

Name _____ **Clichés**



Clearing Up Clichés

DIRECTIONS: Many students use clichés because they feel comfortable with them. However, clichés are generally considered to be bad writing. It is best to avoid clichés entirely. Practice this skill by rewriting each of the clichés below in clear, simple language. Follow the example.

beyond the shadow of a doubt undoubtedly

the straw that broke the camel's back

breath a sigh of relief

take the bull by the horns

like two peas in a pod

actions speak louder than words

packed tight as sardines

fed up

have a sneaking suspicion

a gut-wrenching experience

without a care in the world

the bottom line

last but not least
