WHAT IS IRONY?
IRONY

A Surprise!

It is the difference between what we expect to happen, and what actually does happen.

It is often used to add suspense and interest.

It is also used to keep the reader thinking about the moral of the story.
THE BIG PICTURE

Irony

- Verbal Irony
- Situational Irony
- Dramatic Irony
3 TYPES OF IRONY

Verbal Irony

Situational Irony

Dramatic Irony
VERBAL IRONY

The simplest kind of irony.
You use it everyday when you say one thing and really mean another.
It is often similar to a sarcastic response.
Example:
When you appear to be sick and someone asks you if you’re okay. You say “Of course!” But in the meantime you are vomiting and fainting.
SITUATIONAL IRONY

Occurs when a situation turns out to be the opposite of what you thought it would be.

Example:
The teacher’s daughter is a High School drop out.
The mayor’s wife gets caught stealing.
The chef won’t eat his/her own cooking.
The barber always needs a hair cut himself.
DRAMATIC IRONY

Occurs when the audience knows something that the characters in the story, on the screen, or on the stage do not know. It’s like the audience is more aware of what’s going on than the people in the production.

This is used to engage the audience and keep them actively involved in the storyline.
In all of the Friday the 13th movies, we know Jason is in the woods. The characters do not. When they go out into the woods we are afraid for them because we know that they are in danger. We scream for them to run, we get excited when they fall, we cringe when we know that Jason is right behind the tree.
Irony is a kind of a surprise. It is the difference between what is expected to happen, and what actually does happen.

Irony is like a glitch, a twist, or a last minute switch in the game. It is an interruption of events that cause an unexpected outcome.

There are three types of irony:
Verbal
Situational
Dramatic