

HYPERBOLE: exaggerated claims not to be taken seriously

“He probably has nine wives and a jillion kids.”

Archer, Season 4, Episode 10, “Un Chien Tangerine”

Archer utters this **hyperbole** to himself as he decides to let a Moroccan terrorist run away across the desert. Archer could have killed the terrorist, but he doesn't because the terrorist is no longer a threat and killing him would be gratuitous. The comment plays on a racist stereotype that some Middle Eastern men have multiple wives and enormous families. The exaggerated remark allows Archer to rationalize his decision.