

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)

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

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

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

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

