

TYPES OF IRONY

The Crucible: English 10 Honors

WHAT IS IRONY?

The expression of one's meaning by using language that normally signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or emphatic (emphasis) effect.

An event that seems deliberately contrary to what one expects and is often amusing as a result.

VERBAL IRONY...

Verbal Irony is when words express something contrary to truth or someone says the opposite of what they really feel or mean. **Verbal irony** is often sarcastic.

SITUATIONAL IRONY...

Situational irony occurs when incongruity (not conforming, inconsistent) appears between expectations of something to happen, and what actually happens instead.

Situational irony generally includes sharp contrasts and contradictions.

DRAMATIC IRONY...

Dramatic irony occurs when the audience knows something that the characters don't.

Example:

If you're watching a movie about the Titanic and a character leaning on the balcony right before the ship hits the iceberg says, "It's so beautiful I could just die," that's an **example** of **dramatic irony**.