

Classification of Irony

1 8 Types of Irony

You prefer dogs over cats.

1.1 Unirony

Also known as honesty.

	my side	the other side
What my words support	●	○
What my tone supports	●	○
What role I assume	●	○

Example: "I really like dogs. I think they truly are mans best friend."

1.2 Reverse Unirony

Could also be called dry irony.

	my side	the other side
What my words support	○	●
What my tone supports	○	●
What role I assume	○	●

Example: "Well truth is, cats are clearly the superior pet. They really do keep your house clean of rodents, and they are just so much less work. I love my Mr. Jefferson."

1.3 Simple Irony

Could also be called boomer irony.

	my side	the other side
What my words support	○	●
What my tone supports	●	○
What role I assume	●	○

Example: "Oh yea I'd totally love to have a cat, I would love to get all scratched up. Besides, they get rid of those annoying birds too!"

1.4 Reverse Simple Irony

A kind of self deprecating irony.

	my side	the other side
What my words support	●	○
What my tone supports	○	●
What role I assume	○	●

Example: "Oh yea I'd love to get a dog. Can't wait to spend half of my free time walking circles in the park."

1.5 Strong Irony

You have to either state you are a dog supported or make it seem like you are ridiculing reverse unirony, for example by an over the top smugness. (Gigachad and big brain memes)

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What my tone supports	○	●
What role I assume	●	○

Example: "Well truth is, cats are clearly the superior pet. They really do keep your house clean of rodents, and they are just so much less work. I honestly regret getting a dog myself"

Example: "Why yes, I am indeed a cat enjoyer. How could you tell? *Strokes cat curled in giant forearm* This is a Russian Blue. She is too young to get along with my American Wirehair so I keep her in my second guest room. It brings me deep satisfaction to care for these beautiful creatures."

1.6 Reverse Strong Irony

	my side	the other side
What my words support	●	○
What my tone supports	●	○
What role I assume	○	●

Example: "Well truth is, dogs are clearly the superior pet. They actually understand you when you talk to them and interact with you. I wish I'd never adopted a cat."

Example: "Why yes, I am indeed a dog enjoyer. How could you tell? *Lifts adult Rottweiler into his arm* This is an ex police dog. He is too young to get along with my Tibetan Mastiff, so I keep him in my second guest room. It brings me deep satisfaction to care for these beautiful creatures."

1.7 Double Irony

Your content and tone is the same as in reverse simple irony, but you have to go so far over the top that you ridicule your reverse simple irony and thereby switch your role. (Ironic simple irony)

	my side	the other side
What my words support	●	○
What my tone supports	○	●
What role I assume	●	○

Example: "oH YeA i'd IOvE To GeT a dOg. cAN't wAlt tO SpEnd HAIf oF My fReE TImE wALKInG CiRcLEs iN tHE pArK."

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Example: "oH YeA i'd IOvE To GeT a cAt. GonNa bE ReaL FuN WheN li BreAKs All mY ShiT"

Example: "OH NO DOGBROS, WE GOT TOO COCKY!!!"

2 The Meta-Ironic Spectrum

There is a time after the irony, a context where you return to back to being serious.

Meta-irony in the broad sense is not accurately representing or even not believing your actual original belief in this context.

Meta-irony in the tight sense meanse that you have given up any serious belief. You don't really hold any position anymore.

Post-irony is a the special case of meta-irony where you have adopted the other sides' beliefs.