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## Abstract

Hyperbole has been associated with both metaphor and irony. The paper acknowledges the similarities that hyperbole has with them. It also focuses on the differences between hyperbole and both tropes. Thus, the paper shows that hyperbole is a unique figurative speech act that should not be linked to either tropes. The paper shows that hyperbole does not only share characteristics with metaphor and irony, but also it shares features with generalization. There are also differences between hyperbole and generalization. This makes it more clear that hyperbole does resemble different figurative speech acts and is distinct from them at the same time.

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