

Irony

*Irony is the difference between what we expect and what actually happens.

Verbal Irony

*The simplest kind of irony.

*When you say something and mean something else.

-Example: Marie looks at a muddy pond and instead of calling it a muddy pond, she says "that's some nice clean water you got there."

Situational Irony

*When a situation that is expected to happen is the opposite of what actually does happen.

-Example: A priest's son turns out to be a crook.

Dramatic Irony

*Kind of irony that is associated with a play or movie

*The audience knows something the characters on stage/screen do not

-Example: We know, but the character does not know, that the killer is in the elevator.