

Need another word that means the same as “ironic”? Find 22 synonyms and 30 related words for “ironic” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Ironic” are: ironical, dry, wry, sarcastic, sardonic, caustic, sharp, stinging, scathing, acerbic, acid, bitter, trenchant, mordant, cynical, paradoxical, incongruous, odd, strange, weird, peculiar, unexpected**

## **Ironic as an Adjective**

### **Definitions of "Ironic" as an adjective**

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “ironic” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Characterized by often poignant difference or incongruity between what is expected and what actually is.*
- *Using or characterized by irony.*
- *Humorously sarcastic or mocking.*
- *Happening in a way contrary to what is expected, and typically causing wry amusement because of this.*



## Synonyms of "Ironic" as an adjective (22 Words)

<b>acerbic</b>	Tasting sour or bitter. <i>His <b>acerbic</b> wit.</i>
<b>acid</b>	Having the characteristics of an acid. <i><b>Acid</b> soils.</i>
<b><u>bitter</u></b>	(of wind or weather) intensely cold. <i>The <b>bitter</b> truth.</i>
<b><u>caustic</u></b>	Of a substance, especially a strong acid; capable of destroying or eating away by chemical action. <i>The players were making <b>caustic</b> comments about the refereeing.</i>
<b><u>cynical</u></b>	Contemptuous; mocking. <i>A <b>cynical</b> manipulation of public opinion.</i>
<b><u>dry</u></b>	Of noodles not served in a soup but in a sauce or with dry ingredients. <i>I heard much talk about how sobriety was more than staying straight or <b>dry</b>.</i>
<b><u>incongruous</u></b>	Lacking in harmony or compatibility or appropriateness. <i>A plan <b>incongruous</b> with reason.</i>
<b>ironical</b>	Characterized by often poignant difference or incongruity between what is expected and what actually is. <i>An <b>ironical</b> smile.</i>
<b>mordant</b>	Harshly ironic or sinister. <i>A <b>mordant</b> sense of humour.</i>
<b><u>odd</u></b>	Not easily explained. <i>Atoms which possess an <b>odd</b> number of electrons.</i>
<b><u>paradoxical</u></b>	Seemingly contradictory but nonetheless possibly true. <i>By glorifying the acts of violence they achieve the <b>paradoxical</b> effect of making them trivial.</i>
<b>peculiar</b>	Slightly and indefinably unwell. <i>He gave her some very <b>peculiar</b> looks.</i>
<b><u>sarcastic</u></b>	Marked by or given to using irony in order to mock or convey contempt. <i>I think they re being <b>sarcastic</b>.</i>
<b><u>sardonic</u></b>	Disdainfully or ironically humorous; scornful and mocking- Frank Schoenberner- Irwin Edman. <i>His rebellion is the bitter <b>sardonic</b> laughter of all great satirists.</i>
<b>scathing</b>	Witheringly scornful; severely critical. <i>His <b>scathing</b> remarks about silly lady novelists.</i>

<b>sharp</b>	Having or made by a thin edge or sharp point suitable for cutting or piercing. <i>A <b>sharp</b> worded exchange.</i>
<b>stinging</b>	Characterized by a sharp tingling or burning sensation. <i>The <b>stinging</b> tentacles of the jellyfish.</i>
<b>strange</b>	Not known before. <i>He s a very <b>strange</b> man.</i>
<b>trenchant</b>	Vigorous or incisive in expression or style. <i>A <b>trenchant</b> blade.</i>
<b>unexpected</b>	Not expected or anticipated. <i><b>Unexpected</b> guests.</i>
<b>weird</b>	Suggesting the operation of supernatural influences. <i>Some trick of the moonlight some <b>weird</b> effect of shadow.</i>
<b>wry</b>	Bent to one side. <i>A <b>wry</b> smile.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Ironic" as an adjective

- *His mouth curved into an ironic smile.*
- *An ironic remark often conveys an intended meaning obliquely.*
- *It was ironic that now everybody had plenty of money for food they couldn't obtain it because everything was rationed.*
- *An ironical smile.*
- *An ironic novel.*
- *It was ironical that the well-planned scheme failed so completely.*
- *Madness, an ironic fate for such a clear thinker.*



## Associations of "Ironic" (30 Words)

### ambiguity

The quality of being open to more than one interpretation; inexactness.  
*We can detect no **ambiguity** in this section of the Act.*

<b>antinomy</b>	A contradiction between two beliefs or conclusions that are in themselves reasonable; a paradox. <i>There are not many short novels capable of accommodating bewildering antinomies.</i>
<b>conflicting</b>	In disagreement. <b>Conflicting</b> opinions.
<b><u>contradiction</u></b>	Opposition between two conflicting forces or ideas. <i>The statement he is brave and he is not brave is a <b>contradiction</b>.</i>
<b><u>contradictory</u></b>	A contradictory proposition. <i>Perfect and imperfect are <b>contradictory</b> terms.</i>
<b><u>contrary</u></b>	A contrary proposition. <i>She is sulky and <b>contrary</b> where her work is concerned.</i>
<b>contrast</b>	A conceptual separation or distinction. <i>His friend s success <b>contrasted</b> with his own failure.</i>
<b><u>cynical</u></b>	Doubtful as to whether something will happen or whether it is worthwhile. <i>He was brutally <b>cynical</b> and hardened to every sob story under the sun.</i>
<b>cynicism</b>	A cynical feeling of distrust. <i>Public <b>cynicism</b> about politics.</i>
<b>deprecation</b>	The act of expressing disapproval (especially of yourself).
<b><u>inexplicable</u></b>	Incapable of being explained or accounted for. <b>Inexplicable</b> errors.
<b><u>innuendo</u></b>	An allusive or oblique remark or hint, typically a suggestive or disparaging one. <i>A constant torrent of <b>innuendo</b> gossip lies and half truths.</i>
<b>ironical</b>	Humorously sarcastic or mocking. <i>It was <b>ironical</b> that the well planned scheme failed so completely.</i>
<b><u>irony</u></b>	A trope that involves incongruity between what is expected and what occurs. <i>The <b>irony</b> of Ireland s copying the nation she most hated.</i>
<b>oppose</b>	Contrast with equal weight or force. <i>A majority of the electorate <b>opposed</b> EC membership.</i>
<b>opposing</b>	In conflict or competition with someone or something. <i>The brothers fought on <b>opposing</b> sides in the war.</i>
<b><u>oxymoron</u></b>	Conjoining contradictory terms (as in `deafening silence).

<b><u>paradox</u></b>	A statement or proposition which, despite sound (or apparently sound) reasoning from acceptable premises, leads to a conclusion that seems logically unacceptable or self-contradictory. <i>Parmenides was the original advocate of the philosophical power of <b>paradox</b>.</i>
<b><u>paradoxical</u></b>	Seemingly contradictory but nonetheless possibly true. <i>By glorifying the acts of violence they achieve the <b>paradoxical</b> effect of making them trivial.</i>
<b><u>paradoxically</u></b>	In a seemingly absurd or self-contradictory way. <i>The strength of capitalism is <b>paradoxically</b> also its weakness.</i>
<b><u>parody</u></b>	Make a parody of. <i>The film is a <b>parody</b> of the horror genre.</i>
<b>sarcasm</b>	Witty language used to convey insults or scorn-Jonathan Swif. <i>He used <b>sarcasm</b> to upset his opponent.</i>
<b><u>sarcastic</u></b>	Expressing or expressive of ridicule that wounds. <i>I think they re being <b>sarcastic</b>.</i>
<b><u>sardonic</u></b>	Grimly mocking or cynical. <i>His rebellion is the bitter <b>sardonic</b> laughter of all great satirists.</i>
<b><u>satire</u></b>	A play novel film or other work which uses satire. <i>A number of articles on Elizabethan <b>satire</b>.</i>
<b>satiric</b>	Exposing human folly to ridicule. <i>A persistent campaign of mockery by the <b>satirical</b> fortnightly magazine.</i>
<b><u>satirical</u></b>	Exposing human folly to ridicule. <i>His <b>satirical</b> sense of humour.</i>
<b><u>twist</u></b>	Do the twist. <i>Barrels with a 1 24 inch <b>twist</b>.</i>
<b><u>undertone</u></b>	An underlying quality or feeling. <i>The sexual <b>undertones</b> of most advertising.</i>
<b>wry</b>	Humorously sarcastic or mocking. <i>With a <b>wry</b> Scottish wit.</i>

