

# Irony



It's funny, it's unexpected....  
It's like Cupid never falling in love!

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# Listen and write:



- ☞ Here is a song about situational irony. Try to identify three of the ironic situations sung about. What is different from what we would expect?
  
- ☞ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8v9yUVgrmPY>

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# Watch and write...



☞ Watch the following clip. Try to identify what it is that WE know and that one of the characters does not know!

☞ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EP-1kt92vqY>

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# Analyze and write...



Read the following passages.

Identify places where the author or character **MEANS** something different than what they are **SAYING**....

What do we call this besides verbal irony??

The man next to Ford grinned and nodded happily. Ford ignored him. He said, "Time is an illusion. Lunchtime doubly so."

"Very deep," said Arthur, "you should send that in to the Reader's Digest. They've got a page for people like you."



"Come off it, Mr Dent," he said, "you can't win you know. You can't lie in front of the bulldozer indefinitely." He tried to make his eyes blaze fiercely but they just wouldn't do it.

Arthur lay in the mud and squelched at him.

"I'm game," he said, "we'll see who rusts first."

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# Quick Quiz



- ☞ Define OR give an example of verbal irony
- ☞ Define OR give an example of dramatic irony
- ☞ Define OR give an example of situational irony

# Activity!



- ❧ Find three examples of irony in The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy.
- ❧ They can be any type of irony: verbal, situational or dramatic.
- ❧ You must
  - ❧ find a quote,
  - ❧ explain the irony,
  - ❧ and identify the type of irony!