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# Writing with Clichés

A cliché is an expression that has become so overused that it has lost the originality and appeal that it once had. Generally, you should avoid using clichés. However, there are some situations in which a cliché can be used with intention for effect:

- To connect with your audience. Certain idiomatic phrases and slang words resonate with different audiences.
- To simplify concepts when teaching something new.
- For characterization. Having a character always speak in clichés tells readers that the character is not thinking in a very original way.

**DIRECTIONS:** Write a few lines of dialogue that include the thoughtful and intentional use of a cliché. Be prepared to explain your stylistic choice to the class.

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