

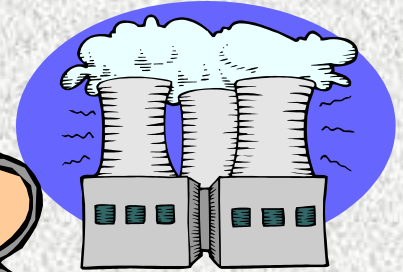
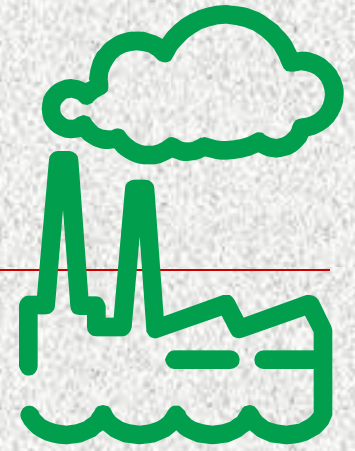
# Irony

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# Irony through Picture Notes

Celebrate Earth Day



# Irony

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A contradiction between what happens and what you expect to happen

Examples:

- A fireman afraid of fire
  - A dentist with crooked teeth and cavities galore
  - You shout “I’m not upset!” but your fists are clenched, your eyes look like they are ready to pop out, and your face is the color of tomato red
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# Three Kinds of Irony

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1. Verbal Irony
  2. Dramatic Irony
  3. Situational Irony
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# Verbal Irony

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- Saying one thing but meaning another
- Tone of Sarcasm

## Examples:

1. As your teacher is signing detention forms for students who did not complete their homework, she says in an irritated voice, "I just love when students don't do their homework!"
  2. It's raining cats and dogs outside. You took the day off from work today to finally put up a fence post because of your annoying neighbors. You express, "This weather is just lovely."
- Your friend spoils the ending of a movie for you, and you express in a haughty tone, "Thanks a lot!"
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# Verbal Irony Continued

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## Green Memory

A wonderful time~ the War:  
when money rolled in  
and blood rolled out.

But blood  
was far away  
from here---

Money was near

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**Do you think that  
the speaker  
really considered  
this a “wonderful  
time”? Why or  
why not?**

**What kind of people  
might be willing  
to sacrifice blood  
for money?**

# More Fun with Verbal Irony 😊

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- ❑ You have a six-foot tall friend who you call “shorty.”
  - ❑ You planned six months in advance for good weather on your wedding day. It is suddenly raining and hailing. You step outside and say, “Oh good! I was hoping it would rain.”
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# Dramatic Irony

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- The reader knows something about a character's situation that a character does not know.
  - The reader is aware of the irony.
  - The character is unaware of the irony.
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# Dramatic Irony Continued

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Example:

- In Shakespeare's Julius Caesar, we know that Brutus is plotting to kill Julius Caesar, but Julius Caesar does not know this. He thinks that Brutus is a loyal man to him.
  - In Cinderella, the prince goes searching for the "princess" who lost her slipper at the ball. The prince does not know that she is a poor girl, almost a slave to her stepsisters and stepmother. It is ironic because we know the owner of the shoe is Cinderella, a poor girl, but he thinks it is a girl that comes from great wealth.
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# Situational Irony

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- What actually happens is not expected to happen
  - The character and the reader are unaware of the irony
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# Situational Irony Continued

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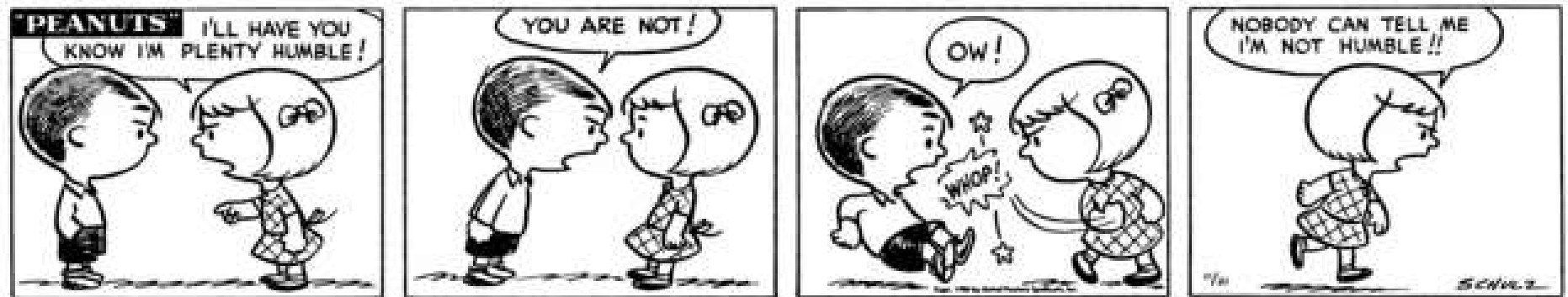
An aviator was sent on a mission to a distant part of a globe. When he returned to his base, he noticed it was strangely quiet. Everything was in perfect order, but there wasn't a sign of life in that place. He wandered through the town in growing astonishment. Human beings and animals simply had vanished from the scene.

He tore back to the airport, filled his plane with high octane gas, and flew terrified, to New York, London, Moscow, Shanghai. While he had been on his mission, every living creature had apparently disappeared. He was the only man alive in the world! He weighed the situation carefully and found it intolerable. Suicide seemed the only solution. He swallowed a vial of deadly poison and calmly waited for it to take effect. Just as the drug reached his brain, and the room started swimming before his eyes, he heard a familiar sound...It was the telephone ringing. -Bennett Cerf

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# What kind of irony is evident in the cartoon?

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# Irony Worksheet and R&J Test

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You will work with another student and complete the irony worksheet on *Romeo and Juliet* that I will provide. It must be signed in class today. These notes, along with the worksheet, will be due Thursday (when your essay is due).

**REMEMBER**, you will have a Romeo and Juliet Final Exam on Thursday, and you will present your projects next week.

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