

Exaggeration

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When an author exaggerates, he usually starts with factual information. Then he adds something absurdly overstated to make the characters and situations attention grabbing and humorous.

An example of exaggeration from *The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School* is:

Factual Statement:

Aesop Elementary School had many items in its lost and found box.

Exaggeration:

“The place looked magical—almost like Aladdin’s cave. Instead of heaps of gold and mountains of jewels, however, there were heaps of snow boots and mountains of bean bag animals.”



An example of exaggeration from *Sideways Stories from Wayside School* is:

Factual Statement

Dana, a student at Wayside School, had beautiful eyes.

Exaggeration:

“And if she had a hundred eyes, all over her face and her arms and her feet, why, she would have been the most beautiful creature in the world.”



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Directions: Write an example of exaggeration for each factual statement. Be prepared to share your work with the class.

1 The book was funny.

2 Paige Turner liked being a librarian.

3 Mr. Jupiter enjoyed reading to his students.

4 Mrs. Gorf was a mean teacher.

5 Myron was a good class president.

School Days Jeopardy

| Name that Genre | Authors who Once Were Teachers | And the Subject Is ... | Rhyme Time |
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| <p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>a short tale that teaches a lesson or moral (examples: <i>The Tortoise and the Hare</i>, <i>The Fox and the Grapes</i>)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>She wrote the Harry Potter Series.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>2+2=4 22-3=19 6x4=24</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>a library burglar</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>an imaginary tale containing magic and fantasy creatures (examples: <i>Hansel and Gretel</i> and <i>Beauty and the Beast</i>)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>He is known for his Alice in Wonderland books.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>basketball jump rope running</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>a law in a place where students are taught</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p>A story that explains the customs and beliefs of a people (examples: <i>Jason and the Argonauts</i> and <i>Demeter and Persephone</i>)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p>She is the author of the Little House on the Prairie series.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p>atlases capitals regions</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p>atlas ambush</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">40</p> <p>A humorous story that uses outrageous exaggeration (examples: Paul Bunyan stories and Pecos Bill stories)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">40</p> <p>He wrote the <i>Chronicles of Narnia</i>.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">40</p> <p>painting sculpting drawing</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">40</p> <p>broad piece of playground equipment</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">50</p> <p>A brief work of fiction that focuses on a single event (examples: "The Gift of Magi" and "The Monkey's Paw")</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">50</p> <p>His school stories include <i>Frindle</i>, <i>The Janitor's Boy</i>, <i>Lunch Money</i> and <i>The Landry News</i>.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">50</p> <p>singing instruments scales</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">50</p> <p>arithmetic trail</p> |

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| 10 What is a ... Fable? | 10 Who is ... J. K. Rowling? | 10 What is ... Math? | 10 What is a ... Book Crook? |
| 20 What is a ... Fairy Tale? | 20 Who is ... Lewis Carroll? | 20 What is ... Physical Education? | 20 What is a ... School Rule? |
| 30 What is a ... Myth? | 30 Who is ... Laura Ingalls Wilder? | 30 What is ... Geography? | 30 What is a ... Map Trap? |
| 40 What is a ... Tall Tale (or Folk Tale) | 40 Who is ... C. S. Lewis? | 40 What is ... Art? | 40 What is a ... Wide Slide? |
| 50 What is a ... Short Story? | 50 Who is ... Andrew Clements? | 50 What is ... Music? | 50 What is a ... Math Path? |

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Score Sheet

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