

exaggerate

[ɪgˈzædʒəreɪt] v

1. преувеличивать

the gravity of the situation must not be exaggerated - серьёзность положения не следует преувеличивать; положение не так серьёзно, как кажется

the gravity of the situation cannot be exaggerated - серьёзность положения трудно переоценить

2. увеличивать, расширять

to exaggerate in scale - увеличивать в масштабе

the pain exaggerated by wrong treatment - боль, усиленная неправильным лечением

3. (чрезмерно) подчёркивать

these shoes exaggerate the size of her feet - в этих туфлях её ноги кажутся ещё больше

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ex·ag·ger·ate [exaggerate exaggerates exaggerated exaggerating] BrE

[ɪgˈzædʒəreɪt] ^{AmE} [ɪgˈzædʒəreɪt] ^{verb intransitive, transitive}

to make sth seem larger, better, worse or more important than it really is

- The hotel was really filthy and I'm not exaggerating.
- ~ **sth** He tends to exaggerate the difficulties.
- I'm sure he exaggerates his Irish accent (= tries to sound more Irish than he really is) .
- Demand for the product has been greatly exaggerated.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	exaggerate
	BrE /ɪgˈzædʒəreɪt/
	NAme /ɪgˈzædʒəreɪt/
he / she / it	exaggerates
	BrE /ɪgˈzædʒəreɪtɪz/
	NAme /ɪgˈzædʒəreɪtɪz/
past simple, past participle	exaggerated
	BrE /ɪgˈzædʒəreɪtɪd/
	NAme /ɪgˈzædʒəreɪtɪd/
-ing form	exaggerating
	BrE /ɪgˈzædʒəreɪtɪŋ/
	NAme /ɪgˈzædʒəreɪtɪŋ/

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent.: from Latin **exaggerat- 'heaped up'**, from the verb **exaggerare**, from **ex- 'thoroughly'** + **aggerare 'heap up'** (from **agger 'heap'**). The word originally meant 'pile up, accumulate', later 'increase praise or blame', giving rise to current senses.

Thesaurus:

exaggerate *verb* I, T

- The dangers have been greatly exaggerated.

overstate • **dramatize** • |formal **embellish** • |especially journalism **inflate** •

Opp: play sth down, **Opp:** understate

exaggerate/overstate/inflate the **importance/significance** of sth

exaggerate/dramatize/embellish a **story**

greatly/grossly/vastly/wildly/somewhat exaggerate/overstate/inflate sth

Example Bank:

- John does tend to exaggerate slightly.
- The allegations were highly exaggerated.
- The historical significance of these events can be easily exaggerated.
- These figures have been greatly exaggerated.
- Demand for satellite television has been greatly exaggerated.
- I'm sure he exaggerates his Irish accent.
- The hotel was really filthy and I'm not exaggerating.

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ex·ag·ge·rate /ɪgˈzædʒəreɪt/ BrE ^{AmE} ^{verb [intransitive and transitive]}

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: past participle of exaggerare 'to make into a pile', from agger 'pile']

to make something seem better, larger, worse etc than it really is:

I couldn't sleep for three days – I'm not exaggerating.

it's easy/difficult/impossible to exaggerate something

It's difficult to exaggerate the importance of sleep.

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COLLOCATIONS

phrases

• **it is difficult/hard/impossible to exaggerate something** (=used to say that something cannot be made to seem more important etc than it already is) It is difficult to exaggerate the strength of people's feelings on this matter.

• **it is easy to exaggerate something** It's all too easy to exaggerate the importance of these rather minor factors.

• **exaggerate the importance/significance (of something)** Personally, I think society exaggerates the importance of marriage.

- **exaggerate the extent of something** (=say that the size or degree of something is greater than it really is) The army exaggerated the extent to which the operation was a success.
- **exaggerate the impact (of something)** (=say the effect or influence of something is worse than it really is) We believe the Chancellor is exaggerating the impact these proposals will have.
- **exaggerate the size (of something)** I'm sure Tommy is exaggerating the size of the problem.
- **exaggerate the effect (of something)** He yawned widely, exaggerating the effect by stretching his arms wide.

THESAURUS

- **exaggerate** to say that something is much bigger, better, worse, more important etc than it really is: He exaggerated his own achievements. | These claims are wildly exaggerated. | The grass in the garden was about three feet high – I'm not exaggerating.
- **blow something (up) out of all proportion** to say a situation or event is a lot worse or much more serious than it really is: The problem really has been blown up out of all proportion.
- **make too much of something** to treat something that has happened as though it were more important or serious than it really is – used especially when saying that you should not do this: She loved the fact that he'd sent her flowers, but she didn't want to make too much of it in case it meant nothing. | It's probably nothing – children often get these strange ideas. You shouldn't make too much of them
- **overemphasize** (also **overemphasise** *British English*) to say that a part of something is more important and has a bigger effect than is really true, especially in relation to other things: The importance of cleanliness in the preparation of food cannot be overemphasized. | Historians have tended to overemphasize the role of the monarchy in British history.
- **overstate** to describe something in a way that makes it sound more important or serious than it really is: Sometimes she overstates her case. | The importance of advertising can hardly be overstated.
- **overplay** to make something seem more important than it is, in the way that you talk about it or treat it: The media has greatly overplayed this issue.
- **glorify** to make someone or something seem much better, less harmful etc than they really are – used when you think it is wrong to do this: His films glorify violence. | My father never glorified war. | These images were produced in order to glorify the empire.
- **talk something up** *informal* to talk about something in a way that makes it appear more important, interesting, or successful than it really is, especially to get someone's support or interest: At the interview, he talked up his experience of working in sales. | The government tried to talk up the threat posed by these countries, in order to justify an increase in military spending.
- **overrated** *adjective* if you think someone or something is overrated, you think they are not nearly as good as people claim: I think her books are overrated. | As a player he's overrated.
- **idealized** *adjective* an idealized image, view, picture etc of someone or something shows them as being much better than they really are: His books give an idealized picture of English rural life. | her friend's idealized view of marriage

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