

# dramatic irony *(dra-mat-ic-i-ro-ny)*

## Definition

n. A literary technique, originally used in Greek tragedy, by which the full significance of a character's words or actions is clear to the audience or reader although unknown to the character.

## Example Sentence

In the play, **dramatic irony** occurs when the audience knows the hero's fate but the hero does not.

## More Example Sentences

The use of **dramatic irony** heightened the tension as the characters remained oblivious to the looming danger.

## Synonyms

situational irony; tragic irony; irony

## Antonyms

straightforwardness; transparency; clarity

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