

Irony

3 Kinds of **Irony**



What is **Irony**?

Irony is about **expectations**.

Irony: the opposite of what is **expected**.

3 kinds of **irony**

- **Verbal**
- **Dramatic**
- **Situational**

Verbal **Irony**

A character says one thing but means the opposite

Also called *sarcasm* or being *sarcastic*.

Examples

*The locker room smells really good.
Awesome! Another homework packet!*

Dramatic **Irony**

When the reader understands more about the events of a story than a character.

You know something that a character doesn't.

Example

Tim's parents are proud of the "A" he got on the test, but we know he cheated.

Alex writes a love poem to Judy but we know that Judy loves Devin.

Situational **Irony**

When what actually happens is the opposite of what is expected.

Something about the situation is completely unexpected.

Example

General Sedgwick's last words were, "They couldn't hit an elephant at this distance."

Bill Gates uses an Apple computer.

Review

Something that is **ironic** is unexpected.

If unexpected by a **character**, it's **dramatic**.

If unexpected by **everyone**, it's **situational**.

If it's **sarcasm**, it's **verbal**.