



Hyperbole

Hyperbole is an over exaggeration. As a rhetorical device, hyperbole emphasizes what is being exaggerated.

DIRECTIONS: Underline the hyperbole in each quotation.

"'Tis not contrary to reason to prefer the destruction of the whole world to the scratching of my finger."

~ Hume, 1740

"The Pharisees, therefore, said among themselves, 'Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing; behold the world has gone after him.'"

~ John 12:19 (KJV)

"So first of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

~ Franklin Delano Roosevelt

"My senior year, I received a telephone call from a gentleman by the name of Mr. Gil Brandt of the Dallas Cowboys. And he stated that the Cowboys was interested in drafting me, and I couldn't ignore it. I decided to attend the Cowboys training camp. That year, 1967, the Dallas Cowboys had 137 rookies in training camp. Gil Brandt was signing everybody that could walk. Only five made the team that year, and I was one of the five."

~ Larry Rayfield Wright