



Hyperbole Search

A **hyperbole** is an exaggeration. For example, the following sentence “I haven’t been to sleep in years” contains a hyperbole. The person has not been to sleep for a while, but not years. Adding “in years” make the sentence an extreme exaggeration.

Read the story below and underline any hyperbole you find. The first one has been done for you.

I went to dinner with my family last night. My sister ordered a salad and ate the whole thing in two seconds. She was still hungry, so she tried a bite of my sandwich. I forgot to tell her I put a ton of pepper on it. Her mouth was on fire!

After dinner we went to the park. When we got there, a million squirrels ran up to the car. One of them was as big as a house. I wanted to take it home, but my dad says we already have enough animals for a zoo. We only have three cats and two dogs. Mom said squirrels shouldn’t be kept in the house anyway. “They will tear the house apart.” she laughed, as we walked to the swing set. I saw my old teacher by the water fountain. I knew it was him because he’s as tall as an oak tree. He smiled and waved at us from across the field. We were only at the park for a minute, because my brother wanted to go home to watch his favorite show. That silly cartoon is old as dirt. I don’t know why he likes it. It us took all day to get home because the main road was closed. A giant truck was stuck in a hole the size of Texas. Dad said it will take the city a thousand years to fix it.

