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Paragraph with Hyperbole:

Kristin and her mother went to the grocery store on Saturday. As they arrived at the store, the rain was falling so hard it felt like the **entire ocean** was being dumped on them. When they entered the door, they were soaked to the bone, as if they had just **taken a swim fully clothed**. Kristin selected a shopping cart, but its wheels were so crooked it felt like trying to push

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a **wild shopping cart through a roller coaster**. Her mother moved through the aisles like a whirlwind, grabbing items faster than a **rocket zooming through space**. While they didn't have **enough items to fill a warehouse**, the price at checkout was so high it felt like they were buying **gold bars instead of groceries**. They grabbed the bags of groceries, which were so heavy they might as well have been carrying a **mountain**, and finally headed home.

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Paragraph 2 with Hyperbole:

Kristin stood in line at the grocery store while her mother grabbed **the Holy Grail of grocery items**. The line moved so slowly it felt like **time had completely stopped**. Kristin tapped her foot so much it felt like she was trying to dig **a tunnel to the center of the earth**. The person in front of her had so many groceries it looked like they were preparing to feed **an entire army for a year**. It felt like an eternity had passed before Kristin finally reached the checkout counter. Her mother swooped in at the last possible second, holding the **one last item** like it was **the golden ticket**. The cashier smiled brightly and handed them a receipt so long it could have been used as **a scarf for a giant**.