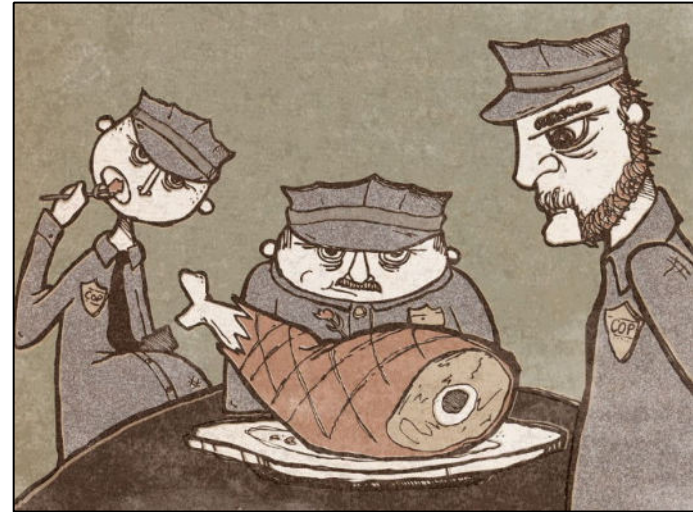


# “Lamb to the Slaughter”



# “Lamb to the Slaughter” BELLWORK



OBSERVATIONS about Mary as a housewife	FACTS about the murder	INFERENCES about Mary Maloney
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# IDIOM

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# TYPES OF IRONY

## DRAMATIC IRONY

Occurs when readers know more than a character does



## VERBAL IRONY

- Occurs when characters say the opposite of what they mean

### Verbal Irony Example

"My day is going great, thanks."

# **SORTING ACTIVITY**

## **PROCEDURE:**

- 1. With your team, decide whether each story quote is an example of dramatic irony or verbal irony.**
- 2. Reveal the correct matching.**
- 3. Discuss whole-class what makes each quote ironic and the type of irony that it is.**

# Were you right?

## DRAMATIC IRONY

1. "Hello, Sam," she said brightly, smiling at the man in the shop.
2. As she entered the kitchen by the back door, she was quietly singing to herself.  
"Patrick!" she called. "How are you, darling?"
3. "Personally, I think it's right here on the premises."  
"Probably right under our very noses. What do you think, Jack?"

## VERBAL IRONY

1. "Patrick's decided he's tired and he doesn't want to eat out tonight," she told him. ". . . and now I don't have any vegetables in the house."  
"Then how about some meat, Mrs. Maloney?" asked the grocer.  
"No, I've got meat, thanks, I've got a nice leg of lamb, from the freezer."
2. "Please," she begged. "Please eat it [the lamb]. Personally I couldn't touch a thing . . . It'd be a favor to me if you'd eat it up."

# DISCUSSION ACTIVITY

## PROCEDURE:

1. Select a team scribe who will record the team's ideas for each question, a team discussion leader, and a team reporter to share with the whole class.
2. Conduct team discussions.
3. Each team reporter shares their ideas.
4. Repeat for question # 2.



# CLASS DISCUSSION QUESTION # 1

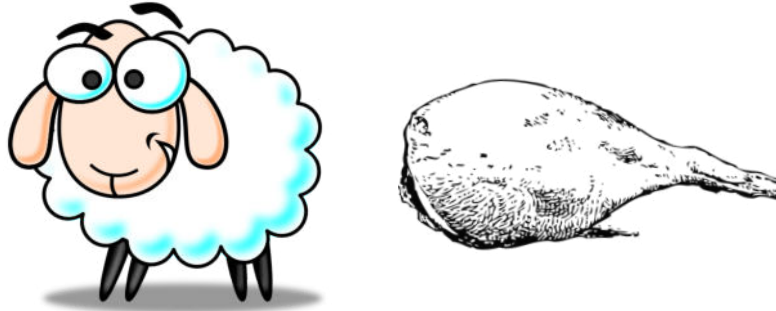
What did Mary Maloney **love** the most? What did she **fear** most? How did that mix of feelings drive her to violently attack her husband? Cite evidence from the text.





## CLASS DISCUSSION QUESTION # 2

Considering the idiom, the murder weapon, and the fate of Patrick Maloney, what does the title “Lamb to the Slaughter” mean?



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