

Definition: a contrast between what is expected and what actually happens

Situational: something happens that we wouldn't expect to happen

Example: A fire station burns down

Irony

<u>Dramatic</u>: the reader knows something the <u>characters</u> do not

Example: In *Toy Story*, the toys move when the people are not there. Also, Buzz thinks he is a real space ranger.

Verbal – what is said is different than what is meant (much like sarcasm)

Example: You tell someone to break a leg but you mean for them to have good luck

Identify the following examples of irony as situational, dramatic, or verbal...

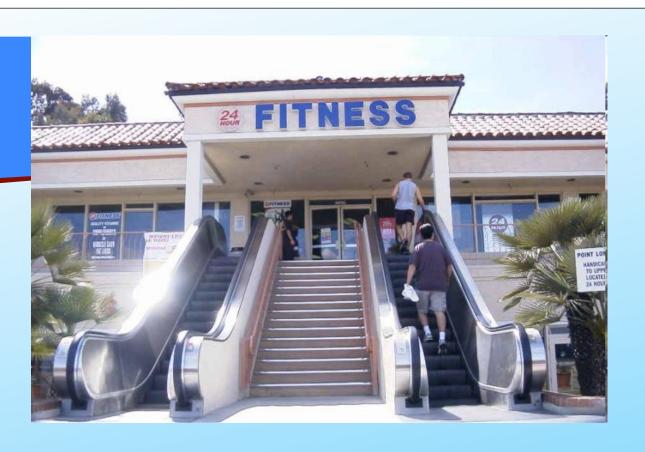
George breaks a date with his girlfriend so he can go to a ball game with the guys. At the concession stand, he runs into his girlfriend with another guy.





A: SITUATIONAL IRONY

We do not expect George to see his girlfriend with another guy.



SITUATIONAL IRONY

We don't expect a FITNESS CENTER to have an escalator because they cause you to burn LESS calories.

You are watching a horror movie. You know that the boogeyman is waiting for the main character in the closet, but the character doesn't know and unknowingly opens the closet door.

A: DRAMATIC IRONY

You, as the audience, know something that the main character does not.



A: Situational Irony

You wouldn't expect to see a Pepsi delivery man drinking a Coke! As you walk outside into the pouring rain, your friend sarcastically comments, "What lovely weather we're having today."



A: VERBAL IRONY

Your friend is saying that it is lovely weather but what she means is just the opposite. It is a very dreary day.



SITUATIONAL IRONY

The guy is calling the protestors stupid, but he spelled, "morons" wrong!

A police station gets robbed.



A: SITUATIONAL IRONY

We wouldn't expect a POLICE STATION to get robbed. They investigate robberies!



SITUATIONAL

The van drove into a "School of Safe Driving."
Hahahahaha! We wouldn't expect that.

Your date for the school dance shows up in ripped jeans and a stained t-shirt. With a smirk, you say, "Oh! I see you dressed up for the occasion."

A: VERBAL IRONY

What you've said is different than what you mean. You mean that your date hasn't bother to dress up at all, but that isn't what you said!



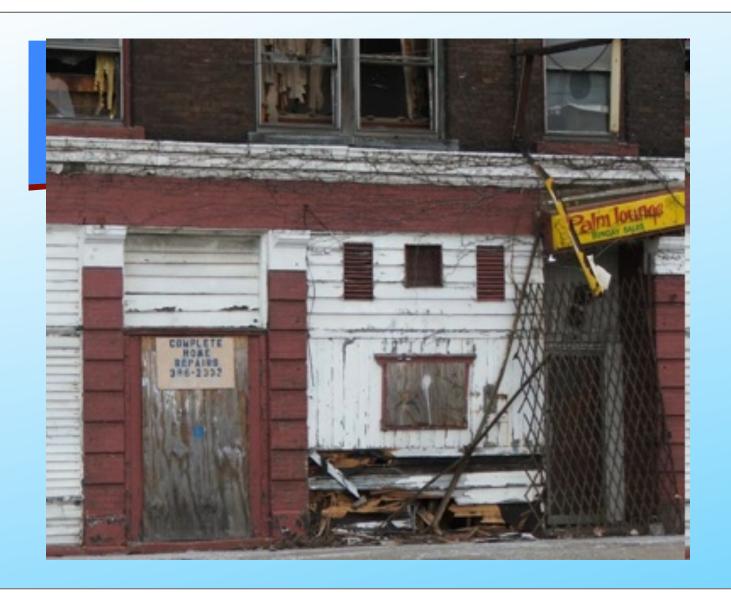
SITUATIONAL IRONY

It is ironic that a McDonald's sign is beside a sign about obesity! When watching a talk show, the audience knows why a person has been brought on the show. However, the person in the chair does not know that they are going to be reunited with a long lost friend.



A: DRAMATIC IRONY

The audience knows information that a character does not! (We know why the person has been brought on the show, but they don't!)



SITUATIONAL

Would you expect someone that lives here to specialize in complete home repair?



IRONY

The very definition of.