



**Hyperbole**

**Figurative language  
is language in  
which figures of  
speech freely occur.**

# Lesson objectives

**After this lesson, students will be able to:**

- **define personification and hyperbole**
- **create examples of hyperbole**

# What is it?

It's often used to make something sound much bigger and **better than it actually is** or to make something sound much more dramatic.

Hyperbole is a figure of speech.

For example: "There's **enough food** in the cupboard **to feed an entire army!**"

Hyperbole can also be used to make something sound **much worse than it actually is.**

For example: "This is the worst book in the world!" – the speaker doesn't literally mean that the book is the worst one ever written, but is using hyperbole to be dramatic and emphasize their opinion.

In American and British English, hyperbole is pronounced **'HI-PUR-BOW-LEE'**. Hyperbole is the art of using exaggeration.

Think of a hyperbole as a writing tool that can be used to magnify a point. Writers use this tool to make a situation better or worse.



## Example of hyperbole

**She bought everything in the store!**

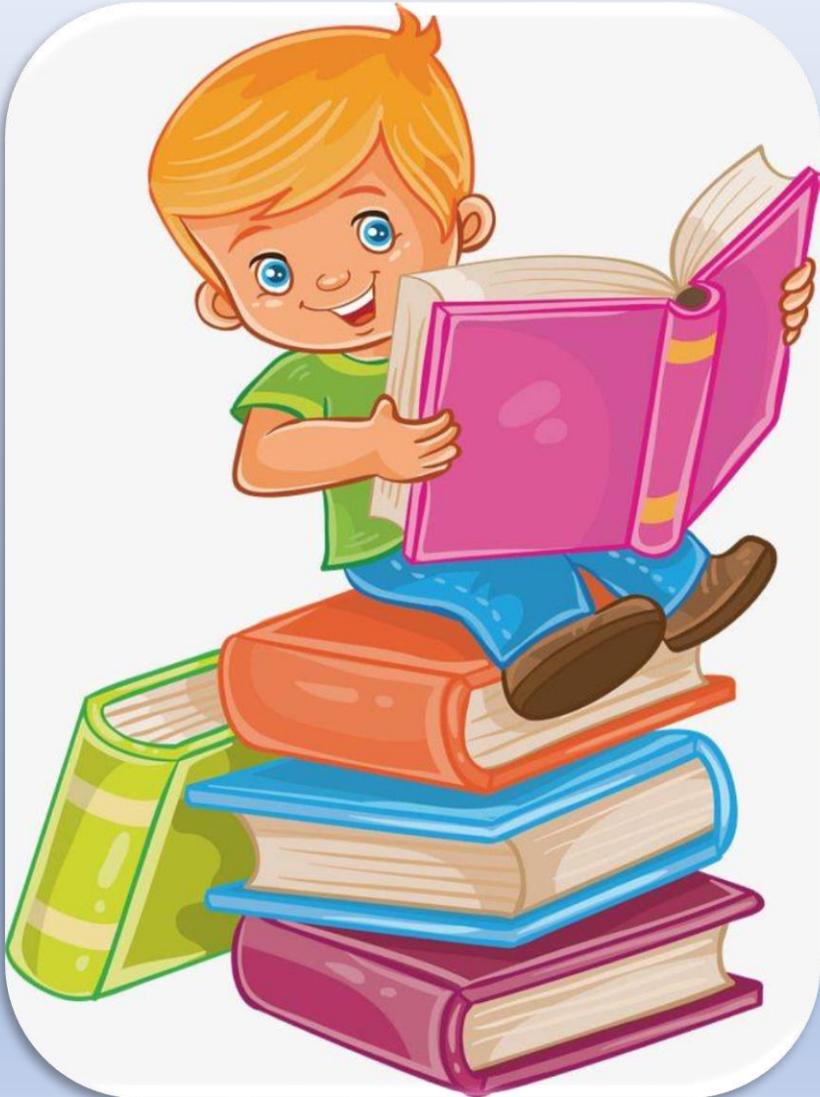
It is an exaggerated statement.



## Why would you want to use hyperbole?

- Using hyperbole in inflating something to make it bigger than it actually is
- You can use it for effect and to emphasize a real situation
- To add humor or for dramatic writing
- To add energy and excitement

# When do I use a hyperbole?



You can use it in public speaking, music, and literature.



## Can also be used in poetry

### Hyperbole of My Dog

Little Girl is my dog.  
She sleeps like a log  
She has a huge mouth,  
And eats like a hog  
In her excitement  
Her tail is a whip times ten.  
When she sees food  
Her eyes start to spin.

by Autumn Jones



## Examples of hyperbole

**I am so hungry. I could eat an elephant right now!**



**I ate so much I think I'm going to explode!**

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## To describe time



**I have been waiting forever!**

**I haven't seen you in years.**



**I will love you forever!**

## To express how you feel

**My shoes are  
killing me!**



**He almost died he was  
laughing so hard!**

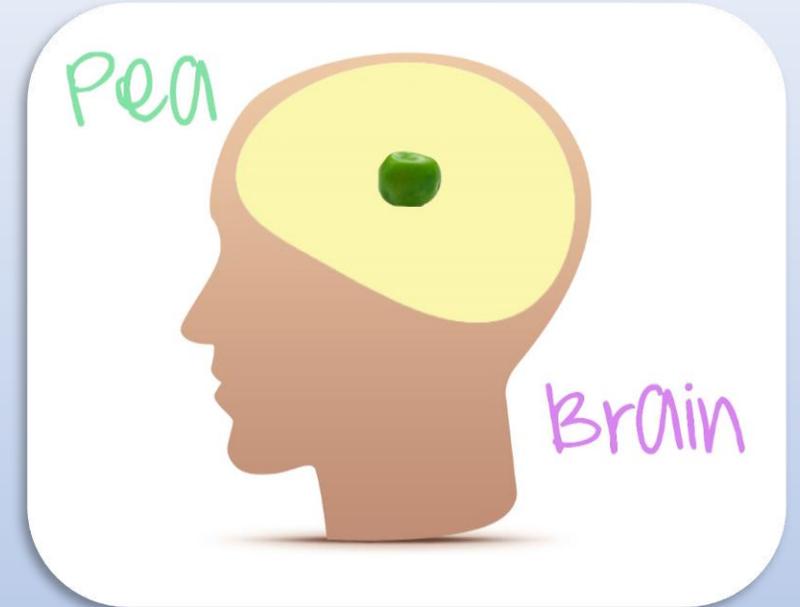


**I 'm so tired I could sleep for a year!**



## To describe a person

**His brain is the size of a pea!**

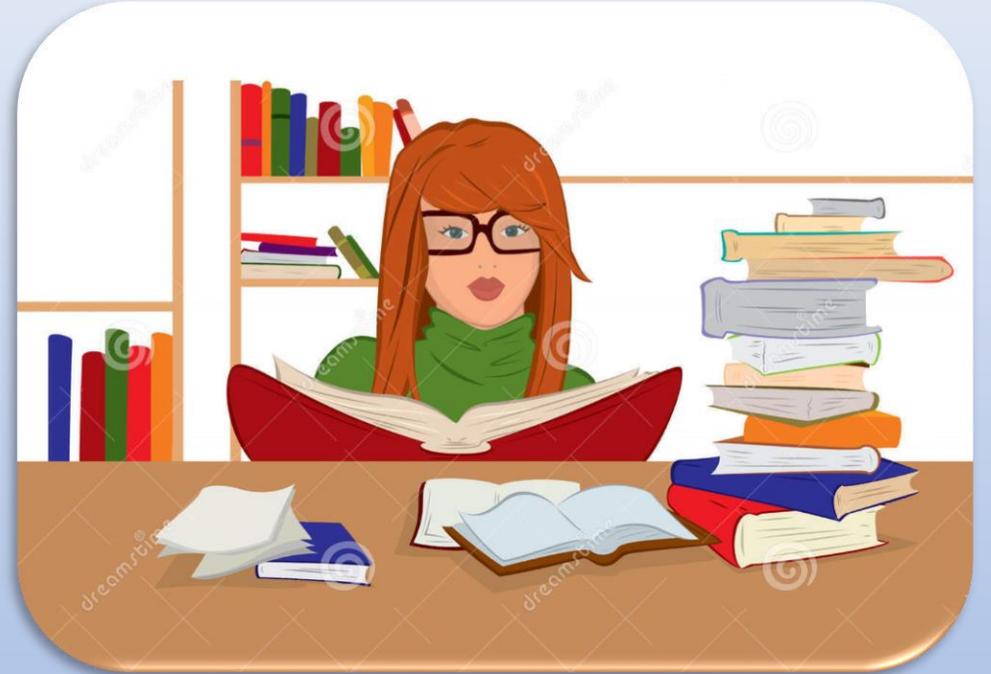


**You snore louder than a freight train!**

**You can even use it to talk about school**

**This lesson lasted forever!**

**There were a million questions on the test!**



**I had to read 1,000 pages before I found the answer!**

# Practice



**I'm so exhausted,  
I can't move.**



**Oh! I never realized  
it had a million legs.**



**This test is killing me.**

# Examples

- He's running faster than the wind.
- This bag weighs a ton.
- That man is as tall as a house.
- This is the worst day of my life.
- The shopping cost me a million dollars.
- My dad will kill me when he comes home.
- Your skin is softer than silk.
- She's as skinny as a toothpick.
- She was so happy; her smile was a mile wide.
- The footballer is the best player of all time.

Now that we have discussed personification and hyperbole

**Ask yourself these questions:**

**Is it an impossible concept?**

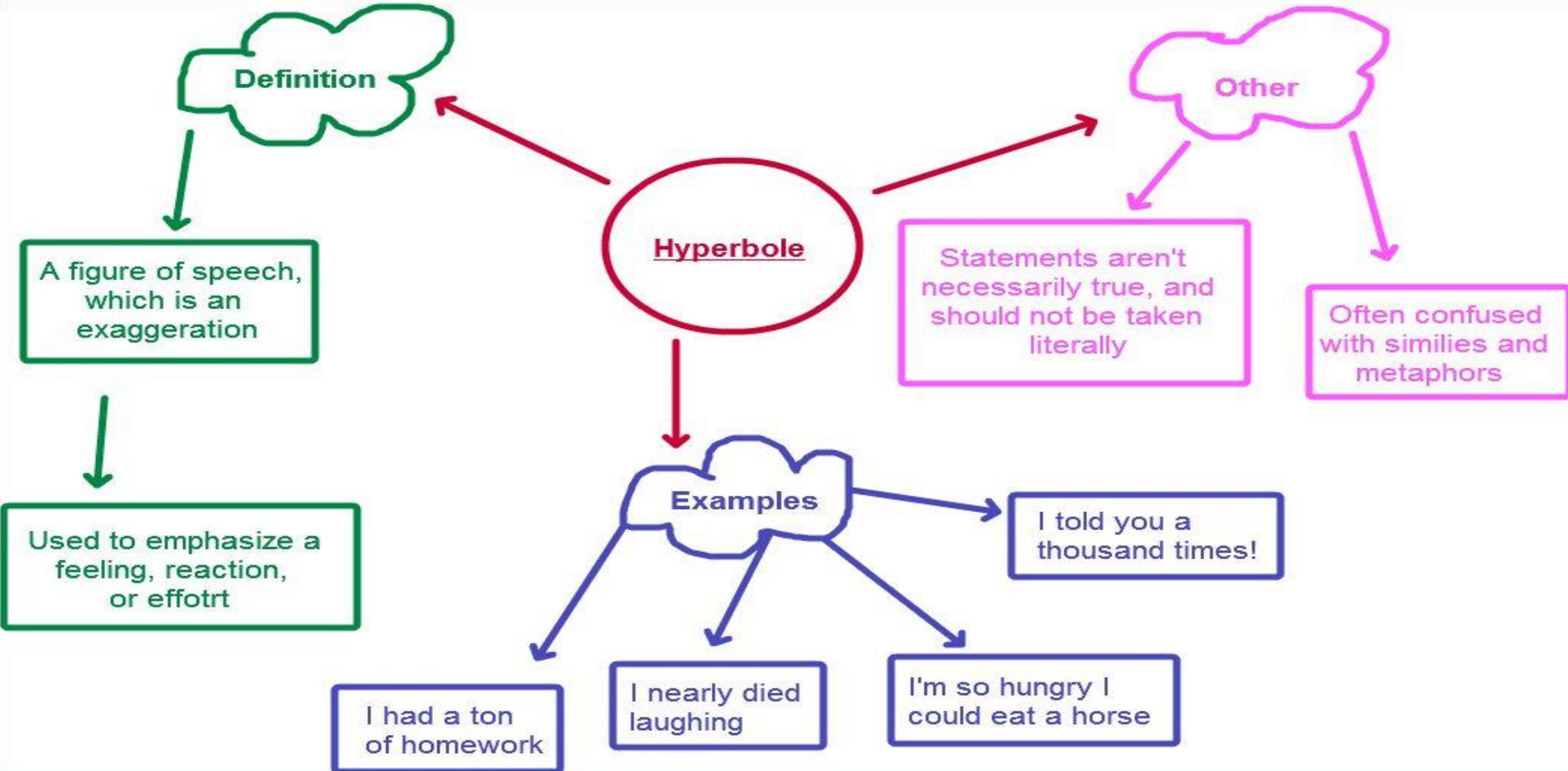
**Is it larger than life?**

**Is it stretching the truth?**

**If the answer is yes then the writer is using personification or hyperbolic language to make a point.**



# Now Let's review



**Now that you have learned about  
personification and hyperbole**

**You are on your way to becoming a better writer.**



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