HYPERBOLE:

**Hyperbole is a type of figurative language that is used in poetry or nonfiction writing. Comedians also use it to make jokes. It is using exaggerations to make writing more interesting.**  
  
In the following sentences, underline the hyperbole and write what it means on the line underneath.   
  
1. My sister uses so much makeup that she broke the chisel trying to get it off last night.

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2. My teacher is so old, they have already nailed the coffin shut.  
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3. My dog is so ugly, we have to pay the fleas to live on him.  
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4. The town I grew up in is so isolated; it makes ghost towns look popular.  
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5. My aunt is so fat, when she lies down; she’s as tall as she is standing up.  
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6. Your sister’s so skinny; she has to run around in the shower to get wet.  
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7. The Statue of Liberty is so big, when I looked up, I almost got whiplash.  
  
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8. I think of you a million times a day.  
  
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9. My dog is so ugly, he only has cat friends.  
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10. My best friend is so forgetful, I have to remind her what her name is.  
  
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11. My sister uses so much makeup; my mom doesn’t know her when she takes it off.  
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12. My teacher is so old; she remembers when the dinosaurs died.  
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13. My dog is so ugly; he has to sneak up on his dish to eat.  
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14. The town I grew up in was so isolated, the only friend I had was a deer.  
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15. My aunt is so fat, you have to take two trains to get on her good side.  
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16. Your sister is so dumb, she thought that YMCA was how you spelled Macy.  
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17. The boy’s ears are so big, they look like you could stick a megaphone inside them.  
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18. My principal is so busy, we have to make reservations two weeks ahead for a paddling.

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19. My mother is so tall, that she looks down at the mother giraffe at the zoo.  
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20. This town is so small, you had better not blink or you will miss seeing it.

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Idioms

An **idiom** is a type of figurative language. It’s figurative meaning is different than its literal meaning. For example, when people say ‘it’s raining cats and dogs’, they do not mean that cats and dogs are literally coming down from the sky, they mean that it’s raining heavily.

Directions: Write the figurative meaning of these frequently used idioms:

1. catch a cold \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. see eye to eye \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. under the weather \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. stuffed to the gills \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. crack up \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. kick the bucket \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7. nose to the grindstone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8. pull one’s legs \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

9. fly off the handle \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

10. toot your own horn \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

11. sleep like a log \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

12. eyes pop out \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

13. lay down the law\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

14.get on the ball \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

15. have two strikes against you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

16. just what the doctor ordered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

17. hold your horses \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

18. cat has your tongue \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| Match the idiom on the left to its meaning on the right. Use colored pencils or crayons to match the idioms to their meanings by coloring the boxes that match with the same color.  **to see red** | **to be very funny** |
| **to have a green thumb** | **to be tall and skinny** |
| **to be a piece of cake** | **to hurry up** |
| **to be a barrel of laughs** | **to wish an actor good luck** |
| **to hold your horses** | **to go very fast in a car** |
| **to have a big mouth** | **to have a desire to eat candy or sugary treats** |
| **to break a leg** | **to tell a tale** |
| **to be a bean pole** | **to be a good gardener** |
| **to put the pedal to the metal** | **to slow down** |
| **to shake a leg** | **to be very easy** |
| **to spin a yarn** | **to be very angry** |
| **to have a sweet tooth** | **to talk too much** |