Cliché Worksheet

A cliché is a phrase that has been used so much that it no longer has any power. Clichés are both stale and predictable.

Can you predict how the clichés below will end?

- All that glitters ____________________________
- Don't get your knickers _______________________
- All for one, and ______________________________
- Kiss and ________________________________
- He ran off with his tail _______________________
- And they all lived __________________________
- Has the cat got ____________________________

You should avoid clichés in your writing whenever possible. Instead, try to express what you want to say in a way that is both original and easy to understand.

DIRECTIONS: Underline the clichés in the sentences below. Then, on the back of this paper, rewrite each sentence so that it has the same meaning without using a cliché.

1. John can hit the ball far because he is strong as an ox.
2. Al was grinning from ear to ear when heard the news.
3. Mary was green with envy when she saw Kelly’s dress.
4. The doctor said Mr. Jones is as healthy as a horse.
5. Ryan is cool as a cucumber under pressure.