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IRONY is the use of words to convey a meaning that is the opposite of its literal meaning.

Example: The irony of her reply of “How nice!” when I said I had to work all weekend.

No, working *all* weekend *isn't* nice!

In literature, irony is an action, behavior or attitude opposite of what is expected or of what actually happens. After learning about the three different types of irony, fill out the chart below accordingly. Then, answer the following Q's.

TYPE OF IRONY	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE

1. What purpose does irony serve in literature?

2. Can you tell of an ironic situation in your own life?