

What Literary Element Does this Picture Exemplify?

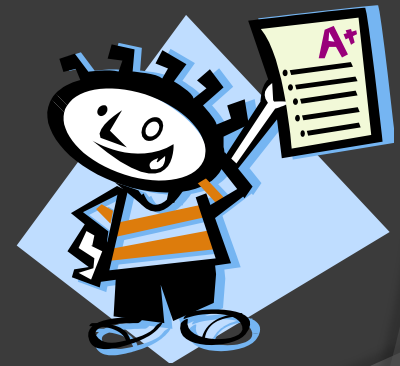


Today's Goal

Review **IRONY** and **PARADOX**

WHY is it **important?**

- ◎ **Assignment**
- ◎ **Future Quizzes and Unit Test**
- ◎ **ACT!!**
- ◎ **Increases understanding of complex ideas**



- IRONY and PARODOX are like cousins
- Just like SIMILES and METAPHORS are related
- Or INFERENCES and FORESHADOWING are related
- Similar but Different

Paradox

In which a statement appears to contradict itself

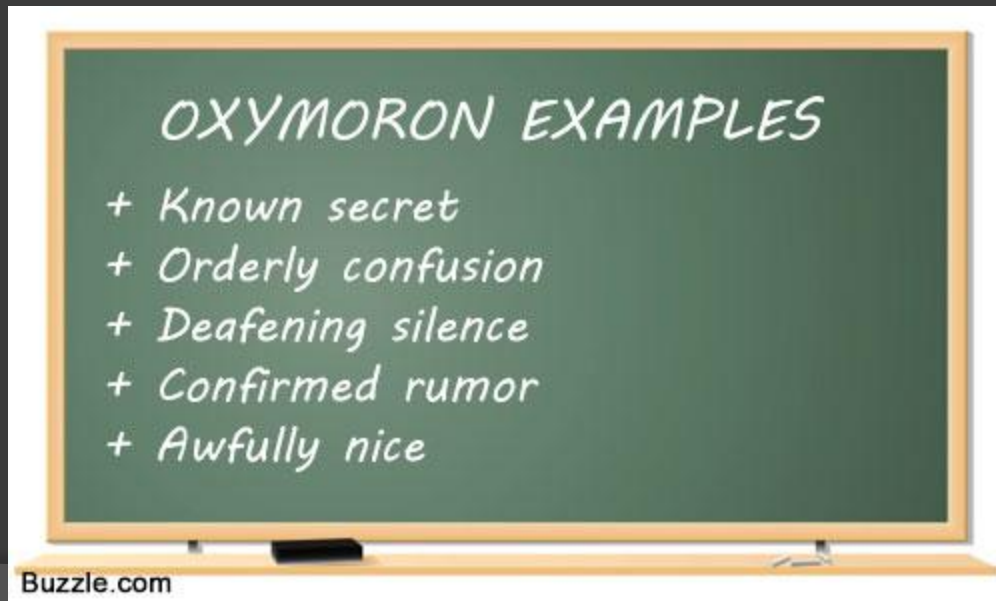
- **Example:**
- "War is Peace."
- "Freedom is slavery."
- "Ignorance is strength."
- My weakness is my strength.



YOU ARE FREE TO CHOOSE,
BUT YOU ARE NOT FREE
FROM THE CONSEQUENCE OF
YOUR CHOICE.

A UNIVERSAL PARADOX

If **IRONY** is **PARADOX's**
cousin, than **OXYMORON** is its
younger, shorter sibling. 😊



If we were creating a word map for this term, oxymoron would be the closest thing to a synonym. It's just more concise.

IRONY

vs. PARADOX



Different than what we'd expect



Unexpected, seemingly contradictory, **AND yet holds some TRUTH**

- ⦿ IF it is a paradox it is IRONIC
- ⦿ But just because it is ironic, doesn't mean it is a PARADOX

THE PARADOX OF OUR AGE

“We have bigger houses, but smaller families;
More conveniences, but less time;
We have more degrees, but less sense;
More knowledge, but less judgement;
More experts, but more problems;
More medicines, but less healthiness;
We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have
trouble crossing the street to meet the new neighbors.

We built more computers to hold more information, to
produce more copies than ever, but have less
communication.

We have become long on quantity, but short on quality.
these are times of fast food, but slow digestion;

Tall man, but short character;
Steep profits, but shallow relationships.

It is a time when there is much in the window, but nothing
in the room.” - Unknown

Let's try some together

Check for Understanding:

Identify the paradox vs. irony

Reminder: paradox is **unexpected**,
seemingly **contradictory** but yet holds
some **TRUTH** or **WISDOM**.

◎ **A nutritionist being obese**

◎ **Sometimes helping is hurting**



You Try

THINK (shhh!) / PAIR / SHARE

Which one is the **paradox**?

Which one is only **ironic**?

- ⦿ **A marriage counselor getting multiple divorces**
- ⦿ **It's the beginning of the end**

Reading with a PURPOSE:

- ◎ IDENTIFY paradoxes
- ◎ EXPLAIN the seeming contradiction and truth



For the anxieties I couldn't outgrow
because I found them useful.
For the misery I treasured
too much to find release.
For the tragic knowledge I wore
like a badge of honor,
lonely, heroic, and strong,
deprived of the memory
of a lost home or promised land.
Till I reached the bottom of absurdity
and Faith kicked in my door.
For the nights without armor since then,
Bare chest to heaven's deep.
For that Postmodern bad hair day
When exposure
Became relief.

Another Check for Understanding :

Find the **Paradoxes**

It is easy to get caught up in materialism and want the latest and greatest things. However, it is important to keep things in perspective and realize material things are not the most important in life. Our culture values fame and fortune, but some people may have a high net worth but an impoverished character. Furthermore, some of the gifts of greatest value, are actually free. It would be a shame to gain great fortunes but lose your soul in the process. If you understand these truths, you may find the health, happiness, and peace you deserve. Best wishes always! 😊

Check for Understanding:

Who is **Paradoxes** Shorter Sibling?

Who is its cousin?

Can you write down an example of a paradox?