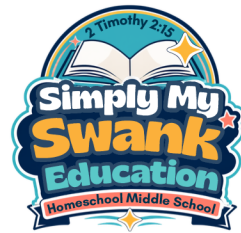




Bible & Modern Hyperbole Worksheet: Spoken for Effect



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What is Hyperbole?

A hyperbole (pronounced high-PER-buh-lee) is an intentional, obvious, and extreme exaggeration used to make a point or emphasize a feeling.

It is not meant to be taken literally. When someone uses hyperbole, they aren't trying to lie or deceive you. Instead, they are using vivid, dramatic language to capture your attention and make their message unforgettable.

Why is it used in the Bible?

Jesus and the prophets often used hyperbole because they were teaching crowds in a dynamic, spoken culture. By using extreme word pictures, they made important spiritual lessons stick in the minds of their listeners.

Read the explanation for each section carefully. Fill in the blanks using the terms provided in the specific word banks or matching choices.

Everyday Modern Hyperbole

- **Instructions:** Match the modern hyperbole phrase to the **true, literal feeling** it represents using the choices provided.

Part 2 Choices

- **A.** I am very hungry right now.
- **B.** It is taking longer than I expected.
- **C.** This backpack is incredibly heavy.
- **D.** I am extremely tired.

1. "This backpack weighs a ton!" True Meaning: _____

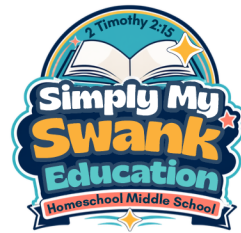
2. "I am so hungry I could eat a horse!" True Meaning: _____

3. "I've been waiting in this line for an eternity." True Meaning: _____

4. "I'm dead tired after that soccer game." True Meaning: _____



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Biblical Hyperbole

Instructions: Fill in the blank using a word from the Word Bank below to complete the verse. All scripture passages are from the New King James Version (NKJV).

Word Bank

- Camel | Sand | Beam | Stars | Tears

Genesis 22:17

"Blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the _____ of the heaven and as the _____ which is on the seashore..."

(Note: God is emphasizing that Abraham's family line will be incredibly massive and impossible to count by hand).

Matthew 7:3

"And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the _____ in your own eye?"

(Note: Jesus uses this hilarious exaggeration—a giant piece of lumber sticking out of someone's eye—to show how foolish it is to judge someone else's minor mistakes while ignoring your own massive faults).

Matthew 19:24

"And again I say to you, it is easier for a _____ to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

(Note: Jesus emphasizes how difficult it is to rely on riches instead of God by painting a funny picture of the biggest animal in Israel trying to squeeze through the tiniest hole imaginable).

Psalms 6:6

"I am weary with my groaning; all night I make my bed swim; I drench my couch with my _____."

(Note: King David uses hyperbole to describe his deep sorrow. His tears didn't literally flood his room or act as a swimming pool, but he felt overwhelmed by sadness).