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## Satire VS Irony: The Differences

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### **Abstract:**

Satire and Irony are the technological elements of literature. They have different roots. They are used in different forms for various purposes. Different literary styles exist. Everybody invokes various kinds of fun and enjoyment. Everyone has produced new kinds. However, they have associations and are often called synonyms. In this article, we analyze and draw conclusions on certain differences and similarities. Although satire can be viewed as a narrative type or as means for and of representation, it is irony, in a rhetorical troupe which acts by means of confrontation and incongruity, that can bring about the overthrow of expectations and operate within a 'logic of discovery.'

In particular, satire, literary, literary and dramaturgical works, in which the human or personal vice, insanity, violence, or defects are sometimes censored in order to encourage social change through satire, derision, burlesque, irony, parody, caricature, etc.

### **Introduction:**

Irony is the use of words in order to convey the opposite sense to its literal meaning. It is a technique to suggest an intent or attitude contrary to what is actually or obviously specified through the production of character or plot. Irony is a way to arrange a work so as to allow its fullest expression of inconsistent or complementary desires, behaviours, etc., in particular to imply detachment from a topic, topic or emotion.<sup>3</sup> Satire involves using irony, sarcasm, ludicrousness, etc. It is a composition of literature of verse or prose, which includes the shame, laughing, or mockery of the human folly and vice. Satire is generally associated with irony, burlesqueness, caricature, parody, etc. Satire references literary types of derision or foolishness. Satire is the general concept, sometimes more than a weak individual, which implies moral judgement and a corrective purpose: the satire of human simplicity and bestiality. <sup>4</sup> Irony, sarcasm and satire reveal somewhat or somebody's ridicule. The basic trait of irony is that a paradox exists implicitly between an event or an expression and the meaning. The opposition of the literal and intended sense of a declaration is stressed in the figure for expression. One thing is said,

and the other means, as the comment says, "Good weather, isn't it? "For it's rainy or gross. Ironic literature exploits, in addition to the rhetorical figure, such devices as character development, situation, and plot to stress the paradoxical nature of reality or the contrast between an ideal and actual condition, set of circumstances, etc., frequently in such a way as to stress the absurdity present in the contradiction between substance and form.

Irony differs from sarcasm in greater subtlety and wit. In sarcasm, ridicule or mockery is used harshly, often crudely and contemptuously, for destructive purposes. It can be used in an indirect way, and have the form of irony, as in "What a fine musician you turned out to be!" or it can be used in the context of a direct sentence, "You couldn't play one piece correctly if you had two assistants." The characteristic quality of sarcasm is mainly present in the word spoken and manifested by a verbal inflexion. Satira and irony appear as literary and rhetorical shapes in the arrangement or structure of language or literary material. Satire typically includes using censorship or critical irony or sarcasm, often targeted at individuals or organisations, traditional behaviour, political circumstances, etc. 5.

Satira also uses other rhetorical devices such as sarcasm (which is characterised by its bitter and caustic nature [Gibbs, 2007]) or, above all, irony. It is regarded either as a genre or a style of writing (that is 'a tony or an attitude.' [Real, 2005, p. 512]). Although irony is a difficult word to define, the most common meaning, according to Colebrook (1944, p. 1), is to say anything contrary to what is implied by several variants – dramatic, verbal, situational, Socratic etc. Although she sees this as simplistic, almost pointless, the social scientist who is usually discouraged from doing this form of thing instantly causes problems. However, while satirity (and sarcasm), irony as a rhetoric trope which exerts its impact through juxtaposition and development of incongruity can be considered as narrative types, means for, and for representation, it is a potential analytical tool of social research which overturns expectations and operates within a 'logic of discovery.' It's a 'metaphor of the opposites, a perception of something from the point of view of its antithesis, "and the art of social science is the capacity to do so. Brown says, indeed, that "The key instrument of sociological perception is the view of paradoxes and inconsistencies and latent reversals in a more apparent demonstration of action material" (p. 178); and continues, "[The] sociologist must be taken for granted by the 'strange' reality so that it appears to a new and previously inattentive light; he must be man crying "Theater." "A fire in the heart crowded" (p. 183).

Satire has a 'protein quality' (Knight 1992) which emulsifies other genres, borrows from other types of ordered expressions in art or life 'through parasitic and ironic inversion' (Stopp, cited at Knight 1992, p. 22). In order to sharpen her assault Satire puts on formal disguises shielding her identity, but her main ingredient is wisdom:

When wit is put at the disposal of the satirical impulse, then any stock device by which the literary satirist reaches his end becomes possible: irony, burlesque, innuendo, fable, imaginary journey, allegory – any device of indirection that so fascinates and so confuses the study of satire. (Elliott of Macedonia, 1954, p. 245)

As Strong (1983, p. 346) sees, the problem is this: 'It does not match the disciplinary norm in both its design and material, and many of the problems it encounters may be attributed to its academic oddity. The nineteenth-century economist Thorstein Veblen is another whose unorthodox prose style offended the academy. Conroy (1968, p. 605) says that when Veblen's most famous work, *The Theory of the Leisure Class* (1899), was first published, 'it was frequently misread as a literary satire of the nouveaux riches of the period' [original emphasis] which missed entirely the seriousness of his social and economic criticism.

### **Satire in Literature:**

The problem, as Strong (1983, p. 346) sees it, is this: 'With neither its style nor its substance it is in compliance with the disciplinary rule and many of the problems with its acceptance may have a trace of its academic oddity.' Conroy (1968, p. 605) says that when the first publication of Veblen's most popular work *The Theory of the Leisure Class* (1897), "it was too often misread as a literary parody of the new riches of the time," which utterly ignored the gravity of his socially and economic critique.

Strong irony and sarcasm – "the humour, irony is militant." – are widely used in satirical discourses and writings, but parody, burlesque, exaggeration, juxtaposition. This "militant" irony, or sarcasm, also claims to approve the very things the satirist wants to target (or to at least embrace as natural). Satire is now present in many artistic forms, including literature, plays, comments, TV shows and lyrics. Satire, by using satire, irony, exaggeration or mockery, is a tool used by the authors to reveal and condemn the insanity and corruption of an person or society. It aims to better mankind by condemning its insanities and insanities. A satire writer uses fictional character to reveal and criticise wrongdoing by real people.

Satire is interconnected with irony. Irony is the contrast between what is said and what is done and what is said. Writers therefore often use humour to point to people's dishonesty and sadness and to ridicule them by ridiculing them. The bulk of political cartoons we see every day are examples of satire in journals and magazines. These cartoons condemn in a comical way such recent behaviour by political figures. Some TV shows contain satire, such as the *Daily Show*, the *Colbert Report* and *The Larry Sanders Show*. These demonstrate that they are attacking what they believe are dumb social and political beliefs.

Satire was a milder type of critique in the 19th century. She was always mocked with etiquette and morality, but generally in a longer work, like a news. Satire, however, is found in Lord Byron's poetry, in William S. Gilbert's librettos, in Oscar Wilde and G's plays. B. Shaw, and W's fiction. Mr Thackeray, Mr Charles Dickens, Mr Butler and many others. Amongst those who came to the United States were Washington Irving, James Russell Lowell, Oliver Wendell Holmes, and Mark Twain.

Although satire in the twentieth century continues to record Horatian or Juvenile reactions towards the gigantic age of fear of a nuclear bomb and pollution, racism, drugs, expected obsolescence and the abuse of power, critics discern some changes in the source of that bomb. In certain situations, the satirist is not the performer but the viewer. The so-called put-on, either a play

or an artefact (Samuel Beckett's *Breath*, on which a breeze is heard on a blackout stage), attempts to confuse the viewer by exhibiting the fraudulent as a true work of art, thereby making a definition of art in its entirety doubtful. Sinclair Lewis, James Thurber, Aldous Huxley, Evelyn Waugh and We are more traditionally regarded as contemporary satirists. H. Auden, Roth, Philip, and Heller, Joseph.

### **Irony in Literature:**

The irony, in its broadest sense, is an incongruous rhetorical tool, literary technique, or incident between fact (what it is) and appearance (what seems to be). For the affirmation of a reality, verbal, dramatic and situational irony is sometimes used. The ironic type of simile in a sarcasm and some lithographs may underline one 's significance by using the language deliberately, which declares the contrary to the truth and negates the contrary to the truth or dramatically and clearly underlines the factual connexion.

Henry Watson Fowler says in *King's English*: "There must be an indication, that the surface meaning or the basic meaning of what is said is not the same irony — although several hundreds may be given and very few will be accepted—." Also, Eric Partridge writes: "Irony is to state the opposite of what is said by what is said in use.

Literature includes a variety of forms of irony. The verbal irony, dramatic ironising and situational irony are three main styles.

1. Verbal Irony: That's the disparity between the words and the meanings; e.g. sarcasm.
2. Dramatic Irony: This is the difference between what the individual feels true and what we (the reader) are true. Sometimes when we read, we are able to know more than a character knows. Since we know what the character doesn't, we read about how when he or she discovers the truth about the situation the character is going to respond.
3. Ironic situation: This is the most prevalent in literature. It's the difference between what happens and what was planned (or what seems right). It is more sensitive and successful than verbal or dramatic irony, as it arises from the events and circumstances of a story.

Irony can occur when the reader knows things in the story that the characters do not—for example, Audiences are aware of the fact that Viola is really a woman dressed as a man in William Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, even though there are no other characters. Sarcasm and satire are also elements of irony within fiction that can be used. The satire, *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller, deals with thoughts about how the military brass looks like and how it really works. It is very much steeped in irony.

Another source of irony is that it helps readers to view the contradictions that have been pointed out by the author about individuals or culture. For example, during *Twelfth Night*, the audience will witness the absurdities of decorum within courtship rituals by the Elizabethan society and the way in which gender norms complicate those rituals.

### **Difference Between Satire and irony**

Satire and irony are always loosely linked, but the two vary greatly. Satire uses satire as a means of critique to achieve its objectives. Irony is one technique in satire. Irony depends on what is said or seen and what is really said. Simply put, there is little distinction between satire and irony, because one, satire, uses the other irony frequently.

Although satire and irony are arguably intertwined, they are not exclusive. Irony does not exist only in satire, but also in drama and comedy. Satire frequently incorporates various other methods of rhetoric and comedy, such as mockery, to achieve its goal. Satire is a satire parody. Even if sometimes it uses obviously harsh tactics, its purpose is not to be cruel, but rather to point out political, societal, personal or societal faults. Satire seeks either to promote change or to raise awareness of these defects.

The beauty of literary works is primarily attributed to the many literary masters' numerous styles of figurative expression. Irony is one of the most common figurative speaking types. Their usage in today's literature, including the performing arts, is largely responsible. Since irony in satires is widely used, many will also pair the two. The application of irony in satires is definitely a critical and integral aspect. Two distinct literary terms are irony and satire.

Satire is ironic to create funny critique, as the sitcom uses witchcraft to make people laugh or the action film uses explosions to excite the viewer. There are different forms of irony, but they are all based on limited, often deliberate ignorance. Perhaps the easiest type of irony would be to use words in the opposite way they are meant.

Irony is, as previously mentioned, a speech figure. It comes from the Greek language

εἰρωνεία means hypocrisy and dissatisfaction. Irony is typically used to illustrate a special reality as a literary technique. The use of language, which is contrary to reality, is usual in this case. This way, the use of irony will reveal certain facts that have been forgotten by the general public.

Satire, on the contrary, is a literary style or genre widely used in graphic arts. Using irony and many other techniques such as humour and derision, a satire exposes a certain dilemma or fact frequently found in culture in which improvements have to be made. While these are the satire devices, it is done in a comical way, using irony and playing words or pictures, making the audience's heart warm. As such satires can be found in many artistic propaganda forms, including plays, comments and even publishing cartoons.

### **Conclusion:**

Satires and irony respectively are literary words widely used to describe anything contradictory to the facts, for the sake of awareness and improvement to be revealed to the general public in general. Irony is a speaking figure who represents the opposite of the facts with a clever play of words and wit. Satire is a literary form or genre widely utilised for the use or performance of graphic arts. Irony is a spoken figure, thus it's just spoken and written forms. On the other hand, since satire is a form of literature, it can be portrayed in a number of methods, including literary pieces, remarks, performances and even editorial pictures.

1. Satires and irony are both literary terms used widely to represent something that is contradictory to the facts, for the intent of understanding and improvement to be revealed to the public.
2. Irony is a figure of speech which depicts the opposite of the truth through the careful play of words and wit. Satire is a literary form or genre widely used in the use or performance of graphic arts.
3. Irony is a speech figure, so it is restricted to written and spoken phrases. Since satire, on the other hand, is a literary medium, it can be expressed in a variety of methods, from literary works such as remarks, performances or even illustrations that accompany the editorials.

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