

Idioms with as... as call my bluff

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Student A/ Cards to cut up/ Suggested answers

as blind	as a bat	with bad eyesight
as busy	as a bee	with lots of things to do
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 different	as chalk and cheese	very dissimilar, particularly in personality
as drunk	as a Lord	having had too much alcohol
as easy	as pie/ as ABC	very simple
as flat	as a pancake	no hills
as gentle	as a lamb	very kind, soft or even passive

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Student B/ Cards to cut up/ Suggested answers

as greedy	as a pig	eating too much food
as hard	as nails	very strong (personality/ physique)
as miserable	as sin	very sad
as old	as the hills	ancient
as quiet	as a mouse	softly spoken
as quick	a flash	very fast
as regular	as clockwork	happening often
as safe	as houses	a sure bet/ something that must happen
as tough	as leather/ old boots	food, e.g. a steak, that is difficult to chew
as white	as a sheet	with all colour gone, e.g. from fright

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

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Check above. Other answers are possible, so check if you wrote something different.