

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)

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

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

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>
burlesque	Relating to or characteristic of a burlesque. <i>A novel which is a burlesque of the literary life.</i>
charade	A word acted out in an episode of the game of charades. <i>Talk of unity was nothing more than a charade.</i>
<u>comedy</u>	The style or genre represented by comedy films plays and broadcast programmes. <i>Advertising people see the comedy in their work.</i>
conflicting	In disagreement. <i>There are conflicting accounts of what occurred.</i>

<u>contradiction</u>	Opposition between two conflicting forces or ideas. <i>The experiment provides a contradiction of the hypothesis.</i>
<u>contradictory</u>	A contradictory proposition. <i>The two studies came to contradictory conclusions.</i>
cynicism	An inclination to question whether something will happen or whether it is worthwhile; pessimism. <i>Cynicism about the future.</i>
derision	Contemptuous ridicule or mockery. <i>My stories were greeted with derision and disbelief.</i>
discrepant	Not in accord. <i>The reasons for these discrepant results are unclear.</i>
hypercritical	Excessively and unreasonably critical, especially of small faults. <i>He was a sarcastic hypercritical man.</i>
inconsistent	Not in agreement. <i>The quality of the material was often inconsistent.</i>
irreverence	A lack of respect for people or things that are generally taken seriously. <i>An attitude of irreverence towards politicians.</i>
lampoon	A speech or text lampooning someone or something. <i>The actor was lampooned by the press.</i>
<u>mock</u>	The act of mocking or ridiculing. <i>They made a mock of him.</i>
<u>mockery</u>	A composition that imitates or misrepresents somebody's style, usually in a humorous way. <i>After a mockery of a trial in London he was executed.</i>
<u>oxymoron</u>	A figure of speech in which apparently contradictory terms appear in conjunction (e.g. faith unfaithful kept him falsely true).
<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>I always lie is a paradox because if it is true it must be false.</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>parody</u>	Make a parody of. <i>His speciality was parodying schoolgirl fiction.</i>
<u>ridicule</u>	Subject to laughter or ridicule. <i>The satirists ridiculed the plans for a new opera house.</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>satire</u>	A genre of literature characterized by the use of 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>	Sarcastic, critical, and mocking another’s weaknesses. <i>A New York based satirical magazine.</i>
satirize	Deride and criticize by means of satire. <i>The writer satirized the politician s proposal.</i>
spoof	Imitate (something) while exaggerating its characteristic features for comic effect. <i>A Robin Hood spoof.</i>
<u>travesty</u>	Make a travesty of. <i>Michael has betrayed the family by travestying them in his plays.</i>

