

# Types of Irony

## VERBAL

meaning of words contrary to words themselves  
(e.g. sarcasm)

## SITUATIONAL

event incongruous with what has gone before  
(e.g. surprise ending)

## DRAMATIC or SOCRATIC

speaker does not understand full  
meaning or contradiction of own words  
but reader or listener does  
(e.g. “out of the mouth of babes”)

## COSMIC

majestic universe meaningless  
(e.g. What’s it all about?)