Irony.

Displaying signs is prohibited.
What is Irony?

Irony is about expectations.

Irony occurs, plainly put, when the opposite of what is expected happens.
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There are 3 kinds of irony:

- Verbal
- Situational
- Dramatic
Verbal Irony.

Verbal irony occurs when a character says one thing but means the opposite.

Verbal irony is also called sarcasm or being sarcastic.
Verbal Irony.

Examples.

Middle school students smell especially good on days when they have conditioning.

Awesome! We get to learn about irony!
Situational Irony.

Situational irony occurs when what actually happens is the opposite of what is expected.

Situational irony is when an outcome is completely unexpected.
Situational Irony.

Examples.

Just before he was shot, General Sedgwick proclaimed, “They couldn’t hit an elephant at this distance.”

Today, Bill Gates was observed at Starbucks using an iPhone.
Dramatic Irony.

**Dramatic irony** occurs when the reader understands more about the events of a story than a character.

**Dramatic irony** is, therefore, when you know something that a character does not.
Dramatic Irony.

Examples.

Timothy cheats on his history test. His parents are proud of his vastly improved grade.

Julie is planning to reveal her secret crush on Thomas when she receives a love poem from Daniel.
Components of Irony.

Sarcasm: saying the opposite of what is meant for humorous or cruel intent

Ambiguity: having the property of being able to be understood in more than one way

Subtlety: the quality of being difficult to understand or perceive

Contradiction: a situation where circumstances are inconsistent or contrary to each other
Review.

Something that is **ironic** is so because it is **unexpected**.

- If unexpected by a **character**, it is **dramatic**.
- If unexpected by **everyone**, it is **situational**.
- If it is **sarcasm**, it is **verbal**.
IRONY: which type?

• A mother comes into the TV room and discovers her 11-year-old watching television instead of doing his homework. Pointing to the screen she says, “I see you are busy, kiddo, but when you're finished with your serious studies there, maybe we could take some time out for recreation and do a little math.”
IRONY: which type?

- A couple appears in court to finalize a divorce, but during the proceeding, they reconcile and decide to remarry instead.
IRONY: which type?

- Romeo and Juliet are secretly married, but her parents insist that she should marry Paris. Juliet tries to fake her death in order to run off with Romeo, but, being a typical teenager, neglects to tell Romeo about her plan. She becomes unconscious after drinking a sleeping potion given to her by the apothecary Friar Lawrence. When Romeo discovers Juliet, he thinks that she is dead, not knowing that she is merely unconscious. He consumes poison and kills himself.
IRONY: which type?

• Dad is finally out of patience with picking up after his son, who cannot seem to put his dirty clothes in the hamper instead of letting them drop wherever he happens to be when he takes them off. Dad says to him, “would it please Milord if I, his humble servant, were to attend to the laundry?”
IRONY: which type?

• On Friday night, Jim leaves with friends to watch a basketball game but when he arrives, there is a volleyball tournament going on instead. The basketball game is actually on Saturday night.
IRONY: which type?

• Dwight is seated at his desk working diligently when Jim sneaks up behind him silently. Jim, a great prankster, is dressed as a bear. Dwight is known to practice karate in case of bear attacks, and he takes bear attacks quite seriously, but Jim does not know this. Everyone in the office sees Jim about to “scare” Dwight out of his wits, but says nothing.
IRONY: which type?

• Jan buys herself something she has wanted for a long time – an iPhone 5 – after months of saving her allowance. When her grandmother visits days later, she surprises Jan – with an iPhone 5.
IRONY: which type?

- “Clear your desks,” says the teacher. “All you need is a pen.” The teacher then passes out clean sheets of college ruled loose leaf paper. “Please put a proper MLA heading at the tops of your paper,” the teacher continues, “and number your paper 1 – 10.”

The students seem anxious and are oddly quiet. “Now,” says the teacher, “write down ten things you would like me to buy you at the mall this weekend.”
IRONY: which type?

• There is a massive, complicated assignment that is due today, and the teacher asks students to place them in the green box. All of the students turn in their work on time, in good order, correctly done, and without making a fuss of any kind or asking any repetitive questions.
IRONY: which type?

- The temperature in the English classroom is, like it often is, egregiously warm. “Why is it always so cold in here?” asks a sixth grader, without raising his hand.
IRONY: which type?

• The winner of the annual St. Mary’s Benefit raffle for $10,000 turns out to be Bill Gates, one of the richest men in the world.