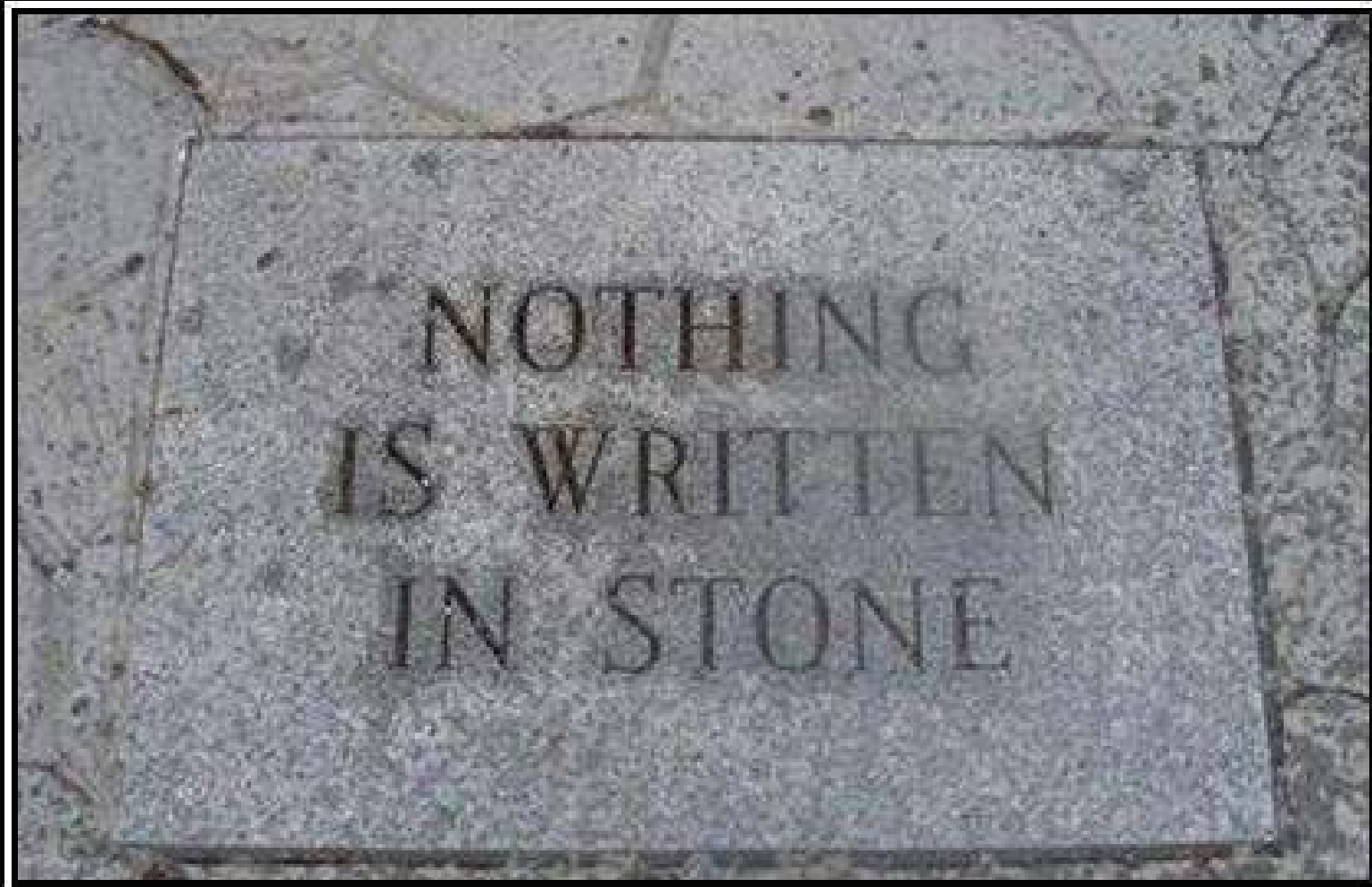




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A wooden easel with four legs holds a black rectangular sign. The sign has white text written on it in a simple, sans-serif font. The text is centered and reads: "The Procrastinator's Meeting Has Been Postponed." The background is a plain, light-colored surface.

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Irony

3 Kinds of Irony



What is **Irony**?

Irony is about **expectations**.

Irony: the opposite of what is **expected**.

3 kinds of **irony**

- **Verbal**
- **Dramatic**
- **Situational**

Verbal **Irony**

A character says one thing but means the opposite

Also called *sarcasm* or being *sarcastic*.

Examples

*The locker room smells really good.
Awesome! Another homework packet!*

Dramatic Irony

When the reader understands more about the events of a story than a character.

You know something that a character doesn't.

Example

Tim's parents are proud of the "A" he got on the test, but we know he cheated.

Alex writes a love poem to Judy but we know that Judy loves Devin.

Situational **Irony**

When what actually happens is the opposite of what is expected.

Something about the situation is completely unexpected.

Example

General Sedgwick's last words were, "They couldn't hit an elephant at this distance."

Bill Gates uses an Apple computer.

Review

Something that is **ironic** is unexpected.

If unexpected by a **character**, it's **dramatic**.

If unexpected by **everyone**, it's **situational**.

If it's **sarcasm**, it's **verbal**.

Quiz

- Read the following examples of irony. Determine which of the three types of irony are being used.

1. When Mr. Goodenwell saw his baby boy Vince for the first time, he swore that he'd do anything to protect the little guy. This was easy at first, when all Vince did was lie in a pillow and drink milk. But as little Vince grew bigger, he started walking. And once he started walking, he got into everything. He was becoming a serious threat to himself when Mr. Goodenwell, making good on his vow to protect his son, went to the store and bought \$150 worth of equipment to childproof his home. He put covers on the outlets, bumpers on the table corners, and a sliding lock on the toilet lid. But right as Mr. Goodenwell was adjusting the covers on the door knobs, Vince pulled the cap off an outlet and choked on it. Mr. Goodenwell found him just in time.

2. One bright and warm Easter morning, Timmy Holloway woke up to the smell of eggs, but not breakfast eggs, Easter eggs. That's right Timmy had a craving for Easter eggs, and today was the day to get them boy howdy. There was only one thing standing in his way, well two really: the Solomon brothers. The Solomon brothers got more eggs than Timmy every year because there were two of them and they counted their eggs as one. Timmy suspected that this was cheating but he couldn't articulate the notion. When Timmy got to the fair grounds, he clutched his Easter egg sack behind his back and approached the Solomon brothers.



The taller one distracted Timmy while the shorter one snuck behind him, clipping the corner of Timmy's egg sack and making quite a big hole. Unfortunately, Timmy failed to notice this. When the whistle blew, Timmy was off. He was surprised to see the Solomon brothers behind him, since he was much faster than they, but he didn't mind. Timmy beat them to every egg, and raced on to the next, never noticing that his sack wasn't getting heavier. As he approached the end of the course, Timmy was elated that he was the first to finish. The Solomon brothers were right behind him. "Maybe next year, loser twins," Timmy chuckled, right before he noticed that his sack was empty.

3. Making friends isn't easy. Ask Juan Guerrero, who moved to New Middle School three months ago but still eats lunch by himself. Nobody picks on him really, but they pretty much ignore him completely, at least since the incident. You see, Juan had his chance. We almost adopted him into our crew, the skaters, after Juan said he could skate. "Oh yeah?" asked my boy Romeo, "well, where's your board?" Juan replied shakily, "Uh, my mom ran over it with her car, but I do flips and grinds and all that stuff."



Romeo didn't believe him. "Why don't you use my board? Show me one of those flips," Romeo challenged. Juan gulped and grabbed the board. "Uh... Ok," he replied. When you see a good skater on TV or in a video game, skateboarding may look easy, but just moving properly, let alone doing any tricks, takes a lot of practice. Because of this, I was not the least bit surprised when Juan landed flat on his can before he even made it across a single sidewalk square. "Wow! What an awesome flip, Tony Hawk. You'll have to teach me that," Romeo sneered. Now Juan eats lunch alone.