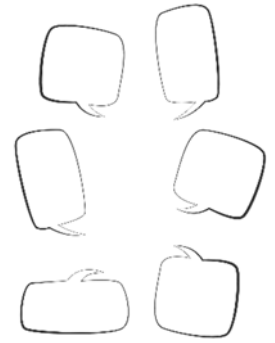


Name _____ **Understatement**



Understatement

An understatement is the intentional use of words to convey less than actually applies to a situation. Often ironic, understatement can be the opposite of what would be the expected or presumed appropriate response the circumstances. It can also be used for purposes of comedy, modesty, or politeness. Understatement is everywhere: from film, literature and pop culture, as well as in everyday conversation.

DIRECTIONS: Respond to the situation below with an understatement. How is your understatement functioning in the situation? Explain.

You just found out that your best friend in the whole world is moving three thousand miles away to go to college.

Your response:

My understatement expresses:

irony

comedy

modesty

politeness

Explain:
