

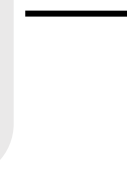
Read It

exaggerate



Define It

To exaggerate is to make something or something's features appear more extreme than they are.



Digging Deeper:

When the word exaggerate was first used in the English language, it meant to literally pile or heap things. However, over time, the meaning changed to the present one of making something appear more extreme than it is.

Often, we will use the term hyperbole, when referring to exaggerated points or statements in a speech, presentation or piece of writing. Hyperbole means exaggerated statements, or those which shouldn't be taken literally. It can make something appear better or worse, depending on the speaker/writer's purpose.

Draw It



Deconstruct It

From the Latin *ex*, meaning thoroughly.
From *agger*, meaning heap up.



Link It

Overstate, embellish, emphasise, heighten, amplify.



Use It

When he speaks about the impact of the building work, he tends to exaggerate.