

Hyperboles

A hyperbole is a figure of speech in which exaggeration is used for emphasis or effect, often not meant to be taken literally.

Instructions: Read each sentence and identify the hyperbole used.

- 1) The classroom was so silent; you could hear a pin drop. _____
- 2) My backpack weighs a ton with all these books! _____
- 3) His car is faster than the speed of light. _____
- 4) The line for the new iPhone was a mile long. _____
- 5) I'm so hungry I could eat a horse. _____
- 6) The wait for graduation feels like a century. _____
- 7) The concert was so loud; my ears are still ringing. _____
- 8) Her smile could light up the entire room. _____
- 7) This novel is as long as a marathon. _____
- 8) Trying to master the violin is like learning a new language. _____

Discussion:

Share one hyperbole you've encountered in real life or in literature.

How does the use of hyperbole contribute to the impact or tone of a statement?

Challenge:

Create your own hyperbolic statement. Be creative and have fun with exaggeration!