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Dramatic, Situational, & Verbal

Irony is used to create suspense, humor, or tension for a reader/audience.

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DRAMATIC

- ❖ When a reader/audience knows information that one or more of the characters do not know.
- ❖ You're in on a secret!
- ❖ Like in horror films, when we know where the killer is hiding, but the characters do not. This creates suspense!
- ❖ Or, we might know a character is about to slip and fall on a banana peel, but they don't see it... creating humor!

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SITUATIONAL

- ❖ When something occurs that is completely different than what is expected.
- ❖ Examples: A cafe owner doesn't like coffee. A fire station catches on fire. A snake is named fluffy.
- ❖ It creates humor or suspense because you would never expect it to happen.
- ❖ However, it has to be more than just bad luck. If you drop your phone in the toilet, that's not irony.

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VERBAL

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❖ When someone says the opposite of what they mean or feel.

❖ Sarcasm is a form of verbal irony.

❖ Usually intended to create humor, but can also be used to create tension between characters.

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- ❖ For the following examples, identify the irony as either dramatic, verbal, or situational.

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Mary got in a car accident and said,
“lucky me.”



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Jason cheated on his final exam and got an A in the class. His parents bought him a new car to congratulate his hard work.



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Meet "Teeny," my neighbor's 200 pound dog.

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Johnathan has been stealing his sister's allowance from under her mattress. She doesn't even know it's missing.



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A marriage therapist files for divorce.



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It's a wonder you can't find your headphones since you keep your room so tidy.

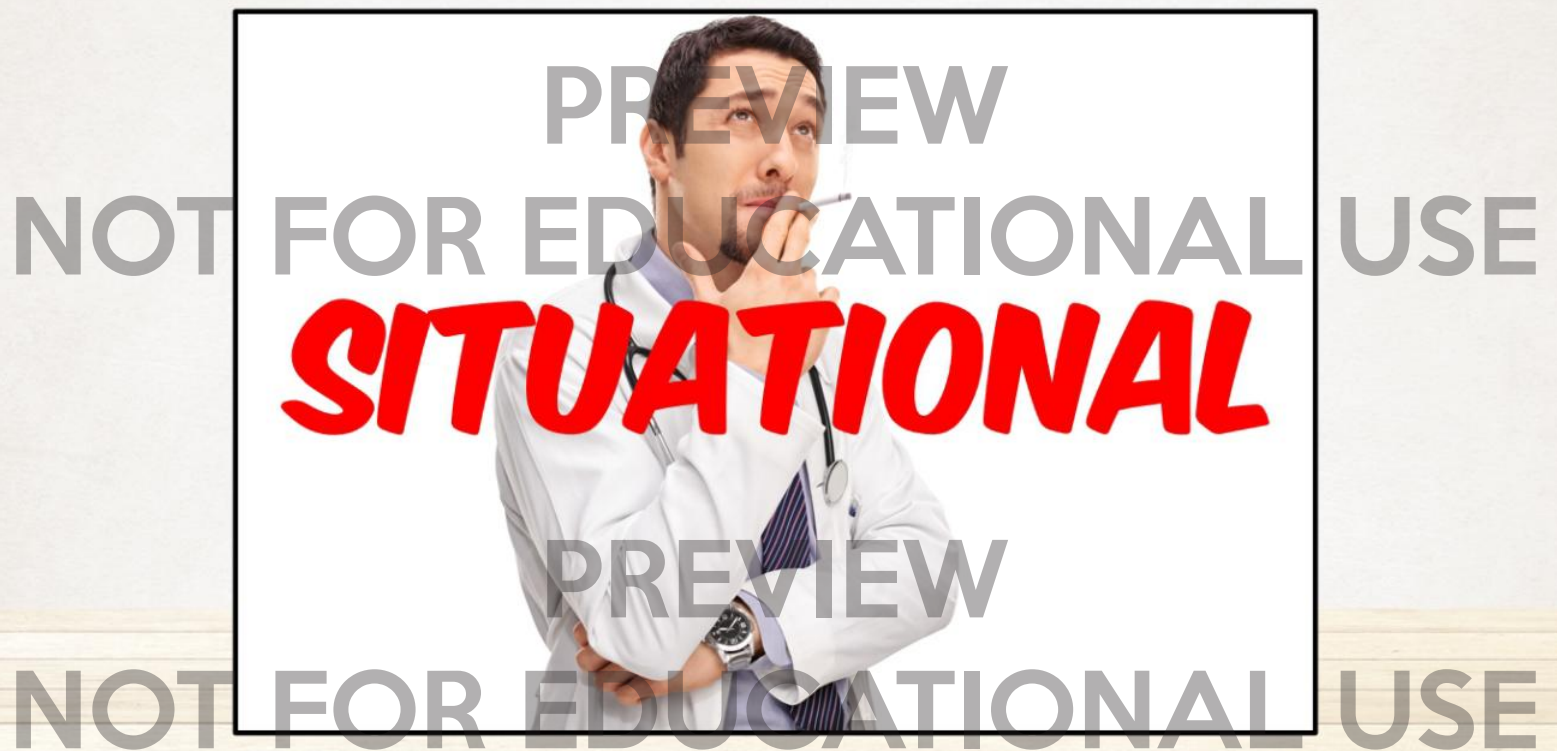


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Dr. Smith smokes at least 10 cigarettes a day.



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A mom sneaks spinach into her kids' strawberry smoothies.



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Claudia doesn't eat meat because she's against animal cruelty, but she loves her fur coat.



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Benji is proposing to Anita tonight at dinner.



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It's a great day for a walk!



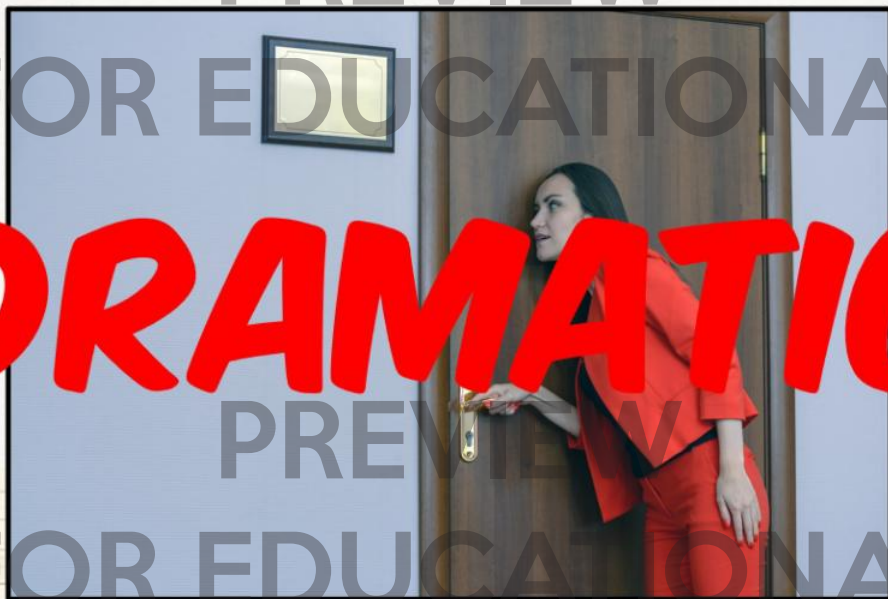
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Tina overheard her boss saying he was going to fire 50% of the staff by the end of the quarter.



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NOTES ON IRONY

Irony is used to create _____,
or _____ for a reader/audience.

Dramatic Irony	
Situational Irony	
Verbal Irony	

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Irony Quiz

Part 1: Write the type of irony on the line based on the definition provided.

- _____ 1. When something occurs that is the opposite of what is expected.
- _____ 2. When someone says the opposite of what they mean or feel.
- _____ 3. When a reader or audience knows information that one or more of the characters do not know.

Part 2: Read the following scenarios. Write the correct letter on the line that matches the type of irony described.

- a. Dramatic irony b. Situational irony c. Verbal irony d. Not irony

- _____ 4. The extremely talented musician Jordan Blasic has been deaf since birth.
- _____ 5. My mom spilled her coffee this morning and burned her hand.
- _____ 6. Mike tells everyone that the cookies are oatmeal raisin when they're chocolate chip, so he can have more for himself.
- _____ 7. The Bank of America had to file for bankruptcy.
- _____ 8. This chair is so comfortable, it's as if I were sitting on nails.
- _____ 9. Sharna eats her oatmeal unknowingly that her sister poisoned it.
- _____ 10. After losing her purse and stepping in dog poop, Lacey said, "it doesn't get any better than this."
- _____ 11. It rained the day of our national soccer championship, so it was cancelled.
- _____ 12. McDonalds put out a public service announcement to prevent child obesity.

Irony Quiz Answer Key

Part 1: Write the type of irony on the line based on the definition provided.

Situational 1. When something occurs that is the opposite of what is expected.

Verbal 2. When someone says the opposite of what they mean or feel.

Dramatic 3. When a reader or audience knows information that one or more of the characters do not know.

Part 2: Read the following scenarios. Write the correct letter on the line that matches the type of irony described.

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