

The Three Kinds of Irony

8th Grade

Constantly confused, and rarely just 'unlucky'.

Irony is a gap between what is expected and what is true.

Type	The gap	Example
Verbal	says one thing, means another	"Lovely weather" in a downpour
Situational	outcome opposite to expectation	a fire station burns down
Dramatic	reader knows, character does not	the audience sees the trap set

Rain on your wedding day is not irony, it is bad luck. There has to be a reversal of expectation.