

EXERCISE 18-5 Clichés

Edit the following sentences to replace worn-out expressions and clarify mixed figures of speech. Revisions of lettered sentences appear in the back of the book. Example:

When he heard about the accident, ~~he turned white as a sheet.~~
the color drained from his face.
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- a. John stormed into the room like a bull in a china shop.
 - b. The president thought that the scientists were using science as a sledgehammer to grind their political axes.
 - c. The Cubs easily beat the Mets, who were in the soup early in the game today at Wrigley Field.
 - d. We ironed out the sticky spots in our relationship.
 - e. Sasha told us that he wasn't willing to put his neck out on a limb.
1. Once she had sunk her teeth into it, Helen burned through the assignment.
 2. The interrogators were raking him over the ropes.
 3. The dean of students acted like a big fish in a little pond.
 4. There are too many cooks in the broth here at corporate headquarters.
 5. Juanita told Kyle that keeping skeletons in the closet would be playing with fire.