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UNIT 1 Defining Moments Fiction Connection



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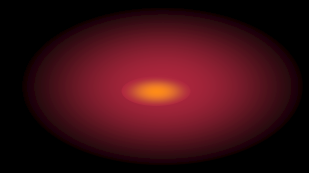
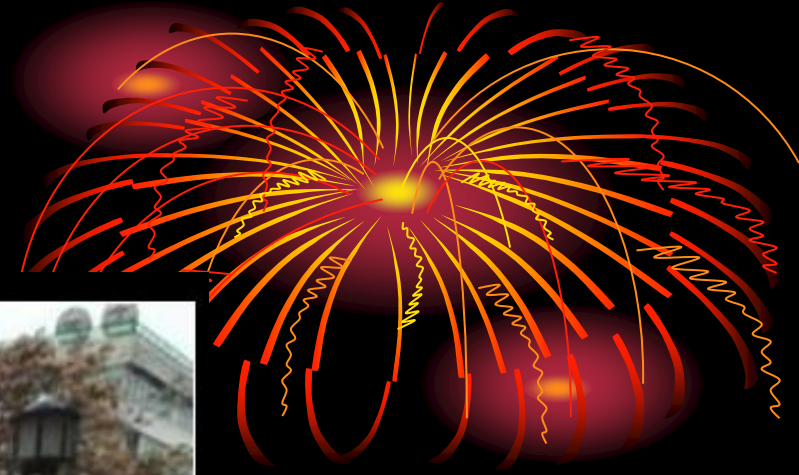


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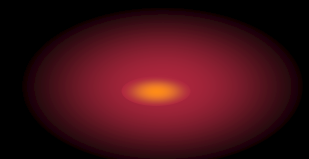
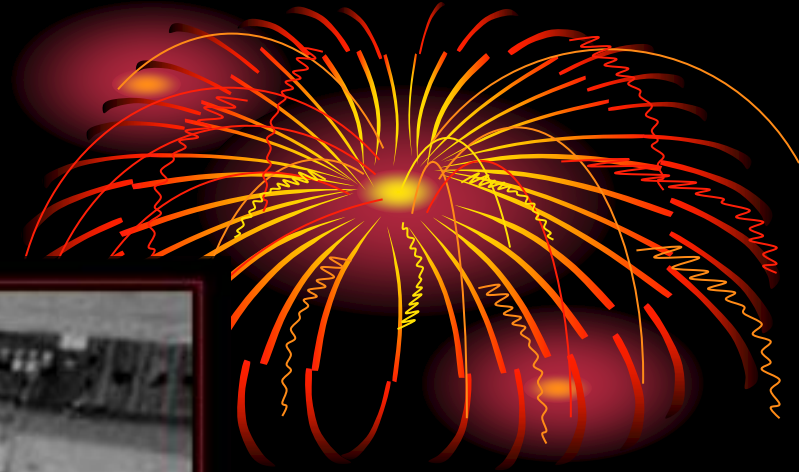
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There's nothing like irony

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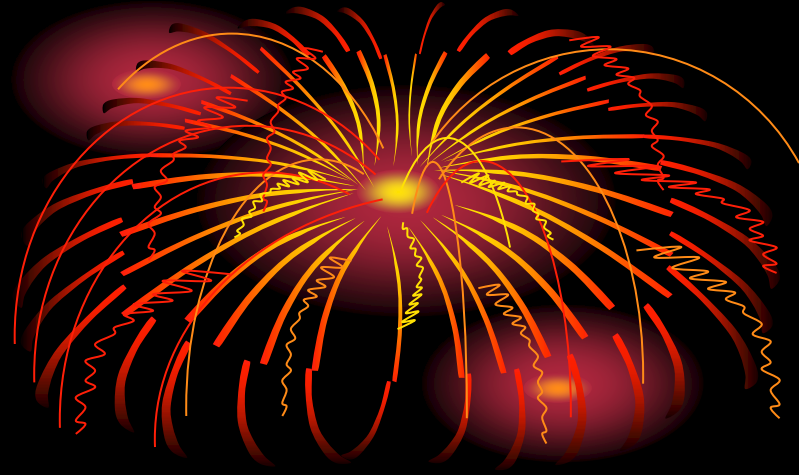


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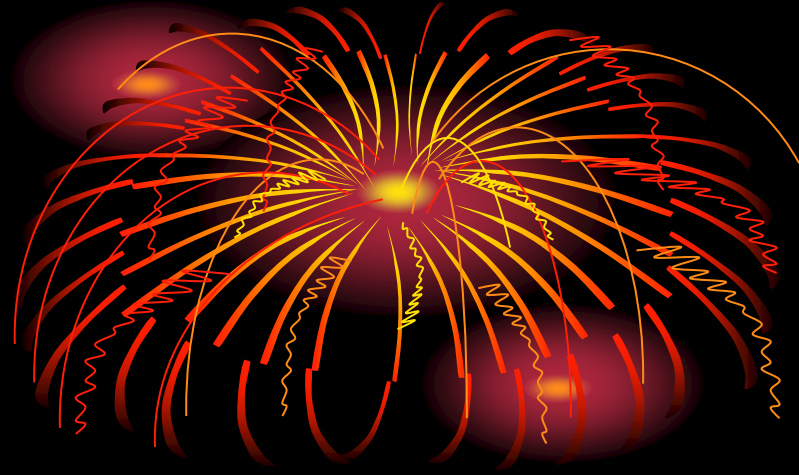
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Noun



- 1.the use of words to convey a meaning that is the opposite of its literal meaning: *the irony of her reply, “How nice!” when I said I had to work all weekend long.***
- 2.*Literature.* a technique of indicating, as through character or plot development, an intention or attitude opposite to that which is actually or ostensibly stated.**

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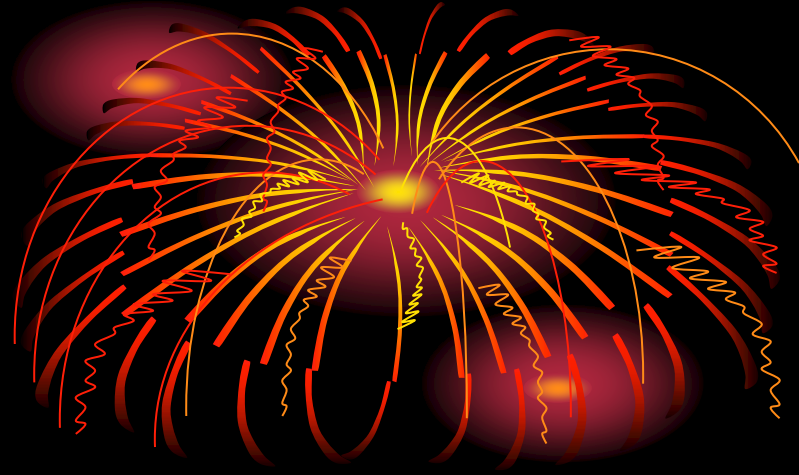
- **In general, it is a contrast between expectation and reality.**
- **Irony can create powerful effects, from humor to strong emotion. There are three common types of irony.**

The Types of Irony Are:

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

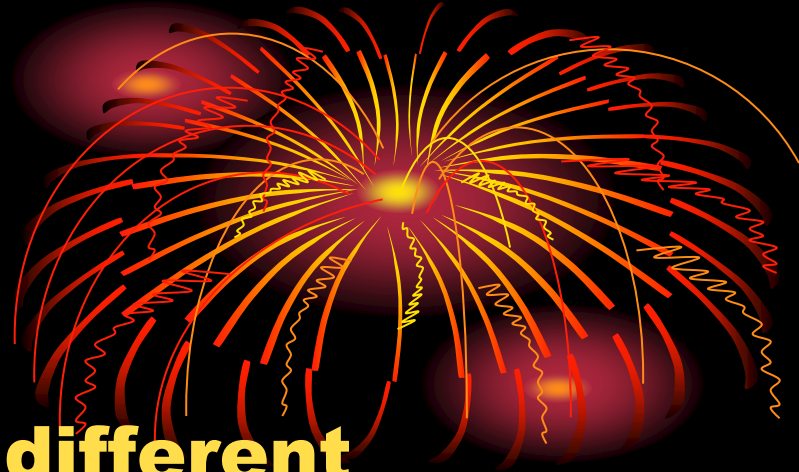


Verbal Irony



- **(Also called sarcasm) Involves a contrast between what is said or written and what is meant. If you called someone you hated “*Love*”, you would be using verbal irony.**

Situational Irony



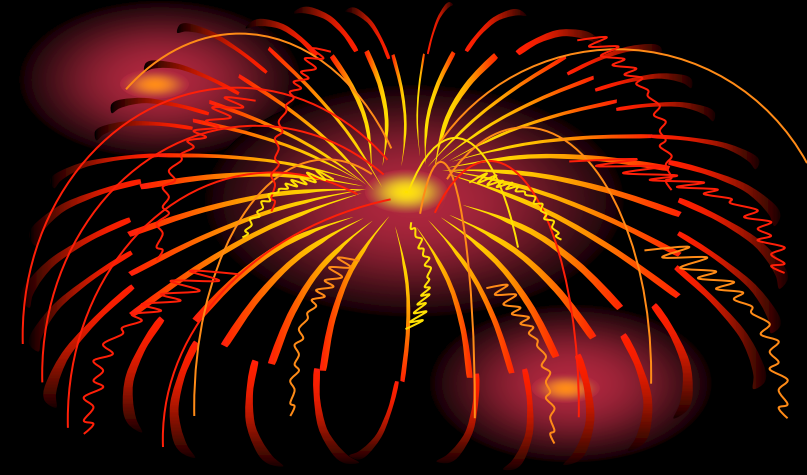
- **Occurs when what happens is very different from what is expected to happen. Think in a TV weather presenter getting caught in a surprise rainstorm after saying how sunny the day would be.**
- **Examples include the endings of:**

The Necklace

The Planet of the Apes (1969)

The Sixth Sense (1999)

Dramatic Irony



- **Occurs when the audience or the reader knows something a character doesn't.**
- **In in Shakespeare's play *Romeo and Juliet* we know what each one of them is trying to do so be together, but tragically, they don't.**

Ironic

**An old man turned ninety-eight
He won the lottery and died the next day
It's a death row pardon two minutes too late
Isn't it ironic ... don't you think**

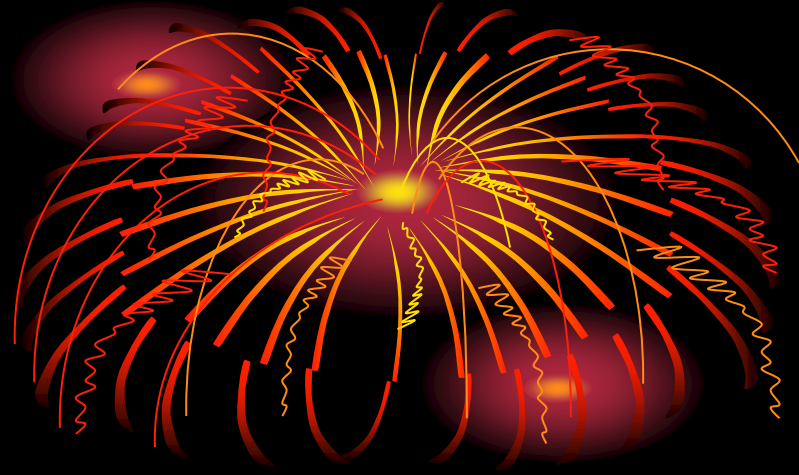
**It's like rain on your wedding day
It's a free ride when you've already paid
It's the good advice that you just didn't take
Who would've thought ... it figures**

**Mr. Play It Safe was afraid to fly
He packed his suitcase and kissed his kids good-bye
He waited his whole life to take that flight
And as the plane crashed down he thought
'Well isn't this nice...'
And isn't it ironic ... don't you think**

**It's a traffic jam when you're already late
It's like ten thousand spoons when all you need is a knife
It's meeting the man of my dreams
And then meeting his beautiful wife
And isn't it ironic... don't you think
A little too ironic... and yeah I really do think...**



Practice Exercise



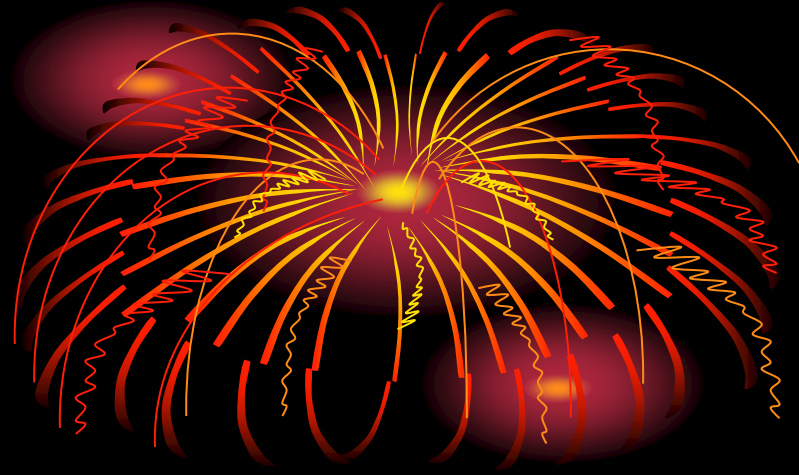
- 1. List the three types of irony studied today.**
- 2. Give one characteristic for each type.**
- 3. Which is your favorite type of irony? Why?**

Practice Exercise



- 4. Identify the type of irony in the next sentences:**
 - a. An anti-technology website.**
 - b. A mother calls her prison inmate son a “good boy”.**
 - c. In Noel Coward's Oscar-winning Cavalcade, extremely happy honeymooners wonder how long their joy will last. The camera pulls back to reveal a life preserver stenciled “RMS Titanic.”**
 - d. A man jumps over a giant waterfall in a barrel and survives, only to take a cleanup shower where he slips on the soap and dies from trauma.**

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