

Hyperboles + Superlatives **Answers**

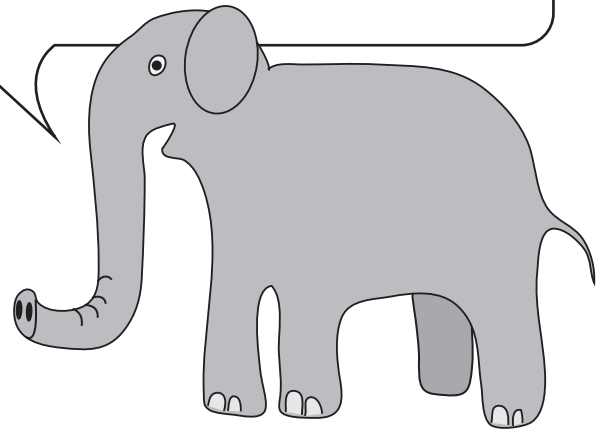
A **hyperbole** (hy-PER-buh-lee) is an exaggeration so dramatic that it is obviously not true. It is used as a figure of speech in writing to make a point or create a vivid image.

Like, "I just ate a million pounds of cheese!"



Sometimes authors use superlatives when they write hyperboles. A **superlative** is an adjective that expresses the highest degree of something. Superlatives often end with the suffix -est.

Like, "biggest" or "heaviest".



Circle the superlative in each hyperbole.

1. My dad is the **tallest** person in the world!
2. This homework is the **hardest** thing I've ever done!
3. Fluffy is the **laziest** cat in the universe.
4. Tommy is the **best** friend you could ever dream of.
5. That drum is the **loudest** thing I've ever heard!

Write your own hyperboles using each of the superlatives below. **Example Answers: Answers will vary.**

1. happiest She is naturally cheerful, but she's happiest when she's out in nature.
2. biggest He had the biggest smile after we told him the good news.
3. hungriest After fasting for one day, I was the hungriest I had ever been.
4. stinkiest My dog had the stinkiest breath after rummaging through the trash.
5. nicest The teacher gives the nicest compliments, and it brings out the best in her students.