“Cruise Control” and “The Games Kids Play”

Hyperbole- an exaggeration beyond belief

EXAMPLES: Underline the hyperbole in each of the example sentences.

1. 1. My sister uses so much makeup that she broke the chisel trying to get it off last night.  
2. My teacher is so old, they have already nailed the coffin shut.  
3. My dog is so ugly, we have to pay the fleas to live on him.  
4. The town I grew up in is so isolated, it makes ghost towns look popular.  
5. My aunt is so fat, when she lies down, she's as tall as she is standing up.

LESSON: Underline the hyperboles in the following paragraph.

Friday night I went disco dancing, and when I woke up on Saturday my feet were killing me! Mom ordered me to clean my room – or else. All day long I worked my fingers to the bone getting things together so I’d be free to go out that evening. I was dying to see the new movie at the Center Cinema. When I finished, however, I was so tired I couldn’t move.

WRITING: Write your own hyperboles using the prompts below.

1. 1. Don’t you think the TV is too loud?

The TV is so loud\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Are you really going to eat the entire hot fudge brownie sundae?

I’m so hungry\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Look at that incredible amount of snow piled up outside.

The snow is so deep that\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Do you really want to go to the movies? I mean, don’t you have too much homework to do?

I have so much homework\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Look at that poor old dog. He can hardly walk.

That dog is so old\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Aren’t you glad you got an A on the test?

I’m so happy\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Is that a mosquito bite?

My arm is so swollen\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Did you really see a shark just now?

That shark was so vicious\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. How bad is your headache?

My head aches so much\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Weren’t you frightened by the roller coaster?

I was so frightened\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Pun- a joke that depends on one or more words having two meanings to make it funny

EXAMPLE: What is black and white and red/read all over?

LESSON: Underline the pun in the following sentences.

1. I recently spent money on detergent to unclog my kitchen sink. It was money down the drain.
2. Our social studies teacher says that her globe means the world to her.
3. A jury is never satisfied with the verdict. The jury always returns it.
4. Sir Lancelot once had a very bad dream about his horse. It was a knight mare.
5. A dog not only has a fur coat but also pants.
6. Today I've got a pressing engagement. I must go to the cleaners.
7. The principal part of a horse is the mane, of course.
8. Having lots of good cookbooks only makes sense. They contain such stirring events.
9. If you want to make a pun from dunlop. Then lop off the lop and the pun is dun.
10. I used to be twins. My mother has a picture of me when I was two.
11. I work as a baker because I knead dough.
12. What is the difference between a conductor and a teacher? The conductor minds the train and a teacher trains the mind.

Expert Opinion, Opinion, Statistic, or Result of Study: Identify which type of evidence is being used

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 1. The National Rifleman’s Association says that rifle control laws are successful at

keeping guns out of dangerous hands.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Researchers found that people who own rifles are more aggressive than those

who do not.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 3. People who illegally purchase guns make up 80 percent of gun related criminal

acts.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 4. My dad thinks that guns are not dangerous and should be easier to purchase.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Studies show that dangerous people commit dangerous acts even if guns are not

present.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 6. Jonathan James, gun violence chair at the local police department, recently said

that gun violence can only be stopped if guns are no longer available to purchase.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 7. Jason, a student, believes guns are dangerous and should not be sold to anyone.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 8. One out of every four thefts are committed with a gun either present in the home

or in the possession of the thief.