

Hyperboles + Superlatives

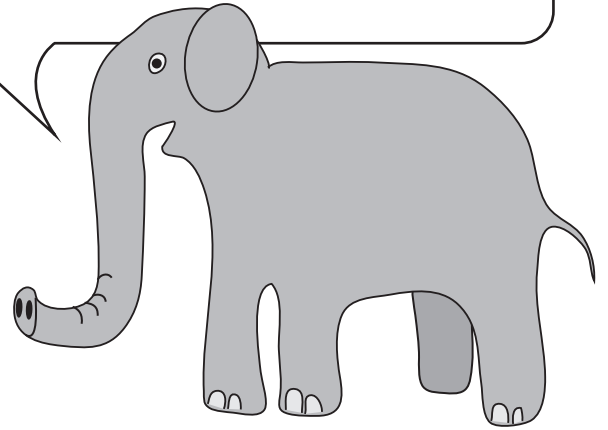
A **hyperbole** (hy-PER-buh-lee) is an exaggeration so dramatic that it is obviously not true. It is used as a figure of speech in writing to make a point or create a vivid image.

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.

1. happiest _____

2. biggest _____

3. hungriest _____

4. stinkiest _____

5. nicest _____