

OVER THE TOP

Hyperbole

In literature, figurative language refers to the use of images or phrases that make different kinds of comparisons. One type of figurative language is called **hyperbole**, which is an obvious and usually funny exaggeration. For example, you may have heard the phrase, "I am so hungry I could eat a horse!" This is hyperbole, since it is not meant to be serious and is over-the-top to make a point. Good hyperbole is so exaggerated that the reader knows immediately that you are joking.

Complete each sentence using a hyperbole of your own creation!

1. I sat in one place so long during the painting class that _____.

2. The house was as big as a _____.

3. After working out for months I was as strong as an _____.

4. My dog made the funniest noise yesterday. It sounded like _____.

5. After I got straight A's on my report card, I was so happy that I could _____.

