Irony:

The use of words to convey the opposite of their <u>literal</u> meaning; a statement or situation where the meaning is contradicted by the appearance or presentation of the idea. True irony involves some form of deceit, duplicity, or hypocrisy, be it intentional or accidental

- Verbal irony is a figure of speech in which the intended meaning of a statement differs from the meaning that the words appear to express.
- Situational irony involves an incongruity between what is expected or intended and what actually occurs.
- Dramatic irony is an effect produced by a narrative in which the audience knows more about present or future circumstances than a character in the story.