



# Verbal Irony

Verbal irony is when the speaker intends that something other than the literal meaning of their words be understood.

**Example:** A man trips and falls down the stairs in front of all of his coworkers. He looks up and says, "I bet you all wish you had my grace and coordination."

The man's comment is ironic because falling down the stairs is the opposite of having grace and coordination.

**DIRECTIONS:** For each statement, write a response that uses irony.

1. You do badly on a test.

Response: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. You need to print something and your printer doesn't work.

Response: \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. You can't read a book because it's so boring.

Response: \_\_\_\_\_  
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