as clear as day.
