

100 Hyperbole Examples in Literature

- "I must have died and gone to heaven." - **L. M. Montgomery, Anne of Green Gables**
- "I could be bounded in a nutshell and count myself a king of infinite space." - **William Shakespeare, Hamlet**
- "I'm so hungry I could eat a horse." - **A common English idiom found in many narratives**
- "Her voice was ever soft, gentle, and low, an excellent thing in woman." - **William Shakespeare, King Lear**
- "I've told you a million times not to exaggerate!" - **An often-quoted humorous statement in various literary contexts**
- "The weight of the world is on my shoulders." - **A frequently used phrase, highlighting extreme responsibility**
- "So we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past." - **F. Scott Fitzgerald, The Great Gatsby**
- "It's a slow burg... I spent a couple of weeks there one day." - **Damon Runyon**
- "I'm so tired my tired is tired." - **Frequently used in literature to depict extreme exhaustion**
- "He's the funniest guy on the face of the earth!" - **A popular expression in many stories to describe someone exceptionally humorous**
- "The skin hung loose about his bones, like an old lady's loose gown." - **George Orwell, Down and Out in Paris and London**

- "His eyes were so deep that they seemed to stand back in his head." - **F. Scott Fitzgerald, This Side of Paradise**
- "She's said so on several trillion occasions." - **Cassandra Clare, City of Fallen Angels**
- "He's got tons of money!" - **A widespread hyperbole about wealth**
- "I've been scarred and battered, my hopes the wind done scattered." - **Langston Hughes, The Negro Mother**
- "He was as tall as a six-foot-three-inch tree." - **Douglas Adams, The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy**
- "I will have such revenges on you both that all the world shall—I will do such things—what they are yet I know not; but they shall be the terrors of the earth." - **William Shakespeare, King Lear**
- "It's been ages since we last met." - **A common hyperbole indicating a long time**
- "Her brain is the size of a pea." - **Used in various works to describe someone perceived as not very smart**
- "I felt so lonesome, all of a sudden. I almost wished I was dead." - **J.D. Salinger, The Catcher in the Rye**
- "The world had changed to liquid silver." - **Ernest Hemingway, The Old Man and the Sea**
- "I could sleep for a year." - **A common saying reflecting extreme fatigue**
- "I've read that book a hundred times." - **Used in various novels to underline a character's attachment to a book**
- "I was helpless. I did not know what in the world to do. I was quaking from head to foot, and could have hung my hat on my eyes, they stuck out so far." - **Mark Twain, Old Times on the Mississippi**

- "His laughter could fill oceans." - **A depiction of a hearty laugh found in multiple tales**
- "She cried a river of tears." - **An emblematic hyperbole about deep sorrow**
- "Every time I tell a lie, I hope it will be my last." - **Isaac Bashevis Singer, The Penitent**
- "She was so dumb, she thought a quarterback was a refund." - **An example from comedic literature**
- "He was so old that when he ordered a three-minute egg, they asked for the money up front." - **George Burns, a comedic metaphor often alluded to in literature**
- "A day was a year; a year was a day." - **Jean Rhys, Wide Sargasso Sea**
- "Her beauty took my breath away." - **A quintessential hyperbolic expression describing someone's striking appearance**
- "He was as skinny as a toothpick." - **A frequently used description in literature for a very thin character**
- "It rained cats and dogs." - **A classic idiom often found in tales, indicating a heavy downpour**
- "The trees danced in the wind." - **Used to bring nature to life in numerous poetic contexts**
- "I nearly died laughing." - **A commonly used hyperbole about extreme amusement**
- "I have told you a thousand times." - **An exaggeration to show irritation or emphasis in countless narratives**
- "The car went faster than the speed of light." - **Used in science fiction works to denote extreme speed**
- "His new book is light years better than his last one." - **A metaphorical use of "light years" for a large degree of improvement in many reviews and works**

- "Your suitcase weighs a ton!" - **An exaggeration frequently used to describe a very heavy object**
- "This bread is as hard as a rock." - **A descriptive hyperbole used in countless narratives to depict stale food**
- "His smile was a mile wide." - **Often employed in literature to indicate a very broad, genuine smile.**
- "She was buried under a mountain of work." - **A description many can relate to, used in various novels and stories about overwhelming responsibilities.**
- "My grandmother is as old as the hills." - **A playful hyperbole emphasizing age.**
- "It's a billion degrees outside!" - **Commonly used to describe an extremely hot day.**
- "The suspense is killing me!" - **A well-known phrase indicating unbearable anticipation.**
- "He had a heart of stone." - **Used across many tales to describe someone without compassion or emotion.**
- "I haven't seen you in a century!" - **An endearing exaggeration about the passage of time since meeting someone.**
- "The whole world was staring at me." - **A feeling often described in stories where a character feels self-conscious or embarrassed.**
- "She's lighter than a feather." - **A description often used poetically to denote grace or a delicate nature.**
- "His tales about his adventures are as tall as the Empire State Building." - **Indicating exaggerated stories or claims.**
- "This book weighs a ton." - **Commonly used to describe a heavy or dense read, both literally and metaphorically.**
- "His anger burned brighter than the sun." - **Used in literature to represent intense emotions.**

- "I've eaten so much I'm about to burst!" - **A humorous hyperbole often cited after a large meal.**
- "She ran faster than the wind." - **A poetic way to describe someone's swiftness or speed.**
- "The news hit me like a ton of bricks." - **Describing the overwhelming impact of sudden news or realization.**
- "This dress costs an arm and a leg." - **A saying often used to signify something very expensive.**
- "I was so embarrassed, I wanted the ground to swallow me up." - **Expressing a wish to disappear from an embarrassing situation.**
- "He is older than the pyramids." - **A humorous way to exaggerate someone's age.**
- "The concert was so loud, it probably woke up the dead." - **To express the extreme volume or intensity of something.**
- "The wait felt like eternity." - **Describing a feeling of impatience or prolonged duration.**
- "Her eyes sparkled like a million diamonds." - **A romanticized way to describe someone's eyes that are bright or lively.**
- "I was so spooked, my hair stood on end." - **Used in thriller narratives to denote extreme fear.**
- "The ballerina danced as if she had wings." - **A poetic way to portray a graceful dancer.**
- "He could hear her voice from a million miles away." - **Indicating the unforgettable or distinct quality of someone's voice.**
- "She wore heels so high they touched the sky." - **Exaggerating the height of one's shoes for comedic or dramatic effect.**

- "The man was so tall he could touch the clouds." - **A hyperbolic expression about someone's height.**
- "My love for you is deeper than the ocean." - **A classic expression often used in poetry and love letters.**
- "This pizza is the size of the moon!" - **Expressing the enormity of something, usually for humorous effect.**
- "His boss is colder than ice." - **Used to describe a person with no emotions or warmth.**
- "Her singing voice would make the angels cry." - **A compliment about a voice so beautiful it's otherworldly.**
- "I've been stranded on this project for ages." - **Describing a prolonged and perhaps tedious task.**
- "He was so lost in the book, he forgot the world around him." - **Signifying someone deeply engrossed in reading.**
- "This place is as quiet as a graveyard at midnight." - **Illustrating extreme silence or a spooky ambiance.**
- "I have a mountain of things to do before the day ends." - **Expressing being overwhelmed by tasks.**
- "The water in the pool was as clear as crystal." - **Describing pristine clarity, often used in travel literature.**
- "His explanation was as clear as mud." - **Ironically stating that something wasn't clear at all.**
- "I'm so hungry I could eat a horse." - **A common saying to denote extreme hunger.**
- "The sun blazed like a furnace." - **Highlighting an intensely hot day.**
- "He's got tons of money." - **A casual way to say someone is very wealthy.**

- "She floated through the room like a cloud." - **Describing someone moving with grace and elegance.**
- "His voice was as smooth as silk." - **Used to describe someone with a very soft and pleasing voice.**
- "The news spread like wildfire." - **A common phrase to denote rapidly circulating information or gossip.**
- "I've told you a zillion times." - **Expressing frustration or emphasis on repetition.**
- "The weight of the world is on my shoulders." - **Indicating immense pressure or responsibility.**
- "She can light up a room with her smile." - **A poetic way to highlight someone's radiant smile.**
- "His heart is as big as an ocean." - **Describing someone with immense kindness or generosity.**
- "The chocolate cake was to die for." - **Signifying something extremely delicious or irresistible.**
- "You're as light as a feather." - **A saying typically used to describe someone or something that weighs very little.**
- "The car roared down the highway like a lion." - **Comparing the car's engine noise to a lion's roar for dramatic effect.**
- "His anger erupted like a volcano." - **Highlighting the explosive nature of someone's anger.**
- "I'm drowning in a sea of paperwork." - **Expressing the overwhelming amount of work or tasks at hand.**
- "She sings with the voice of an angel." - **Bestowing high praise on someone's singing talent.**

- "I was frozen in fear." - **Describing the inability to move or act due to intense fear.**
- "The movie lasted an eternity." - **Used to express a movie that felt longer than it was, perhaps due to its pace or content.**
- "Her laughter rang out, filling the entire hall." - **Highlighting the infectious or loud nature of someone's laughter.**
- "The tree was as tall as a ten-story building." - **Exaggerating the height of a tree for dramatic effect.**
- "His stories are as old as time." - **Describing tales that seem ancient or very well known.**
- "I've walked a thousand miles just to see you." - **Emphasizing the lengths someone would go to for another person.**
- "She was lost in a sea of faces." - **Describing a feeling of being overwhelmed in a large crowd.**
- "He's as blind as a bat without his glasses." - **A humorous way to describe someone's poor vision without corrective lenses.**