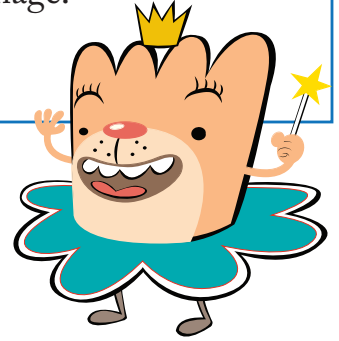


Answer Key**Having Fun with Hyperbole**

A **hyperbole** (hy-PER-buh-lee) is an exaggeration so dramatic that it is obviously not true. It is used as a figure of speech in writing to make a point or create a vivid image.

Example: I'm so hungry I could eat a horse!



★ Connect the phrase on the left with its corresponding hyperbole.

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| 1. The dirty dishes | you could see it from a mile away. |
| 2. My suitcase weighs | an eternity. |
| 3. The students put in | mountain of homework he had to complete. |
| 4. Josh had a | were stacked a hundred feet high. |
| 5. Shanelle had a smile so big that | a ton. |
| 6. I haven't seen my Aunt Jana | in ages. |
| 7. The teacher talked for | 110% of their effort during the final exam. |

★ Replace the words in parentheses with a hyperbole. Write the hyperbole on the answer line.

Students' answers will vary.

8. The drive home took (a long time) a hundred hours .
9. The building is (tall) as tall as the sky .
10. My bedroom is (dirty) a pig sty .

★ Think About the Definition

Why does the word, **hyperbole**, come from the Greek word 'hyperbolé', meaning: excess, exaggeration, or throwing beyond? **Students' answers will vary.**

Hyperbole comes from the Greek word hyperbolé because it is a sentence that uses

a sentence that uses exaggeration for effect.