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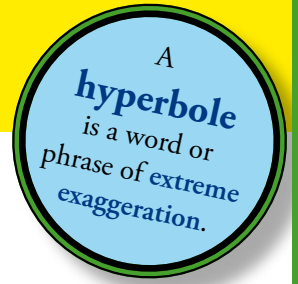
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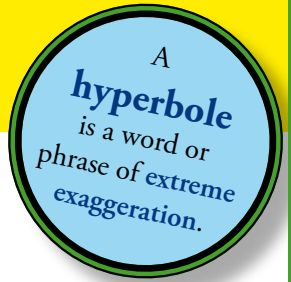
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Actual student answers will vary. Examples of correct answers:

1) a pretty girl   **She was so pretty that she stopped the traffic on Main Street.**

2) a strong wind   **The wind almost blew the paint off the house.**

3) expensive shoes   **Those shoes must have cost a billion dollars!**

4) a headache   **My head is killing me!**

5) a fast computer   **The new computer is faster than a rocket.**

6) a hot pan   **The pan was as hot as the sun.**

7) heavy groceries   **My mother came home with groceries that weighed a ton.**

8) a funny movie   **I laughed so hard at the movie that I thought I'd pass out.**

9) a long line   **The line for tickets to the concert stretched to the moon.**

10) a loud, crying baby   **His baby brother was so loud that they could hear him in the next state.**