



OVERCOMING CLICHÉ



Discuss what is meant by a **cliché**. As a class, list the obvious images and reasons why clichés make for weak writing.

Complete the first column with the cliché and the final column with your own specific image to create an original **simile**. A simile is a poetic device that compares two things with the use of the words as or like.

TIP:
It may help to read Mauree Applegate's poem 'Be Specific' before you begin this task.

Explore our learning resources for a full list of supplementary activities, including an expanded resource on overcoming cliché.

Starter Clichés

E.g: *As fast as a cheetah*

As silent as

As tender as

As crunchy as

As ancient as

As strange as

Original and Unusual Imagery

E.g: *As fast as a comet tail whispering into the cobalt sky*

As silent as

As tender as

As crunchy as

As ancient as

As strange as