

Need another word that means the same as “irony”? Find 14 synonyms and 30 related words for “irony” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Irony” are: caustic remark, sarcasm, satire, dryness, sharpness, acerbity, acid, bitterness, trenchancy, cynicism, paradox, incongruity, incongruousness, peculiarity**

## **Irony as a Noun**

### **Definitions of "Irony" as a noun**

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “irony” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *Witty language used to convey insults or scorn—Jonathan Swif.*
- *Witty language used to convey insults or scorn.*
- *A trope that involves incongruity between what is expected and what occurs.*
- *A literary technique, originally used in Greek tragedy, by which the full significance of a character's words or actions is clear to the audience or reader although unknown to the character.*
- *Incongruity between what might be expected and what actually occurs.*
- *A state of affairs or an event that seems deliberately contrary to what one expects and is often wryly amusing as a result.*
- *The expression of one's meaning by using language that normally signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or emphatic effect.*



## Synonyms of "Irony" as a noun (14 Words)

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| <b>acerbity</b>        | Sharpness and directness in speech.<br><i>Exuberance sharpened by blunt wit and <b>acerbity</b>.</i>  |
| <b>acid</b>            | Street name for lysergic acid diethylamide.<br><i>She was unable to quell the <b>acid</b> in her voice.</i>                                       |
| <b>bitterness</b>      | Sharpness of taste; lack of sweetness.<br><i>The lime juice imparts a slight <b>bitterness</b>.</i>   |
| <b>caustic remark</b>  | Any chemical substance that burns or destroys living tissue.  |
| <b>cynicism</b>        | An inclination to question whether something will happen or whether it is worthwhile; pessimism.<br><i>Public <b>cynicism</b> about politics.</i> |
| <b>dryness</b>         | Moderation in or abstinence from alcohol or other drugs.<br><i>There s a lovely <b>dryness</b> to this straw coloured wine.</i>                   |
| <b>incongruity</b>     | The state of being incongruous; incompatibility.<br><i>The <b>incongruity</b> of his fleshy face and skinny body disturbed her.</i>               |
| <b>incongruousness</b> | The quality of disagreeing; being unsuitable and inappropriate.   |

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| <b><u>paradox</u></b> | A seemingly absurd or contradictory statement or proposition which when investigated may prove to be well founded or true.<br><i>The liar <b>paradox</b>.</i> |
| <b>peculiarity</b>    | A strange or unusual feature or habit.<br><i>The <b>peculiarity</b> of their upbringing.</i>  |
| <b>sarcasm</b>        | Witty language used to convey insults or scorn.<br><i>She didn't like the note of <b>sarcasm</b> in his voice.</i>  |
| <b><u>satire</u></b>  | A play novel film or other work which uses satire.<br><i>A stinging <b>satire</b> on American politics.</i>   |
| <b>sharpness</b>      | A quick and penetrating intelligence.<br><i>The sweet flavour contrasts with the <b>sharpness</b> of the lemon.</i>   |
| <b>trenchancy</b>     | Vigorousness or incisiveness in expression or style.<br><i>She opines with characteristic <b>trenchancy</b>.</i>  |



## Usage Examples of "Irony" as a noun

- *'Don't go overboard with the gratitude,' he rejoined with heavy irony.*
- *The irony is that I thought he could help me.*
- *One of life's little ironies.*
- *The irony of Ireland's copying the nation she most hated.*
- *Irony is wasted on the stupid.*





## Associations of "Irony" (30 Words)

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| <b>antinomy</b>      | A contradiction between two beliefs or conclusions that are in themselves reasonable; a paradox.<br><i>There are not many short novels capable of accommodating bewildering antinomies.</i> |
| <b>burlesque</b>     | Relating to or characteristic of a burlesque.<br><i>A novel which is a <b>burlesque</b> of the literary life.</i>   |
| <b>charade</b>       | A word acted out in an episode of the game of charades.<br><i>Talk of unity was nothing more than a <b>charade</b>.</i>   |
| <b><u>comedy</u></b> | The style or genre represented by comedy films plays and broadcast programmes.<br><i>Advertising people see the <b>comedy</b> in their work.</i>  |
| <b>conflicting</b>   | In disagreement.<br><i>There are <b>conflicting</b> accounts of what occurred.</i>  |

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| <b><u>contradiction</u></b> | Opposition between two conflicting forces or ideas.<br><i>The experiment provides a <b>contradiction</b> of the hypothesis.</i>   |
| <b><u>contradictory</u></b> | A contradictory proposition.<br><i>The two studies came to <b>contradictory</b> conclusions.</i>  |
| <b>cynicism</b>             | An inclination to question whether something will happen or whether it is worthwhile; pessimism.<br><i><b>Cynicism</b> about the future.</i>  |
| <b>derision</b>             | Contemptuous ridicule or mockery.<br><i>My stories were greeted with <b>derision</b> and disbelief.</i>   |
| <b>discrepant</b>           | Not in accord.<br><i>The reasons for these <b>discrepant</b> results are unclear.</i>   |
| <b>hypercritical</b>        | Excessively and unreasonably critical, especially of small faults.<br><i>He was a sarcastic <b>hypercritical</b> man.</i>   |
| <b>inconsistent</b>         | Not in agreement.<br><i>The quality of the material was often <b>inconsistent</b>.</i>  |
| <b>irreverence</b>          | A lack of respect for people or things that are generally taken seriously.<br><i>An attitude of <b>irreverence</b> towards politicians.</i>   |
| <b>lampoon</b>              | A speech or text lampooning someone or something.<br><i>The actor was <b>lampooned</b> by the press.</i>  |
| <b><u>mock</u></b>          | The act of mocking or ridiculing.<br><i>They made a <b>mock</b> of him.</i>   |
| <b><u>mockery</u></b>       | A composition that imitates or misrepresents somebody's style, usually in a humorous way.<br><i>After a <b>mockery</b> of a trial in London he was executed.</i>  |
| <b><u>oxymoron</u></b>      | A figure of speech in which apparently contradictory terms appear in conjunction (e.g. faith unfaithful kept him falsely true).   |
| <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.<br><i>I always lie is a <b>paradox</b> because if it is true it must be false.</i> |
| <b><u>paradoxical</u></b>   | Seemingly contradictory but nonetheless possibly true.<br><i>By glorifying the acts of violence they achieve the <b>paradoxical</b> effect of making them trivial.</i>  |
| <b><u>parody</u></b>        | Make a parody of.<br><i>His speciality was <b>parodying</b> schoolgirl fiction.</i>   |
| <b><u>ridicule</u></b>      | Subject to laughter or ridicule.<br><i>The satirists <b>ridiculed</b> the plans for a new opera house.</i>  |

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| <b>sarcasm</b>          | Witty language used to convey insults or scorn—Jonathan Swif.<br><i>He used <b>sarcasm</b> to upset his opponent.</i>      |
| <b><u>sarcastic</u></b> | Expressing or expressive of ridicule that wounds.<br><i>I think they re being <b>sarcastic</b>.</i>                        |
| <b><u>satire</u></b>    | A genre of literature characterized by the use of satire.<br><i>A number of articles on Elizabethan <b>satire</b>.</i>     |
| <b>satiric</b>          | Exposing human folly to ridicule.<br><i>A persistent campaign of mockery by the <b>satirical</b> fortnightly magazine.</i> |
| <b><u>satirical</u></b> | Sarcastic, critical, and mocking another’s weaknesses.<br><i>A New York based <b>satirical</b> magazine.</i>               |
| <b>satirize</b>         | Deride and criticize by means of satire.<br><i>The writer <b>satirized</b> the politician s proposal.</i>                  |
| <b>spoof</b>            | Imitate (something) while exaggerating its characteristic features for comic effect.<br><i>A Robin Hood <b>spoof</b>.</i>  |
| <b><u>travesty</u></b>  | Make a travesty of.<br><i>Michael has betrayed the family by <b>travesty</b>ing them in his plays.</i>                     |



