“The coach told them to run till their legs fall off.” ~ Buzz Bissinger, *Friday Night Lights*

“I was quaking from head to foot, and could have hung my hat on my eyes, they stuck out so far.” ~ Mark Twain, “Old Times on the Mississippi”

“That evening there came a knock on the door, and there on the threshold stood a young woman sobbing as though her heart would break.” ~ J.K. Rowling, *Tales of Beedle the Bard*

Hyperbole: exaggerated statements not meant to be taken literally

Why Writers Use It:

Even though the statement might not be exactly true, hyperbole can create emphasis or add humor.