**Unit 3: Isn’t it Ironic?** Friday, January 4th Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_period:\_\_\_\_\_

Irony is a rhetorical device, literary technique, or situation in which there is an incongruity between the literal and the implied meaning. No written method for indicating irony exists, though an irony punctuation mark has been proposed. In writing, Irony is often used to create suspension, tension, and move the plot. It also can add emphasis or humor to a piece of work.

**Situational Irony: The opposite of what you think:** [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tqg6RO8c\_W0**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tqg6RO8c_W0)

Leaps and bounds separate that which is ironic and that which many people simply say is ironic. Christopher Warner wants to set the record straight: Something is ironic if and only if it is the exact opposite of what you would expect.

1. We often confuse irony with something \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Why do people enjoy irony?
3. A Situation is only ironic if what happens is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. the exact opposite of what you expect
5. Hilariously funny
6. somewhat taboo and ultimately embarrassing
7. the serious collaboration between opposing forces
8. An example of an ironic popular song is "When I'm 64" by the Beatles. It's ironic for several reasons. One, only two of the four Beatles actually made it to 64. Two, Paul McCartney had a pretty difficult 64th year of life (that's the year he divorced his wife, Heather Mills). What about Alanis Morissette's song "Ironic"? Are any of her examples irony? Pick another song that you think is ironic and explain why. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nm-1xvWibt0>
9. What is not a good example of irony?
   1. A champion at the Olympic cake walking event trips, drops a cake, and face plants into the icing.
   2. an 80 year old woman texting and blogging
   3. a ridiculously short man winning a high-jump competition
   4. a cheetah outrunning a 1980’s minivan
10. Have you ever misinterpreted a situation as ironic? Explain the situation and why you thought it was ironic. If not, create a situation in which someone might think its ironic, but isn’t.

**In on a secret? That’s Dramatic irony!** [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RZFYuX84n1U**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RZFYuX84n1U)

You’re in a movie theater, watching the new horror flick. The audience knows something that the main character does not. The audience sees the character's actions are not in his best interest. What's that feeling -- the one that makes you want to shout at the screen? Christopher Warner identifies this storytelling device as dramatic irony.

Dramatic irony is a relationship of contrast between a character's limited understanding of his or her situation in some particular moment of the unfolding action and what the audience, at the same instant, understands the character's situation actually to be.

1. Dramatic irony is when the audience is in on a secret that the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   1. Characters have missed
   2. author is uncertain about
   3. character don’t want them to know
   4. audience, characters ,and author are uncertain about
2. What do horror films and comedies have in common?
3. Which is not a common type of Irony?
   1. dramatic
   2. situational
   3. visual
   4. verbal
4. In a few sentences describe your favorite moment of dramatic irony in literature or in film.
5. In a horror movie, suspense is often built by the use of music. The viewers often know that something is going to happen because of the music that they can hear -- and, of course, the characters cannot hear this music. What are other devices that writers or filmmakers may use to build tension (AKA dramatic irony)?
6. Jaws is a 1975 American horror/thriller film directed by Steven Spielberg and based on Peter Benchley's novel of the same name. The prototypical summer blockbuster, its release is regarded as a watershed moment in motion picture history. In the story, a giant man-eating great white shark attacks beachgoers on Amity Island, a fictional summer resort town, prompting the local police chief to hunt it with the help of a marine biologist and a professional shark hunter. Do you think dramatic irony helped make this movie a success?

**What is Verbal Irony?** [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IiR-bnCHIYo**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IiR-bnCHIYo)

At face value, the lines between verbal irony, sarcasm, and compliments can be blurry. After all, the phrase 'That looks nice' could be all three depending on the circumstances. In the final of a three part series on irony, Christopher Warner gets into the irony you may use most often and most casually: verbal irony.

How do you define verbal irony? The word derives from the Latin word 'ironia' meaning feigned ignorance.

1. Verbal Irony occurs
   1. when the speaker says the opposite of what he/she means
   2. most often in pieces of fiction (like Mark Twain’s books)
   3. If the speaker doesn’t realize he/she said something offensive
   4. when everyone knows what is being talked about except one person
2. Which thing most often occurs simultaneously with Verbal irony?
3. Verbal Irony and compliments are the same thing. Explain how this is true or false.
4. What's an example of verbal irony?
   1. Chanting, "You're an awesome athlete!" to an Olympian
   2. Saying, "Good job!" to someone who just rear ended a car
   3. When the sun is shining and the birds are singing, you say, "Nice weather we're having, right?"
   4. All of the above?
5. Explain the relationship between verbal irony and sarcasm.
6. When is verbal irony useful? Is it ever harmful?
7. What does sarcasm mean/come from?
8. Which Irony do you think is used most often, and where?

**Unit 3: Name that Irony!!** Friday, January 4th Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_period:\_\_\_\_\_

*Read each example and identify which kind of irony the example portrays. Write (S) for Situational Irony, (D) for dramatic irony, and (V) for verbal irony. If it isn’t ironic, write (N) for not ironic.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_At the height of his success, a visual artist goes blind.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_A girl doesn’t make the swim team and says, “that’s just great”.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_In Pride and Prejudice, by Jane Austen, Mr. Darcy says of Elizabeth Bennett that she is not "handsome enough to tempt me," but he falls in love with her in spite of himself
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_The audience knows that Oedipus has killed the king, but Oedipus is still looking for the killer.
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_A billionaire welcomes a guest to his behemoth mansion saying, “It’s small, but we like it”.
6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_A girl follows a talking rabbit down a rabbit hole into a strange world.
7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Abraham Linclon is shot at Ford’s Theater.
8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Violet loves blueberry pie and when she eats candy at Willy Wonka’s chocolate factory, she turns into one.
9. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Dorothy, in *The Wizard of OZ*, has the power to go home at any time.
10. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_A busy man whishes for time to relax, but stranded on a deserted island, goes mad with boredom.
11. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_The audiences sees a forest fire starting, but a family, unaware, heads into the area for a camping trip.
12. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_A police officer gets a parking ticket for parking illegally.
13. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_The students said “Horary!” when the teacher announced they would have a quiz on drama terms.
14. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_The killer is knocking at the door, but the girl in the shower, goes to answer it because she doesn’t know.
15. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_In *The Gift of the Magi,* by O. Henry, a wife sells her hair to buy her husband a watch chain, and her husband sells his watch to buy her combs for her hair.
16. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_There are roaches infesting the office of a pest control service.
17. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_a plumber spends all day working on leaky faucets and comes home to find a pipe has burst in his home.
18. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_It snowed, causing students to miss a week of school.
19. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_looking at her son’s messy room, Mom says, “ Wow, you could win an award for cleanliness!”.
20. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_In To Kill a Mockingbird, by Harper Lee, the main character Scout goes to school and is already able to read. While one would expect a teacher to be pleased about that, Scout's teacher does not like that she is already able to read.

**DRAMA VOCAB LIST QUIZ IS MONDAY, JANUARY 14TH**

1. **Drama**- A story that is told through actors playing the part of characters
2. **Script**- the dialogue and stage directions together
3. **Comedy-** A humorous work that is usually lighthearted and ends happily (often in marriage)
4. **Tragedy**- A dramatic work that is mostly serious and shows the fall of an important person
5. **Tragic Hero**- a heroic protagonists who ultimately faces their death
6. **Tragic Flaw**- a personal weakness that brings about a character’s fall or death
7. **Playwright**- people who write plates
8. **Exposition**- The background information given in a play through the use of character dialogue
9. **Spectacle**- The visual picture that a play creates on stage
10. **Act**- the larger sections that divide up a play.
11. **Scene**- the smaller sections that divide up an act.
12. **Stage Directions**- directions usually given in italics or in brackets to indicate what the characters are doing in a script.
13. **Setting**- The time and place associated with a play
14. **Action**- when character move or speak on stage
15. **Character**- An individual who takes part in a literary work
16. **Protagonist-** the main character in a story who the audience follows
17. **Antagonist**- The character in conflict with the main character
18. **Foil**- is a character whose traits are the opposite of those of a major character. This serves to enhance the traits of the main character.
19. **Static Characters**- Characters who do not change during the course of the play
20. **Dynamic Characters**-Characters who change during the course of the play
21. **Dramatic Irony**- when the audience knows something that the characters do not
22. **Verbal Irony**- is when a character says one thing but means another
23. **Situational Irony**- when you expect one thing to happen, but the exact opposite happens
24. **Dialogue**- A conversation between two or more characters in a play
25. **Monologue**- When a character makes a speech in a play to the audience or another character
26. **Soliloquy**- When a character makes a speech about their innermost thoughts to illuminate ideas to the audience, but it is not spoken to any particular person
27. **Aside**- When a character turns to the audience and makes a comment (usually humorous) that the other characters do not notice