

Literary Terms: Hyperbole

Hyperbole is exaggeration used to enhance effect in writing.

Example: Helen was so strong she brought the house down.

Underline the hyperbole in the following sentences.

1. Of course on vacation days, it would rain cats and dogs!
2. Jamie was higher than a kite with happiness as the holidays approached.
3. He was so in love, he thought the world revolved around Sally.
4. I am so angry that I could tear apart a gorilla with my bare hands!
5. If you don't stop making the racket, Mom will rip you from limb to limb.
6. "The world is yours for the taking!" the dishonest salesman said.
7. It's so hot in Raleigh in August that you can fry eggs on the sidewalks.
8. Meredith thought she would melt away into a puddle as she ran the mile in track.
9. "The night will never, ever end," thought Ken, as he stared at the ceiling.
10. When her dog died, she felt her grief was so immense, it would cover the whole world.

REVIEW: Underline the word or letters that create the literary device asked for.

1. [simile] They say Santa rises like a flash into the night sky on December 24th.
2. [metaphor] the reindeer are gazelles, speeding through the sky.
3. [hyperbole] The sleigh weighs a ton with all those toys on it!
4. [oxymoron] That naughty nice kid, Keith, better hope Santa is lenient!
5. [assonance] Rise high in flight in the night sky!



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