

Bean Plant Boasts

Spot exaggeration and explain what it shows.

3.10.G “identify and explain the use of hyperbole.”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each hyperbole in the passage and write a small star beside it. A hyperbole is an exaggeration that shows a strong feeling or makes an idea stand out.

Maya's Bean Plant

- ① On Monday, Maya's class planted bean seeds in paper cups by the sunny window. Each team measured its sprout and wrote the height on a chart. Maya checked her cup every morning. By Friday, a green stem curled above the rim, with two bright leaves reaching toward the glass. Maya carried the cup carefully to the class garden table.
- ② At recess, Maya showed the sprout to her friend Leo. “This bean plant grew a mile overnight!” she said. Leo leaned close and smiled. The stem was thin, but it stood higher than the other cups on their table. Maya pointed to the chart, where yesterday's mark sat below today's mark. “Soon, its leaves will cover the whole playground,” she added.
- ③ During science time, the class moved the plants into larger pots. Maya gave hers water and placed it near the window again. “I have watered this plant a million times!” she announced when the soil spilled on her desk. Leo handed her a paper towel. Maya laughed, cleaned the desk, and wrote the new height on the chart before lunch.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How many hyperboles are in the passage?

2 What does Maya mean when she says the bean plant grew “a mile overnight”?

3 Why does Maya say the leaves will cover the whole playground?

4 How does saying she watered the plant “a million times” help the reader understand Maya’s reaction to the spill?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write two sentences about an ordinary classroom job. In the first sentence, use a hyperbole. In the second sentence, explain what your hyperbole shows.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each hyperbole in the passage and write a small star beside it. A hyperbole is an exaggeration that shows a strong feeling or makes an idea stand out. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How many hyperboles are in the passage?	Three.
2	What does Maya mean when she says the bean plant grew “a mile overnight”?	She means that the plant grew a lot overnight.
3	Why does Maya say the leaves will cover the whole playground?	She uses an exaggeration to show that she is excited about the plant growing very large.
4	How does saying she watered the plant “a million times” help the reader understand Maya’s reaction to the spill?	It makes Maya’s complaint sound bigger and shows that she feels bothered by the spill.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I carried a mountain of books to the shelf. This hyperbole shows that the stack felt very heavy and hard to carry.

Accept the three exaggerated statements in the passage: “grew a mile overnight,” “cover the whole playground,” and “watered this plant a million times.” Accept reasonable explanations that identify the exaggeration and connect it to Maya’s excitement, complaint, or strong reaction.