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What is Hyperbole?



Hyperbole (pronounced: hi-per-boe-lee) is when a statement is exaggerated to make a point.

Examples:

I called you a million times.

That pizza is bigger than Texas!



I will die of embarrassment.

He is older than the hills.



A. Read each statement. Write an "H" if the statement is a hyperbole. Write an "N" if the statement is not a hyperbole. Remember, if it could really happen it is not hyperbole.

1. ____ My Dad's snoring is louder than a freight train.
2. ____ Jessica's smile was a mile wide.
3. ____ Jason stayed up all night reading his new book.
4. ____ I have a million things to do today.
5. ____ The grizzly bear was as big as a mountain.
6. ____ It took me a hundred years to do my homework.
7. ____ I could eat a million of grandma's chocolate chip cookies
8. ____ He is the tallest man I have ever seen.
9. ____ The movie was so sad that I cried an ocean of tears.
10. ____ My cat is really fat.

B. Underline the hyperbolic statements in this paragraph.

We went on a hike in the woods yesterday. We had to carry our lunch along with a lot of water, so my backpack weighed a ton! We walked for about a million miles before we got to the water-fall where we were eating lunch. My lunch was pretty good except that the bread in my sandwich was so stale I nearly broke my teeth biting into it. On the way back I got bitten by about a million mosquitoes. By the time we got home I was so tired that I slept for a week!

Answer Key

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A.

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THEME

The Main Message

- ✓ What the author wants you to learn or know.
- ✓ A broad idea about life.
- ✓ Usually not stated, must be inferred.



The Recital

1

Kara chose a difficult piece to play for the piano recital. Her teacher advised her to select an easier one, but Kara knew she could do it.

Kara practiced every day after school. When her friends called to see if she could play, Kara told them that she couldn't and continued to practice. Even with all that practicing, a week before the recital, Kara still could not play the piece without making mistakes. Kara thought about giving up and switching to an easier piece, but instead she decided to double her practice time.

The night of the recital arrived. Kara was the last student to play. As she walked onto the stage to take her place at the piano, she remembered the long hours she had spent practicing. Kara began to play. Her hands danced across the keyboard. She knew the piece so well! When the final note faded the room erupted in applause. She had played the piece perfectly!



Kevin's Book Report

2

Kevin wasn't worried about his book report. He had three whole weeks to get it done. There was no reason to get started right away, especially when he had just gotten a new video game!

The next day, Kevin thought about going to the library to pick out a book for his report, but decided to play with his friends instead. He could go to the library on the weekend instead. The weekend came and rather than going to the library, Kevin spent the whole weekend at his cousin's farm. He didn't go to the library the next week either; there was always something fun to do instead.

Two weeks passed and Kevin still hadn't picked out a book. By the time he finally got to the library, there was not enough time to read the book and write the report. Kevin tried to write the report without reading the whole book, but it did not go very well. Kevin failed the assignment.



Find the Theme Answer Sheet

Cards
1-8



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