Vocabulary lesson 15

1. **Oxymoron**: is a figure of speech that compares things that seem to be opposites. Ex. “Jumbo shrimp” or “tough love”
2. **Hyperbole**: is a figure of speech that uses exaggeration. “There were a million people at the mall today.”
3. **Thesis Statement**: A sentence that belongs in the introduction and functions as a “map” for the rest of your paper. The thesis typically includes 3 major claims.
4. **Claim**: In writing, a claim is a fact or interpretation used to support your thesis statement.
5. **Topic Sentence**: The topic sentence connects the thesis statement in your paper. This sentence belongs at the beginning of every body paragraph and represents ONE of your three claims.

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