Hyperbole

Recognize and be able to use hyperboles.

A hyperbole is a type of figurative language. It is often confused with a simile or a metaphor because it often compares two objects. The difference is a hyperbole is an exaggeration. For example: His feet were as big as a barge. It looks like a simile. It is comparing foot size to the size of a barge. Everyone knows that a barge is approximately 700 feet long. Imagine getting a pair of shoes that big!

Activity: Draw a cartoon about school or your favorite sport that includes a hyperbole (You might draw and exaggerate a humerous situation that you saw or were a part of the action.). Put the hyperbole in a different color so that it is obvious to your teacher.

Definition:

Hyperbole is a figure of speech which is an exaggeration. Persons often use expressions such as "I nearly died laughing," "I was hopping mad," and "I tried a thousand times." Such statements are not literally true, but people make them to sound impressive or to emphasize something, such as a feeling, effort, or reaction.

Hyperboles are common in everyday language and in poetry.