

## Hyperbole

**Hyperbole** is a figure of speech that uses an exaggerated or extravagant statement to create a strong emotional response. As a figure of speech it is not intended to be taken literally. Hyperbole is frequently used for humour. Examples of hyperbole are:

- They ran like **greased lightning**.
- He's got **tons of money**.
- Her brain is the size of a **pea**.
- He is **older than the hills**.

### A. Write the hyperbole used in each sentence.

1. I was so hungry I could eat a horse.

2. Max earned tons of money selling lemonade.

3. Carly was sweating bullets waiting to see her grade on the test.

4. I told you a million times I wanted to go with you!

5. I would just die if I had to sing in front of people.

6. Shawn was so hungry he could eat a horse.

7. Under no circumstances will Arthur be allowed to go to the party.

8. I will be 100 years old before I know how to work this thing.

9. John had so much homework that his papers were piled up to the ceiling.

10. My sister Carla is as light as a feather.

11. I will die if he sees that picture!

12. Since the beginning of time, brothers and sisters have been fighting.

13. It's raining cats and dogs.