

## Cliches

### **Avoid clichés, such as:**

aching void  
all work and no play  
ardent admirer  
at one fell swoop  
bated breath  
bathed in tears  
beyond the shadow of a doubt  
blessed event  
bolt from the blue  
burn the midnight oil  
busy as a bee  
commune with nature  
crying shame  
deadly earnest  
depths of despair  
dull, sickening thud  
epic struggle  
eternal vigilance  
far be it from me  
few and far between  
first and foremost  
fools rush in  
from the sublime to the ridiculous  
gone but not forgotten  
grand finale  
grim reaper  
hard facts  
herculean efforts  
if the truth were told  
in the last analysis  
in this day and age  
it goes without saying  
last but not least  
left-handed compliment  
let's face it  
make the best of a bad bargain  
method in his madness  
nipped in the bud  
no sooner said than done  
off the beaten track  
over and done with  
passed away/on  
picturesque scene  
pride and joy  
proud possessor  
radiantly happy  
rotten to the core

ripe old age  
sigh of relief  
sneaking suspicion  
strike while the iron is hot  
straight and narrow  
such is life  
supreme sacrifice  
the powers that be  
through thick and thin  
tiny tots  
to all intents and purposes  
trials and tribulations  
variety is the spice of life  
venture a suggestion  
weaker sex  
words fail me  
worse for wear  
wreak havoc