



Hyperboles

Extravagant Exaggerations!

Grades 4-6

- **What is a Hyperbole?** Hyperbole is a type of figurative language that is used in poetry or non-fiction writing. Comedians also use it to make jokes. It is using exaggerations to make writing more interesting.
- **Act It Out;** Students work in partner-pairs. Each partner-pair chooses a hyperbole. The first student says, "My sister uses so much _____, she broke the chisel trying to get it off last night." The second student pretends she is putting on makeup. Classmates guess the missing word which is "makeup." Classmates ask, "HOW MUCH MAKEUP DID SHE USE?" Partner-pairs answer, "She used so much makeup she broke a chisel trying to get it off last night!" Encourage students to get into character and make the acting out, questions and answers real enough for their own Comedy Show! Consider team competitions for this activity.
- **Create Your Own:** Ask students to take one or two hyperboles and create their own hyperboles. For example, how many can you think of for, "My sister uses so much makeup . . ."

Sentences Containing Hyperboles

1. His sister uses so much makeup that she broke the chisel trying to get it off last night.
2. My sister has such long legs, she has to sit in the backseat to drive the car.
3. My dog is so ugly, we have to pay the fleas to live on him.
4. The town I grew up in is so isolated, it makes ghost towns look popular.
5. The Statue of Liberty is so big, when I looked up, I almost got whiplash.
6. Your sister is so skinny, she has to run around in the shower to get wet.
7. Texas is so flat, you can see your dog run away for three days before he is out of sight.
8. My dog is so ugly, he only has cat friends.
9. My best friend is so forgetful, I have to remind her what her name is.
10. My sister uses so much makeup, my mom doesn't know her when she takes it off.
11. My teacher is so old, she remembers when the dinosaurs died.
12. My dog is so ugly, he has to sneak up on his dish to eat.
13. My principal is so busy, we have to make reservations two weeks in advance to get sent home for the day.
14. My mother is so tall, she looks down at the mother giraffe at the zoo.
15. The test was so hard that when I finished it, I was 100 years old.

16. It was so hot that if you dropped an egg on the sidewalk, it would fry.
17. My sister uses so much makeup, by the time she gets it on, it's time to take it off again.
18. Our library is so old, the books are numbers with Roman Numerals.
19. My history teacher is so old, she lived through the Civil War.
20. This town is so small, you'd better not blink or you will miss seeing it.
21. The town I grew up in was so isolated, the only friend I had was a deer.
22. I grew up in a town so isolated, it makes ghost towns look popular.
23. It was so cold last winter that even the polar bears were wearing coats.
24. My teacher is so old, she taught the cavemen how to build a fire.
25. My car is so old, it is pulled by a horse.
26. My town is so large, it takes 3 hours to get to the neighborhood grocery store.
27. Our house is so old, when you walk, it shakes like an earthquake.
28. My teacher is so mean, she eats first graders for lunch.
29. My friend was so honest, when he got locked in the grocery store, he starved to death.
30. My dog is so ugly, when he saw himself in a mirror, he ran away.
31. My sister uses so much makeup, she loses 30 pounds when she takes it off.
32. The town I grew up in, the movie theater only had two seats.
33. My friend is so crazy, he thinks the moon is really made of cheese.
34. My dog is so fast, the fleas have to use super-glue to stay on.
35. My principal is so smart, he claims to have invented the question mark.



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