

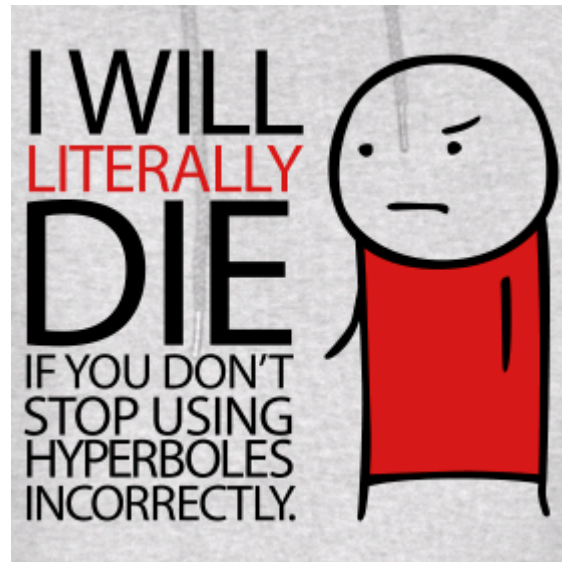


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Hyperbole

HYPERBOLE

Hyperbole is a figure of speech (A form of irony: contrast between what is said & what is meant) in which exaggeration is used for emphasis or effect; an extravagant statement. Overstatement.



IDENTIFYING HYPERBOLES

Hyperboles cannot be taken literally and are an overstatement.

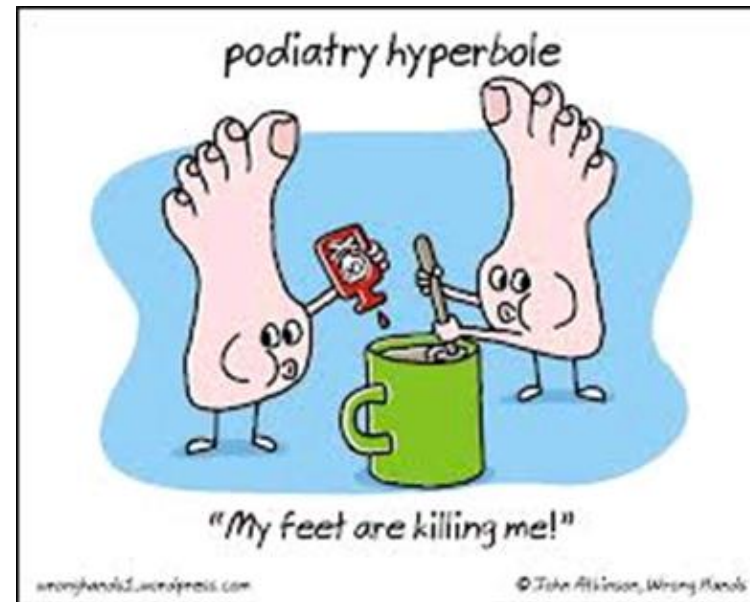
Common Examples:

“I’m so hungry I could eat a horse.”

“I’ve told you a million times.”

“I had a ton of homework.”

“He is as skinny as a toothpick.”



EXAMPLES IN MEDIA

Despicable Me

Body Wash

Direct TV

If I could fall
Into the sky
Do you think time
Would pass me by
'Cause you know I'd walk
A thousand miles
If I could
Just see you
Tonight

A Thousand Miles – Vanessa Carlton



CREATE YOUR OWN!

Here are some scenarios:

You haven't eaten since 8:00 AM and now it is 8:00 PM, what do you say?

Your roommate brought over a guy and he smells, what do you say?

You keep flipping through channels on TV but there is nothing you want to watch, what do you say?

You go to a friend's house in the Summer and the AC is out, what do you say?

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