

Idioms with as... as ranking activities

Your feelings about idioms with as... as ranking

Rank the idioms below by how much you like them, thinking about things like:

- how useful they could be in communication
- how much sense they make
- how colourful they are/ how evocative they are

Ones near the bottom of your list could be ones which are too obvious, don't make sense, seem too specific to be useful, etc. When you finish, compare lists with someone else, changing your list if you agree that any of their rankings make more sense.

as busy	as a bee	with lots of things to do
as clean	as a whistle	no dirt
as different	as chalk and cheese	very dissimilar, particularly in personality
as easy	as ABC	very simple
as happy	as a clam	very contented
as old	as the hills	ancient
as quick	as a flash	very fast
as safe	as houses	a sure bet/ something that must happen
as sick	as a dog	very ill, often due to drinking
as tough	as old boots	food, e.g. a steak, that is difficult to chew

Positive and negative idioms with as... as ranking

Rank the idioms below by how complimentary they are/ how positive they are (top of the list) to how insulting/ how negative they are (at the bottom of the list). Then compare with someone else, changing your list if you accept their reasons why their list is different.

as blind	as a bat	with bad eyesight
as clear	as mud	very difficult to understand
as cool	as a cucumber	very calm
as cunning/ sly	as a fox	clever, but in a bad way

as deaf	as a doorpost	very hard of hearing
as drunk	as a Lord	having had too much alcohol
as gentle	as a lamb	very kind, soft or even passive
as greedy	as a pig	eating too much food
as hard	as nails	very strong (personality/ physique)
as thin	as a rake	very skinny

Common and less common idioms with as... as ranking

Rank the idioms below by how often you think they are used, then Google the top five to check (putting the idiom inside quotation marks, like "easy as pie")

as easy	as pie	very simple
as flat	as a pancake	no hills or bumps
as light	as a feather	not heavy
as mad	as a hatter	crazy
as proud	as a peacock	thinking you have done something great
as quiet	as a mouse	softly spoken
as tough	as leather	meat or other food that is difficult to chew
as regular	as clockwork	happening often
as miserable	as sin	very sad
as white	as a sheet	with all colour gone, e.g. from fright

Without looking at the cards above, write the missing part in each box below.

	as a bee	with lots of things to do
	as a whistle	no dirt
	as chalk and cheese	very dissimilar, particularly in personality
	as ABC	very simple
	as a clam	very contented
as old		ancient
as quick		very fast
as safe	as houses	
as sick		very ill, often due to drinking
	as old boots	food, e.g. a steak, that is difficult to chew
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	as a doorpost	very hard of hearing
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as gentle		very kind, soft or even passive
	as a pig	eating too much food

	as nails	very strong (personality/ physique)
	as a rake	very skinny
	as pie	very simple
as flat		no hills or bumps
as light		not heavy
	as a hatter	crazy
as proud		thinking you have done something great
	as a mouse	softly spoken
	as leather	meat or other food that is difficult to chew
as regular		happening often
as miserable	as sin	
as white		with all colour gone, e.g. from fright

Check above. Other answers might be possible, so please check if you wrote something different.