



Students' Notebook

Let's Take a Look at Sarcasm

...is praise which is really an insult; sarcasm generally involves spite, the desire to put someone down.

Example...you see a junky car, you respond, "that ride is hot!" or "Where can I get a car like that?"

Satire

...can be described diminishing or belittle a subject by making it ridiculous

- Amusement, contempt, scorn, or anger.
- Uses laughter as its defense
- Satire has usually been justified by those who practice it as a cure
- To ridicule the failing rather than the individual

Parody is a literary device

- imitating another work, esp. a composition
- In later use extended to similar imitations in other
- Artistic fields, as music, painting, film, etc.

Types of Irony

Verbal Irony—When something is said that is the opposite of what it is meant.

Example: That is a “great” look for you.

Situational Irony—When the outcome turns out to be very different from what was expected.

Example: You were expecting to get a car for your 16th birthday, but your parents bought you a bike instead.

Dramatic Irony—When the audience is aware of what is going on or what might happen or what is being said, but the other characters are NOT aware of it. They don’t “get it.”

Example: A woman is getting into her car, and the audience knows there is a man in her back seat waiting for her.