

Irony

The Quests

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Quest Card #1

Irony or Coincidence? You decide!

1. The hairdresser at the top salon in your town has the worst haircut and color job you've ever seen.

Irony

Coincidence

2. You get your car washed, waxed, and super shined up for your big date, and it rains on the way to pick her up.

Irony

Coincidence

3. You find out that you and your new boyfriend that you just met in college went to the same daycare when you were 6 months old.

Irony

Coincidence

4. Your English Language Arts teacher is the worst speller you've ever met.

Irony

Coincidence

5. A main character who has proven to be scared of every little thing ends up being the hero by taking on the bad guy in an adventurous showdown.

Irony

Coincidence

Write your own example of irony here:

Write your own example of a coincidence here:

Quest Card #2

1. Explain the irony in each picture.



Look closely!

Quest Card #2

2. Explain the irony in the picture.



Quest Card #2

3. Explain the irony in the picture.



Quest Card #2

4. Explain the irony in the picture.



Look closely!

Quest Card #3

1. Underline the situations the singer, Alanis Morissette, describes as ironic.
2. Highlight the situations you think are actually ironic.
3. Put an X next to the situations that you do not think are actually ironic.
4. Do you think her song is appropriately titled? Why or why not? (write response on next slide)

Isn't it ironic? Well...

An old man turned ninety-eight
He won the lottery and died the next day
It's a black fly in your Chardonnay
It's a death row pardon two minutes too late
Isn't it ironic, don't you think

It's like rain on your wedding day
It's a free ride when you've already paid
It's the good advice that you just didn't take
Who would've thought, it figures

Mr. Play It Safe was afraid to fly
He packed his suitcase and kissed his kids good-bye
He waited his whole damn life to take that flight
And as the plane crashed down he thought
"Well, isn't this nice."
And isn't it ironic, I don't you think

A traffic jam when you're already late
A no-smoking sign on your cigarette break
It's like ten thousand spoons when all you need is a knife
It's meeting the man of my dreams
And then meeting his beautiful wife
And isn't it ironic, don't you think
A little too ironic, and yeah I really do think

ironic by Alanis Morissette

Do you think Alanis Morissette's song, *Ironic*, is appropriately titled? Why or why not?
Use evidence from the text to support your response.

Quest Card #4

Explain the irony in this newspaper report.

Highlight text evidence as support.

Fire Extinguisher Factory Burns!

Around 150 firefighters had to be called to the scene of a roaring blaze at a factory that makes fire extinguishers.

It took three hours for the crews to get the fire completely under control after the roof had caved in and the riverside structure sustained extensive damage.

No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire on Thursday is being investigated. Flames started to engulf the building at around 9pm in the Archer Heights neighbourhood of Chicago.

A limited supply of water put a spanner in the works for firefighters as there were not enough hydrants on West 38th Street and the building stood burning for around 30 minutes.

Six fire engines had to be spread out over the span of a mile to be able to pump enough water to battle the inferno. The water supply was scarce as the sources are privately-owned, according to CBS Chicago.

“We had one engine feed another engine to another engine until we got water on the fire,” said 1st Deputy Fire Commissioner Charles Stewart from the Chicago Fire Department.

Source: <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/fire-extinguisher-factory-burns-for-30-minutes-as-firefighters-could-not-find-enough-water-10126004.html>

Quest Card #5



Write a text message conversation that uses verbal irony.

A large, empty speech bubble with a rectangular body and a small tail pointing towards the bottom right, intended for writing the first message in a text conversation.A large, empty speech bubble with a rectangular body and a small tail pointing towards the bottom left, intended for writing the second message in a text conversation.A large, empty speech bubble with a rectangular body and a small tail pointing towards the bottom right, intended for writing the third message in a text conversation.A large, empty speech bubble with a rectangular body and a small tail pointing towards the bottom left, intended for writing the fourth message in a text conversation.

Explain the irony:

A large, empty rectangular box with rounded corners and a thick black border, intended for writing an explanation of the verbal irony used in the text message conversation.