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Figurative Language: Find the Hyperbole



A hyperbole is an extreme exaggeration. An example of this is the sentence “My books weigh a ton.” The books could not weigh a ton, but the exaggeration makes a more interesting sentence than merely saying “My books were heavy.”

Read each sentence below. If the sentence contains a hyperbole, write “hyperbole” in the blank. If it does not have one, write “none” in the blank.

- 1) I'm so hungry I could eat a whole elephant! _____
- 2) May is the nicest month of the year. _____
- 3) Her brightly colored dress hurt his eyes. _____
- 4) Larry was such a big baby that this parents had to use bed sheets for diapers. _____
- 5) I ate all of my salad for lunch. _____
- 6) As I approached the horse, it seemed larger than it had in the pasture. _____
- 7) The roof rose up and down to the rhythm of the loud music. _____
- 8) We thought the apple pie was the best kind of dessert for the party. _____
- 9) The dog was so dirty that it had a tomato plant growing on its back. _____
- 10) There were a million replies that popped into her head. _____

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Personification: Is It or Isn't It?

Personification is a figurative element that attributes human thoughts, actions, characteristics or emotions to something that is not human.

Example: The sad clouds were ready to spill their tears upon the funeral procession.

Read each sentence below. If the sentence uses personification, write "personification" in the blank. If it does not use it, write "none" in the blank.

- 1) The soft chair wrapped its padded arms around Lisa. _____
- 2) The dog barked loudly at the squirrel, which quickly ran up the tree. _____
- 3) The eyes of the lady's portrait followed Jean around the room, waiting for a misdeed. _____
- 4) The stairs groaned in agony as Phillip carried the heavy boxes to the attic. _____
- 5) The wind blew steady for three days before the hurricane reached the shore. _____
- 6) As we dragged the table across the room, deep scratches appeared on the floor. _____
- 7) The coins sang happily in Tom's pocket. _____
- 8) The week before the party seemed very long to Ellen. _____
- 9) The ship sailed smoothly across the calm, blue lake. _____
- 10) Wearing a top hat and bow tie, the rabbit bowed politely to the turtle. _____