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WORD OF THE WEEK

EXAGGERATE

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READ IT

Exaggerate



DEFINE IT

1. To exaggerate is to represent something as being larger, better or worse than it really is.
2. To magnify beyond the limits of truth.



DRAW IT



USE IT

1. She admitted that she did sometimes exaggerate the demands of her job.
2. It is impossible to exaggerate the importance of sleep.



LINK IT

Hyperbolise, dramatise, embellish, emphasise, amplify.



DE-CONSTRUCT IT

From the latin *ex*, meaning to make greater, *agger* meaning to pile or heap up.



DIGGING DEEPER

Exaggeration is a useful technique and can be used to make something appear better or worse, depending on the purpose of the writing or speech. The technical word for this is hyperbole (exaggerated statements).

To exaggerate originally meant 'to pile or heap things', but, over time, the meaning has changed to make something appear more extreme than it is.

Antonyms depreciate, understate, minimise, belittle.