**Metaphors, similes and clichés**

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**Avoid clichés or renew them**

**Cliché:** The wheels came off

**Giving new life by extending the metaphor:** “… then the wheels came off, then the doors, and then the engine, until it was basically right-handed ace Jacob deGrom carrying a steering column.”

**Cliché:** his head was egg shaped

**Giving new Life by extending the metaphor:** “… the crown of his head was so perfectly egg-shaped I imagined myself tapping it with a spoon.”

**Using a simile to create a vivid image: “**I’ve always been irrationally optimistic about [the Mets], like a puppy that keeps running full speed into a glass door.

**Comparison to reveal character:** “… he went off into a soliloquy about the Long Island Expressway and various exits and for a minute I thought I was talking to my father.”