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Definition: Sarcasm means using words in a way that conveys a meaning that is different from the literal meaning of the words. Often, the meaning of a sarcastic comment is the opposite of what is actually said. Sarcasm can be used for humor; it can also be used in a mocking or caustic way. Sarcasm is very common in everyday speech.

Origin: The word sarcasm comes from the Greek words *sark* meaning "flesh," and *asmos* meaning "to tear or rip." Its literal meaning is "ripping flesh."

Related Words: derision, mockery, ridicule, satire, mock