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as good as

as heavy as

as dull as

as pretty as

as clean as

as big as

as quick as

as rich as

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It rained like



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These activities encourage your child to think of original comparisons and to avoid overused expressions. There are no right or wrong answers to these questions – accept any original similes as long as they include the words *like* or *as*.