

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

Irony as an Adjective

Definitions of "Irony" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “irony” 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 "Ironical" as an adjective (22 Words)

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| 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.

A **sharp** worded exchange.

stinging Characterized by a sharp tingling or burning sensation.
The **stinging** tentacles of the jellyfish.

strange Not known before.
He s a very **strange** man.

trenchant Vigorous or incisive in expression or style.
A **trenchant** blade.

unexpected Not expected or anticipated.
Unexpected guests.

weird Suggesting the operation of supernatural influences.
Some trick of the moonlight some **weird** effect of shadow.

wry Bent to one side.
A **wry** smile.



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.

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| 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). |

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

